



IAC International Newsletter

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RECENT EVENTS:

Thursday 23 October:
King Chulalongkorn Memorial Day



This was the memorial day of the passing of King Chulalongkorn, also known as King Rama V. He was the son of King Mongkut and the grandfather of the current King of Thailand, His Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej. King Chulalongkorn led several major peaceful reforms in Thailand, including within the Thai educational system, military affairs, state railway system and the slave liberation act. Several PSU Phuket staff members visited the Provincial Hall in Phuket Town where there is a statue of King Chulalongkorn to pay their respects.



INTERNATIONAL VISITORS:

27 October: Professor Hidehiko Motohama (Chair International Exchange Committee and Lecturer at the Faculty of International Studies, Bunkyo University, Japan) Visits PSU Phuket

The Professor's visit included a morning meeting to discuss further collaboration between PSU Phuket and Bunkyo University, Japan, with PSU Phuket representatives: Dr. Tatiyaporn Jarumaneerat (Assistant to the President for International Affairs), Assistant Professor Dr. Sontaya Anakasiri (Dean, FIS), Dr. Chantinee Boonchai (Assistant to the President for Organization and Collaboration Development) and Ajarn Kulsiri Chirayus (Associate Dean for International Affairs, FTE). PSU Phuket often hosts Japanese students from Bunkyo University on a yearly basis. A short PSU Phuket campus tour followed the meeting, where Prof. Hidehiko was shown some of PSU Phuket's new developments including ESSAND, AICAS, PSU Terminal and the newly built kitchen at FHT, after which lunch was served at Krua Nakarin Restaurant. PSU Phuket looks forward to further collaborations with Bunkyo University in Japan.



31 October: Delegates from Hainan Province, China visit PSU Phuket

Ms. Luo Yan, Director of Education & Training Division, Hainan Provincial Tourism Development Commission visited PSU Phuket campus together with 6 delegates from the Tourism Development Commission of Hainan Province: Mr. Luo Jian, Director of Tourism Development Division, Ms. Zhou Chunhua, Director-General, Mr. Chen Mianfei, Senior Staff of Integrated Division, Ms. Fu Xinwen, Senior Staff of Human Resource Division, and Mr. Wan Jun, Director of Tourism Planning Division, Mr. He Xianzhi, Vice Director-General, as well as Mr. Xu Shishu, Director of Raw & Policy Division, Ethnic and Religious Affairs Commission of Hainan Province and Mr. Pei Xingwang, Deputy Director of City Development Division, Hainan Provincial Department of Housing and Rural Development. The seminar included welcoming remarks by Dr. Tatiyaporn Jarumaneerat, Assistant to the President for International Affairs, PSU Phuket, remarks by Ms. Luo Yan, an introduction to PSU Phuket Campus by Dr. Tatiyaporn, general information about PSU Lodge by Ms. Amornrat Sahapat-tanawana, Room Division & Marketing Manager for PSU Lodge, and finally a tour of the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism (FHT).



Sunday 12 October 17:00- 19:30pm:
Thalang Road Street Market “Lard Yai” Phuket Town Visit with PSU Staff and Students

On a Sunday evening 9 of our international students and 2 international lecturers joined IAC’s Thalang Road “Lard Yai” Street Market Visit. This market is on every Sunday from 16:00 - 22:00pm. Everyone enjoyed shopping at the food, clothing, souvenir, and handmade stalls. It’s a very Indy market, with a lot of color, live bands, children’s dance and music performances, and street art.



11 - 19 October: Mid-Term Exams

We hope that all students did well on their mid-term exams in October!

Saturday 25 October: HTM FSI FHT Alumni Reunion Party 2014 @ Movenpick Resort & Spa, Karon Beach, Phuket



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday 6 November:
Loy Krathong Festival

Loy Krathong is a yearly festival held on the 12th lunar month. In the hours before sunset, you’ll see many stalls selling ‘krathongs’ along the streets of Phuket. Made from the cellulose trunk of a banana tree, the purpose of the krathong is to put all your misfortunes in it and allow it to float away on the water (“Loy” meaning to float, and “krathong” meaning a leaf cup / bowl). Krathongs are carefully decorated with flowers and banana leaves, candles and 3 sticks of incense. After sunset, people take their krathongs to the nearest beach, lake, pond or river and release them. Some put nail clippings or strands of hair into the krathongs with the belief that the sins of the past year will be washed away; and some coins as a way of making merit.

