

# **IAC International Newsletter**

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### **EVENTS:**

12 August: Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday and Thai Mother's Day





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### **INTERNATIONAL VISITORS:**

27 August - 4 September: Thai-Chinese Cultural Camp

PSU Phuket's First Thai-Chinese Cultural Camp was a great success! 10 Chinese students from Changzhou University, together with Mr. Du Zhifeng (Vice Dean, School of Education and Exchange, Changzhou University), Ms. Ranoppun Kapittai (Deputy Consul-General, Royal Thai Consulate Shanghai), and Ms. Piyarida Kittiworakan (Assistant of Education, Royal Thai Consulate Shanghai) stayed here at PSU Phuket and participated in 7 full days of activities, trips, classes and cultural exchange, together with Thai PSU students and the IAC staff. The Chinese students were exceptionally kind, charming and fun, and they represented their University and country with great pride and joy. Activities included an opening ceremony, ice breaking activities, shopping at Central Festival, the Weekend Market, and Jungceylon, Thai Music & Dramatic Art, Cooking, Culture and Language lessons, Phuket Sightseeing, Batik Painting, PSU TV recordings, Hotel visits, Thai traditional games, and of course the Farewell Party. On 16 September, 10 Thai students from PSU Phuket will be traveling to Changzhou University where they will also participate in a Thai-Chinese Cultural Camp for 7 full days. We look forward to hearing about their experiences soon!

















13 August: First day of classes at PSU Phuket





25 August: Law students visit PSU Phuket

Law students from PSU Hat yai, as well as Law students from Malaysia and Indonesia visited PSU Phuket. They were welcomed with a Presentation by IAC and Dr. Tatiyaporn Jarumaneerat (Ajarn Oa) about PSU Phuket, before which each student introduced themselves and where they are studying. This was followed by a short campus tour and a flight with PSU Terminal at FHT thanks to Ajarn Colin Law.



### T-Origin

This place is near the 7-11 as well. They make delicious Thai Ice Tea with Milk, Ice Coffee, and many other drinks for just 25 THB. Many Thais enjoy ice tea or ice coffee in the morning as part of their breakfast, it usually comes with a plastic handle so it's easy to carry around.





# **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Sat. 6 September 14:00-19:00pm International Students Sightseeing

Wat Chalong, Nai Harn Beach and Phrom Thep Cape Day Trip.

24 September - 3 October: Phuket Vegetarian Festival

It is believed that the festival and its sacred rituals bring good fortune to participants. Local Chinese residents observe a 10-day vegetarian or vegan diet for the purposes of spiritual cleansing and merit-making.

Wed. 17 September 15:00-16:00pm International Staff Potluck

Sharing delicious global snacks and enjoying getting to know eachother.

24 September: Mahidol Day

Events throughout Thailand to honor and remember Prince Mahidol of Songkla, the father of HRH King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

# IAC'S MONTHLY TIPS:

Delicious Places to buy Food and Drink near PSU Phuket:

Pa Cheay: literally translated: "Very Slow", but the slogan is: "Alert and Tasty"

Located just opposite the back entrance of PSU Phuket, in between the 7-11 and Super Cheap. Here you can eat very delicious Thai food, such as *Khai Chiaw Moo Sap* (Thai minced pork omelette) with rice, *Suki Naam* (special spicy soup with pork or chicken), *Panaeng Kai* (Spicy chicken curry with coconut milk), *Phad Thai* (fried noodles), *Khao Phad* (fried rice), etc. During lunch hours it can get quite busy so you may have to wait for your dish sometimes at least 30 minutes, but its worth it.





Factory Café

Located in Phuket Town, right next to the Phuket Island Pavilion Hotel. This is a trendy café with free Wi-Fi and the most amazing desserts, and also delicious Thai food. They are known for their Honey Toast, it comes with 2 scoops of your favorite flavored ice cream, whipped cream, honey, and some banana, it's quite big so the staff their usually recommend you to share it with a friend. Enjoy!







# ${\it Great\ and\ useful\ illustrations\ by\ The\ Attitude\ Club\ Phuket:}$

Also available on the IAC Facebook page







IMPORTANT: INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND STUDENTS - DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR PASSPORT TO SEE WHEN YOU MUST GO FOR YOUR 90 DAY REPORT AT THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE IN PHUKET TOWN.

### **ROAD SAFETY:**

We cannot advise you enough on this point, but we really want you to be safe: Please drive carefully on the roads, and always wear your helmet when driving a scooter/motorcycle or riding a bicycle. The rainy season can bring flash flooding, landslides, slippery roads and decreased visibility, so please always be cautious while driving.



### **USEFUL WEBSITES:**

# http://www.asiaexchange.org/

Exchange Asia organizes study abroad or internship opportunities in Asia for students every semester. PSU Phuket is currently hosting around 50 students who came here via Asia Exchange for the ISPP program (International Study Program Phuket). Their website offers useful information for students interested in learning about foreign student's experiences studying in Phuket and other places in Asia through the students' own adventurous blogs.

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