

IAC International Newsletter

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RECENT EVENTS:

12 - 21 October: Phuket Vegetarian Festival

This year, international students from PSU Phuket joined the Vegetarian Festival Parade on 20 October 2015. It was another spectacular festival with plenty of fire crackers, lots of people, and many devotees and rituals.



31 October: Phuket Sightseeing Trip w/ IAC

On Saturday, 31 October, from 12 - 6 pm, IAC organized a half-day trip to various sights around Phuket for interested PSU staff and students.

Students and staff from Indonesia, China, Vietnam, Myanmar and USA joined the trip.

We visited Phuket Old Town, had a traditional Phuketian lunch at Lok Tian Restaurant, visited Chalong Temple, Nai Harn beach, and Phrom Thep Cape. Despite the rain later in the afternoon, everyone had a great time.







17 - 18 November: PSU Open Week

PSU Open Week will take place this month. The Opening Ceremony will be on Tuesday, 17 November. The keynote speech this year will be given by the former Prime Minister of Thailand, Mr. Chuan Leekpai, on "The two Peninsulas of the Andaman & Gulf of Thailand and the social and economic development of the ASEAN community." This year, in contrast to last year, PSU Open Week will be primarily conducted in Thai, however, it promises to 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.



รามที่ 18 พฤศจิกายน 2558
เลก 08.30 - 16.30 น.
งบานที่งานหนึ่งสารทางให้ไม่เกิดของได้
รับที่ 17 - 18 พฤศจิกายน 2558
เลก 08.30 - 16.30 น.
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19 - 20 November: ACM Asia

The 2015 ACM-ICPC Asia Phuket Regional Contest will take place at PSU Phuket Campus from 19 - 20 November 2015. It is a competition event involving higher education in computer programming. More information can be found on the following website: <u>http://www.acmicpc-thailand.org/</u> <u>asia/2015/</u>

This competition is the precursor to the ACM-ICPC (International Collegiate Programming Contest) World Finals which will also be taking place at PSU Phuket in May next year. Participants will come from all over the world to compete.

25 November: Loy Krathong Day

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.



22 - 23 November: Graduation Ceremonies at PSU Phuket

Ceremonies will take place at Phuket Campus for the 2015 Graduates for all PSU Phuket faculties. You will see many students in graduation dress with friends and family members around campus taking photos.

27 - 29: Graduation Ceremonies at PSU Hat Yai

All PSU Phuket graduates will also go to Hat Yai campus between 27 and 29 November to receive their Degrees from Princess Chulabhorn Walailak of Thailand.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2015 GRADUATES!



IMPORTANT: INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND STUDENTS - DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR PASSPORT TO SEE WHEN YOU MUST DO YOUR <u>90 DAY REPORT</u> EITHER ONLINE (8-15 DAYS BEFORE DUE DATE) OR AT THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE IN PHUKET TOWN.

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