You can enjoy the festival along any of Phuket’s west coast beaches, while Nai Harn Lake and Patong Beach usually have the most activity. In Phuket Town you can visit Saphan Hin Park and Suan Luang (King Rama IX) Park, where many locals celebrate.



13 - 14 November: 3rd Annual PSU Phuket International Conference 2014

The key focus of this conference will be on Multidisciplinary Studies on Sustainable Development. The four major research areas include Environmental Technology and Management, Computer Science and Engineering, Hospitality and Tourism and Social Sciences and Humanities. Scholars, researchers, and graduates from various educational institutions from around the world have the opportunity to present their research and stimulate exchanges of knowledge and experience. There will be many nationalities represented and we have received 44 research papers in total.

We are also very lucky to have as our keynote speaker: Khunying Pornthip Rojanasunand, M.D. Director-General Central Institute of Forensic Science, Ministry of Justice, Thailand who will give the Keynote speech on “Forensic Science for Sustainable Development of Thai Society”.

It is PSU Phuket’s intent that the exchanges of knowledge during this conference will lead to mutual understanding and further research collaboration.

THE 3rd ANNUAL PSU PHUKET INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2014
 Prince of Songkla University, Phuket Campus, Phuket, THAILAND

“Multidisciplinary Studies on Sustainable Development”

Manuscript Submission Period
 April 1st - June 30th, 2014

Accepted Manuscript Announcement
 July 31st, 2014

Final Paper Submission
 July 31st - August 8th, 2014

Accepted Paper Announcement
 August 15th, 2014

Early Bird Registration
 August 15th - September 15th, 2014

Normal Registration
 September 16th - October 15th, 2014

November 13th-14th, 2014

Special
 Best Paper Awards
 Welcome Dinner on Cruise and Half Day Phuket City Tour

RESEARCH AREAS

- Environmental Technology and Management
 - Environmental science, engineering and technology
 - Environmental management and sustainable development
 - GIS and remote sensing applications
- Computer Science and Engineering
 - Information and communication technology
 - Software engineering
 - e-Commerce
 - Other relevant topics
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Social Sciences and Humanities

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14 - 23 November: Asian Beach Games in Phuket

It is said that this will be one of the biggest events of the year in Phuket. The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) has laid the proper foundation in the organization of the Asian Beach Games every year, previously being held in Bali, Indonesia, in Muscat, Oman, and in Haiyang, China. The fourth Asian Beach Games will be held in our paradise of Phuket, Thailand. This will be a very busy time for PSU Phuket staff and students as many of us will be volunteering, liaising, and helping to host this event all over the island.

There will be 29 sports and 45 countries represented at the games. Many professional athletes will be competing at various locations in Phuket, and several VIP guests will be staying on the island as well for these events.

It will definitely be an exciting, entertaining, and fun time on the island, and PSU Phuket is proud to be a part of this grand event.



Wednesday 26 November 17:00 - 18:30pm:
Starbucks PSU Staff Get-Together @ Central Festival

Saturday 29 November 11:00am - 16:00pm:
Nai Yang Beach day trip with International Students

Another chance for PSU staff to mingle, chat, and get to know each other after a busy month for PSU Phuket.

International PSU Phuket students are invited to a day trip to Nai Yang beach. Since the end of the semester is closing in, we would like to take the opportunity to bring you to enjoy one of the most peaceful and beautiful beaches nestled near the airport in the Northern part of the island.



USEFUL WEBSITES:

<http://www.conference.phuket.psu.ac.th/conference2014/>

This website provides details of the 3rd Annual PSU Phuket International Conference (13 - 14 November).

<http://www.phuketthailand2014.com/>

Here you can find all of the information you need to know about the Asian Beach Games in Phuket (14 - 23 November).



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