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RECENT EVENTS:

June 13: TICA student Met with the Vice President for Phuket Campus

On June 13th, 2019 Assoc. Prof. Pun Tongchumnum, Ph.D., Vice President for Phuket Campus and Asst. Prof. Pensiri Akkajit, Ph.D., Assistant President for International Affairs bid farewell to Mr. Yacob Tesfamariam, an Eritrean master's degree graduate student studying in Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Earth System Science and Andaman Natural Disaster Management (ESSAND). He completed his 2 years graduate study successfully under the Thailand International Cooperation Agency's scholarship (TICA). After graduation, he plans to work at Eritrea Institute of Technology, Department of Earth Sciences in the future.







June 14: Ms. Li Kai Le Zi & Delegates from Guizhou Chinese-Thai Cultural Exchanges Institute (GZCTCEI), China Visited PSU Phuket

On June 14th, 2019 Assoc. Prof. Pun Tongchumnum, Ph.D., Vice President for Phuket Campus; Assoc. Prof. Prathana Kannaovakun, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs; Asst. Prof. Pornpisanu Promsivapallop, Ph.D., Dean of Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism; Asst. Prof. Nuwan Thapthiang, Ph.D., Dean of Faculty of International Studies; Assoc. Prof. Sinchai Kamolphiwong, Ph.D., Dean of College of Computing; and other PSU Phuket representatives warmly welcomed Ms. Li Kai Le Zi, President of GZCTCEI & 2 delegates from Guizhou Chinese-Thai Cultural Exchanges Institute, China to PSU Phuket on the 3rd floor of the President's Office Building, (Bldg.7). The purpose of this visit was to discuss the possibilities for further academic collaboration such as: student/staff exchange programs, one semester program, short-term projects, international research, academic seminars, Thai language and cultural courses for Chinese students in the near future with the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism, Faculty of International Studies and College of Computing. They had a campus tour and visited 3 faculties as well as a chance to visit many tourist attractions between 14 - 16 June in Phuket.

















June 18: Prof. Masami Furuuchi, Coordinator of International Relations from Kanazawa University, Japan Visited PSU Phuket

On June 18th, 2019 Asst. Prof. Pensiri Akkajit, Ph.D., Assistant President for International Affairs; and representatives from Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Earth System Science and Andaman Natural Disaster Management (ESSAND) and Faculty of Technology and Environment warmly welcomed Prof. Masami Furuuchi, Coordinator of International Relations from Kanazawa University, Japan to PSU Phuket on the 3rd floor of the President's Office Building, (Bldg.7). The purpose of this visit was to discuss about student short course programs, buddy program, and internship opportunities. Prof. Furuuchi had a brief campus tour and visited male & female dormitories on campus.

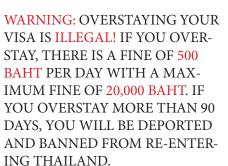






Visa Extension Assistance for International Staff and Students (every month)

IAC provides visa extension assistance for all international staff and students. IAC must be notified by the visa holder at least two weeks before the visa expiry date in order to apply for an extension of stay. The visa extension can be done 45 days before the expiry date.















IMPORTANT Notice and Information

Address Registration Clarification! According to the 1979 Thai Immigration Act Section 38, every



foreign nationals staying in Thailand must register their address within 24 hours of arrival: "House owners, heads of household, landlords or managers of hotels who accommodate foreign nationals on a temporary basis who stay in the kingdom legally, must notify the local immigration authorities within 24 hours from the time of arrival of the foreign national."

Source: Division 1 Immigration Bureau (http://bangkok.immigration.go.th/en/base.php?page=alienstay

> • If you live **OFF CAMPUS**: It is your landlord's and your responsibility to register your address because you reside/live on the landlord's property.

1. In person

Your landlord or you can register in person at Phuket Immigration Office.

2. Online

Your landlord can register you via online when you move in to the premise.

• If you live **ON CAMPUS**: IAC, on behalf of PSU Phuket, will register your address via online because you reside/live You can register your address by the following 2 ways: on campus.

Required documents:

- Dormitory card as proof of residence (for students only)
- Original passport
- TM. 6 Departure Card

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 July 2019

Source: https://kulibrary.wordpress.com/2018/10/23/2019-thailands-official-holidays/

TUESDAY, JULY 16: ASARNHA BUCHA DAY

Also known as Dharma Day, this day celebrates the Buddha's first sermon where he shared the doctrine that he received following his enlightenment. This first sermon includes the teachings of the four noble truths: there is suffering, suffering is caused by craving, there is a state beyond suffering and craving; and finally, the way to nirvana is via the eightfold path. On this day Buddhists donate offerings to temples and listen to sermons.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17: BUDDHIST LENT 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.

SATURDAY, JULY 28: HIS MAJESTY KING VAJIRALONGKORN'S BIRTHDAY

The day commemorates the birthday of the King of Thailand, Vajiralongkorn, is held annually on 28th July. Known as Rama X, King Vajiralongkorn has reigned Thailand since 13 October 2016. He is the only son of King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit.



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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