



# IAC International Newsletter

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## RECENT EVENTS:

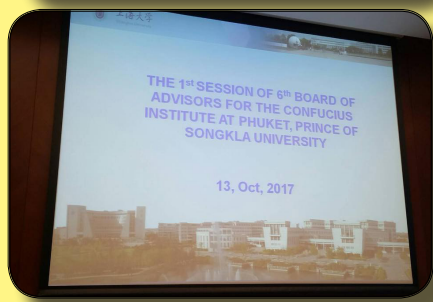
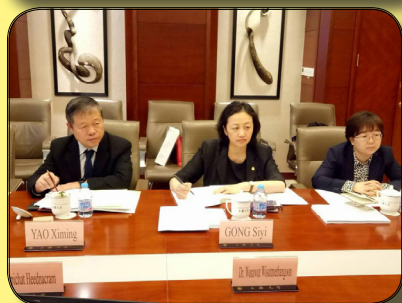
### OCTOBER 11: BEIJING, CHINA

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, three Vice Presidents from three PSU campuses visited the Confucius Institute Headquarters in China. The team was led by VP Worawut Wisutmethangoon (许文谦) from PSU Phuket, VP Charoen Nakason (查伦-拿卡桑) from PSU Suratthani and VP Nathavit Portjanatanti (纳塔威-波加纳吞迪) from PSU Trang. A collaboration between Hanban and PSU was discussed during this visit. PSU Phuket Campus, Thailand and the Confucius Institute Headquarters of China also signed a renewal agreement for the Confucius Institute at Phuket, Prince of Songkla University (CIP). The CIP office in Phuket was established in 2006 and now has expanded its branch to Suratthani and Trang campuses, celebrating over 10 years of collaboration.



### OCTOBER 13: SHANGHAI UNIVERSITY, CHINA

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, PSU Phuket visited Shanghai University for the 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Advisors for the CIP (Confucius Institute at Phuket) Meeting. Before the meeting commenced, Assoc. Prof. Worawut Wisutmethangoon, Vice President of PSU Phuket, asked everyone for a minute of silence to mourn the death of the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej who passed away on October 13, 2016. The topics of discussion included activities report, financial report, the possibility of having a research institute in Thailand co-running between the two universities, and the organization of 2018 conference at PSU Phuket to celebrate PSU's 50<sup>th</sup> year. In 2017, CIP taught at least 34 courses in undergraduate programs and helped 8 teaching sites at middle school. Altogether, CIP has 24,015 registered students, an increase of 45% compared to 16,515 in 2015. Finally, VP Worawut also met with PSU Phuket students who are currently studying at Shanghai University doing their language courses.





## OCTOBER 28 - 29: 2017 SATU PRESIDENT'S FORUM STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

During October 28-29, Prince of Songkla University held the 2017 SATU President's Forum Steering Committee Meeting at Phuket campus. Members of SATU (Southeast and South Asia and Taiwan Universities) consist of 16 universities from 9 countries: Brunei, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. The previous six SATU Steering Committee meetings were held in 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2015 respectively. This year (2017) representatives from Thai universities are Prof. Dr. Chusak Limsakul, President of Prince of Songkla University and Prof. Banchong Mahaisavariya, M.D., President of Mahidol University. After a welcoming speech by PSU President, Prof. Huey-Jen Jenny Su, President of National Cheng Kung University and Chairperson of SATU President's Forum summarized 2016 - 2017 SATU activities to all the members. A few highlights of the meeting were a talk on Higher Education in Thailand by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bundit Thipakorn, Deputy Secretary-General, Office of the Higher Education Commission; and a talk on Taiwan's New Southbound Policy on Higher Education by 3 representatives: Prof. Guey-Chuen Perng, Professor of Department of Microbiology and Immunology, National Cheng Kung University; Prof. Hong Hocheng, President of National Tsing Hua University; and Prof. Ching-Ray Chang, Executive Vice President for Administrative affairs of National Taiwan University.



## BASIC ENGLISH CLASS FOR STAFF

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, IAC kicked off *"Basic English Class"* under the *"Staff Development Project."* The purpose of this project is to improve Thai staff's English skills in order to become an international campus. Around 100 Thai supporting staff participated and took a placement test before the classes commence. The classes are being taught by Aj. Milla Budiarto, an International Affairs Officer, on the 2nd floor of the Main Classrooms and Laboratories Building, (Bldg.6), room 6219. The classes are classified into 4 levels and divided into 6 groups based on their English skills proficiency. This project will run for 6 months, classes are on Monday - Friday in the mornings and afternoons.

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## TELL ME MORE PLACEMENT TEST FOR STAFF

On September 25th - 28th, IAC in coordination with IT section organized *"Tell Me More Program"* under the *"Staff Development Project"* for all President's Office staff. Around 112 staff took a placement test before studying for a 3-month period using the Tell Me More learning program. The staff members are required to collect a certain number of hours based on their placement test scores. The test and classes take place at the 5th floor of FIS' laboratory room in Building 6 on Mondays and Wednesdays until December 2017. This project is aimed to improve the staff's English skills using the self-learning program Tell Me More. There will be two additional tests (Progress Test and Achievement Test) that will be administered throughout the project until the end of May 2018.





## 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

If you got a head, u need a helmet!

Sloganshub.com



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

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



## Upcoming Events in November 2017

### November 16 - 17: PSU Phuket Open House 2017

PSU Open House will take place this month. The Opening Ceremony will be on Tuesday, November 16. The keynote speech this year will be given by the two famous distinguished guests: Dr. Somkiat Tangkitvanich, a leading Thai expert in the areas of trade and investment policies, innovation policy, education policy and ICT policy, and Mr. Ekaluck Viriyakovithya, Chief Operating Officer (COO) Wongnai Media Co., Ltd. Although it will be conducted in Thai, it will be an interesting two days with many activities, competitions, events, lectures, and new things to learn and friends to meet for all PSU Phuket staff and students.

ม.อ.วิชาการ ประจำปี 2560  
(PSU OPEN HOUSE 2017)

**16 - 17**

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"2560 ม.อ.วิชาการ ศาสตร์พระราชา เพื่อการพัฒนาที่ยั่งยืน"



วันที่ 16 พ.ย. 2560 เวลา 09.00 - 12.00 น.  
พิธีเปิด และการเสวนา หัวข้อ "นวัตกรรมในยุค Thailand 4.0"

โครงการสอบวัดความรู้ด้านวิทยาศาสตร์และคณิตศาสตร์ ครั้งที่ 7  
"PSU Phuket Science and Maths Test"

กิจกรรมแข่งขันทางวิชาการ  
กิจกรรม OPEN HOUSE  
การอบรม สัมมนา  
นิทรรศการต่างๆ



### NOVEMBER 12 - 21: INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD ON ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS (IOAA), PHUKET THAILAND

International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) is an annual event for highly performed high school students from all around the world. Established in Thailand 2006, it was initiated by five countries including Thailand, Indonesia, Iran, China and Poland with the aim to proliferate Astronomy among high school students, to foster friendship among young astronomers at international level so as to build cooperation in the field of Astronomy in the future among the young scholars. **Website:** <https://ioaa2017.posn.or.th/index.php>



## 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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