



IAC International Newsletter

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RECENT EVENTS:

MAY 3: BUNKYO STUDENTS FAREWELL PARTY

On May 3rd, 2017 we hosted the Farewell Party for 9 Bunkyo University students from Japan who were studying at PSU Phuket for a 3-month short course program. At the farewell party, Bunkyo students, buddies from PSU and lecturers shared their gratitude to each other by expressed their feeling at the end of the ceremony. Bunkyo students also prepared a special performance during the beginning of the ceremony, and IAC showed a special video presentation containing many pictures of activities that students joined when they were here



MAY 19: RMIT WORKSHOP

May 19th, 2017 Associate Professor Dr. Worawut Wisutmethangoon, Vice President for Phuket Campus and Assistant Professor Dr. Nuwan Thapthiang, Assistant to the President for International Affairs Phuket Campus welcomed the representatives from RMIT University, Australia; Professor Denise Cuthbert, Dean of the School of Graduate Research and Mr. Joseph Dao, the Regional Manager of RMIT. These representatives had conducted the workshop on Research Skill Development for PSU lecturers at the Meeting Room 2, 3rd floor, President's Office Building (Bldg 7) Prince of Songkla University, Phuket Campus from 09.30 - 11.30 hrs.



May 23: New MOU Signed

On May 23rd, 2017 Associate Professor Worawut Wisutmethangoon, Ph.D. Vice President for Phuket Campus, along with Assistant Professor Nuwan Thapthiang, Ph.D. Assistant to the President for International Affairs, Kwankamon Dittakarn, Ph.D. Department Head, ICT, Faculty of Technology and Environment and Winai Nadee, Ph.D. Program Director (Electric Business) Faculty of Technology and Environment visited Suzhou Institute of Service and Outsourcing (SISO), China in order to discuss on the collaboration on joint degree program between 2 universities. During the visit, the Vice President has signed the Memorandum of Understanding with SISO President, Professor Yan Shiqing for this collaboration.

MAY 24: PSU MOVIE'S DAY

On April 26th, IAC organized a second Movie's Day. Around 40 Thai and international staff and students enjoyed Now You See Me. Not only did they learn something new, but they also won little prizes to take home. Please remember there will still be three more great movies to enjoy. Be on the lookout for our next movie ad.



MAY 24: HAPPY UNIVERSITY, HAPPY BODY

Responding to the Thai government's *Workout Wednesday*, PSU Phuket has kicked off its *Happy University Project* by organizing an exercise session from 03.30 to 04:.00 pm. every Wednesday, led by Ajarn Akom Wangmuang, Assistant to the President for Special Affairs. Around 50 Thai staff joined the first Workout Wednesday on April 26th and some won little prizes from the drawing. Please remember this activity is weekly held on Wednesday on the 1st floor of the President's Office Building, (Bldg.7).



APRIL 28: VICE CONSUL GENERAL OF CHINA VISITS PSU, PHUKET

Assoc. Prof. Worawut Wisutmethangoon, Ph.D., Vice President for Phuket Campus and Asst. Prof. Nuwan Thaptiang, Ph.D., Assistant to the President for International Affairs, Phuket Campus warmly received Ms. Ma Cuihong, Vice Consul General from Phuket Consular Office of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Songkhla. Ms. Cuihong visited Phuket Campus to congratulate the Vice President on his new position and kindly offered assistance to PSU, Phuket. Tokens of gratitude were exchanged.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY: FAREWELL PARTIES TO ALL OUR EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM EUROPE, USA, KOREA, INDONESIA AND JAPAN

It was so great having all of you here, we hope that you enjoyed your time in Phuket, Thailand, and thanks again for choosing Prince of Songkla University, Phuket Campus, for your exchange program. We are confident that you enjoyed the many wonders that Phuket and Thailand have to offer. We will miss you all and hope you will visit us again in the near future!



IMPORTANT Notice and Information

ALWAYS Obey Traffic Regulations

1. Wear a helmet at all time
2. Never drive/ride drunk
3. Never use your mobile phone while driving/riding
4. Never exceed speed limits
5. Only park at designated areas

****Smoking is strictly prohibited on university premises**

If violated, a fine of maximum 2,000 baht will be levied.



HOLIDAYS in May

Source: <https://kullibrary.wordpress.com/holidays2017/>

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10: VISAKHA BUCHA DAY

Visakha Bucha Day in Buddhism commemorates the birth, enlightenment and the passing away of Gautama Buddha. The Buddha was born on this day in Lumpini, Nepal. Thirty five years later on this day he attained enlightenment in Bodhi Gaya, India. And 80 years after his birth, on the same day, the Buddha passed away in Kusinara (Kushinagar), India. On Visakha Bucha Day, Buddhists offer alms to monks, visit temples, make merit, and observe meditation. The day is also a reminder to Buddhists of the Buddha's most important teachings.

FRIDAY, MAY 12: ROYAL PLOUGHING CEREMONY DAY

This public holiday is to commemorate the beginning of the rice growing season. The ceremony is of Hindu origin. In the ceremony, two sacred oxen plough a groove in ceremonial ground while Hindu priests (Brahmins) sow rice seeds. The oxen are then offered plates of food, including rice, corn, green beans, sesame, fresh-cut grass, water and rice whisky. Depending on what the oxen eat, court astrologers and Brahmins make a prediction on whether the coming growing season will be plentiful or not. The ceremony is held to guarantee a good harvest.



IMMIGRATION MATTERS

90 DAY REPORT ONLINE!

Must be done 8 - 15 days **BEFORE** the 90 day due date stamped in your passport.

On the IAC website (<http://www.iac.phuket.psu.ac.th/>) under "Useful Information" you can find a link titled "Online 90 Day Report Instructions" to guide you to do the online 90 day report. You can also contact IAC for further information and if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT: FULL-TIME INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND STUDENTS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR PASSPORT TO SEE WHEN YOU MUST DO YOUR 90 DAY REPORT EITHER ONLINE (8-15 DAYS BEFORE DUE DATE) OR AT THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE IN PHUKET TOWN.



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