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INTERNATIONAL VISITORS:

2 September: Delegates from Yokohama City University, Japan

On September 2nd, 2015, Assoc. Prof. Takayuki Takahashi, Professor of Accounting and Business Administration at Yokohama City University, Japan, together with 16 Accounting students visited PSU Phuket Campus.

At the meeting, Thai students from the Faculty of Technology and Environment were present to share in the cultural exchange, as the Japanese students presented themselves and information about Japanese and Thai Business Relations. The Thai students also presented themselves and provided some information about Phuket attractions. The meeting was followed by a campus tour, where the students had the privilege of visiting the ICASP Job Fair and also the Safe Sex Campaign organized by the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism.



RECENT EVENTS:

2 September: ICASP Job Fair

The International College of Arts and Science Phuket (ICASP) organized an ASEAN job market/fair. Representatives from companies such as Bangkok Hospital and Malaysia Airlines were there to meet with students.



2 September: Safe Sex Campaign (organized by Mr. Colin Gallagher of the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism)

Around 200 Thai and International PSU Phuket students volunteered in making safe-sex packs for the Phuket Loves You Club, to be distributed for free in bars and restaurants in Patong, making a total of 20,000 packs. Aj. Colin said this will make a huge impact in saving lives and reducing HIV infection rates in Phuket and beyond. Well done everyone!



**12 September:
Bang-Phat Phang Nga Day Trip**

A group of 41, including 30 international students, 3 international lecturers, and 6 members of IAC, visited Phang Nga for a day trip on Saturday 12 September. We were so lucky to have great weather all day long. The trip took us by bus and long-tail boat to very scenic locations in the bay, and a fantastic and plentiful seafood lunch at Bang-Phat.



**17 September:
Teacher Homage Day**



**24 September:
Mahidol Day**

PSU Phuket, as well as various representatives from Hospitals, Schools, Universities, and Government Institutions in Phuket, paid tribute to HRH Prince Mahidol Adulyadej, The Prince of Songkla, known as the "Father of Thai Modern Medicine", and the Father of our current King, King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

International Staff and Students volunteered in the ceremony in paying respects to Prince Mahidol. And FHT lecturer Mr. Colin Gallagher received the award for social consciousness in honor of Prince Mahidol's important words:

"Our Soul is for the Benefit of Mankind. Let consideration of personal gain take second place to the overall benefits of mankind."



UPCOMING EVENTS:

3 - 11 October: Mid-Term Exams



18 October: Muang-Thai Phuket-Patong Marathon

Promoting Good Health!



15- 23 October: Phuket Vegetarian Festival

The Phuket Vegetarian Festival is a yearly event held during the ninth lunar month of the Chinese calendar. The festival and its sacred rituals is believed to give good fortune to those who religiously observe this rite. Local Phuket residents of Chinese ancestry strictly observe a vegetarian or vegan diet for the purposes of spiritual cleansing and merit-making. Sacred rituals are performed at various Chinese shrines and temples all over Phuket, and aesthetic displays such as walking barefooted over hot coals and ascending ladders with bladed rungs are performed by entranced devotees known as “Ma Song”. The parades can be quite intense, and are not recommended for the queezy, but definitely a unique and very cultural celebration. There will also be a lot of tasty vegetarian food for sale at stalls and street vendors all over the island.

Participants will observe the following commitments during the 8 days: Cleanliness of the body during the festival, clean kitchen utensils not to be used by others who do not participate in the festival, wear white during the festival, behave correctly, both physically and mentally, avoid eating meat, avoid sex, avoid alcohol, people in mourning should not participate and pregnant women and menstruating women should not attend ceremonies.



HOLIDAYS:

Friday 23 October: Chulalongkorn Memorial Day

This is 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.

IMPORTANT: INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND STUDENTS - DON'T FORGET 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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