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RECENT EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 3-4: ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION DAY OF JAPANESE STUDENTS FROM BUNKYO UNIVERSITY, JAPAN

On February 3rd, 2020, a group of 21 Japanese students from Bunkyo University arrived at Phuket International Airport to undertake a 3-month Short Course Program to learn about Thai culture and tourism at PSU Phuket from February – April 2020.

On February 4th, 2020, Assoc. Prof. Prathana Kannaovakun, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs, Phuket Campus; and other PSU Phuket representatives and staff warmly welcomed the 21 Bunkyo University students on the 5th floor of the President's Office Building (Bldg.7). The orientation session in the morning was arranged by IAC. During the orientation, the students were briefed about some essential information about PSU Phuket and other important information for their stay here. IAC also gave a campus tour around the university and went shopping at Big C shopping mall.



















FEB 22: BUNKYO STUDENTS HALF DAY TRIP AROUND PHUKET.

On February 22nd, 2020 IAC organized Phuket half-day trip for Bunkyo students from Japan, who are studying with us on a short course program for 2.5 months, visiting many tourist attractions including: Phuket Bird Park, Big Buddha, Phuket Botanic Garden and Chalong Bay. We were lucky to have a nice weather and a sunny day. The trip ended with dinner at a Korean BBQ buffet restaurant.









March 24: Sayonara Bunkyo University, Japan Students.

On March 24th, 2020, PSU Phuket executives, lecturers, and staff arranged an emergency flight home for a group of 21 Japanese students from Bunkyo University due to unexpected flight cancelations effective from March 25 in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. These students are studying at PSU Phuket for a 3-month short course program to learn about Thai culture and tourism. They were scheduled to depart from Phuket on April 25 but their study had to be cut short for their health and safety reasons during this COVID-19 situation in Phuket and Thailand. Fortunately, they were lucky to get the last flight to Japan in the evening of March 24, 2020. They arrived home safely in the early morning of March 25. Sayonara, until we meet again!



FEB-MAR: DONATION COLLECTION MONTH & ITEMS PACKING DAY.

From February 12 to March 11, 2020 IAC kicked off a CSR donation collection. All items collected will be donated to local foundations/charities/communities/schools in the 3 provinces in the South and North. On March 11, 2020 IAC staff and student volunteers separated and packed all items at IAC office. Around 40 people donated clothes, stationaries, toys, shoes, blankets, and books.

Thank you very much for being a part of this CSR activity to bring smiles to the people in need. May your life be filled with abundance and happiness













































VISA EXTENSION ASSISTANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND STUDENTS

IAC provides visa extension assistance for all international staff and students. IAC must be notified by the visa holder at least two weeks before the visa expiry date in order to apply for an extension of stay. The visa extension can be done 45 days before the expiry date.









WARNING: OVERSTAYING YOUR VISA IS ILLEGAL! IF YOU OVERSTAY, THERE IS A FINE OF 500 BAHT PER DAY WITH A MAXIMUM FINE OF 20,000 BAHT. IF YOU OVERSTAY MORE THAN 90 DAYS, YOU WILL BE DEPORTED AND BANNED FROM RE-ENTERING THAILAND.













IMPORTANT Notice and Information

Holiday

6 April 2020 CHAKRI MEMORIAL DAY

Chakri Memorial Day commemorates the establishment of the Chakri Dynasty and the founding of Bangkok by King Buddha Yodfa Chulaloke in 1782. The Chakri dynasty of Thailand was founded by Phra Buddha Yodfa Chulaloke or King Rama I, who came to the throne on April 6, 1782. During his reign of 28 years, he united the kingdom and established Bangkok as its capital. He died on September 7, 1809 at the age of 72.



Please click here: <u>https://www.phuket.psu.ac.th/en/14886/</u>

PHUKET Province Announcements

PSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

PSU Phuket Announcements

PSU Phuket Pray For Wuhan & China

มหาวิทยาลัยสงขลานครินทร์ ขอร่วมส่งกำลังใจไปยังชาวอู่ฮั่นและชาวจีนทุกคน เราจะอยู่เคียงข้างคุณ และผ่านสถานการณ์ครั้งนี้ไปด้วยกัน

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Wuhan and China during this difficult time.

We will get through this together.

为武汉祈福!我们的精神与中国人民同在。困难时 期,同舟共济。

我们与你们同在。



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For youtube channel, please visit the link here: https://youtu.be/09IbjWCHV9E

IMMIGRATION MATTERS



Immigration Matters Reminder





90 DAY REPORT ONLINE!

Must be done 8 - 15 days **BEFORE** the 90 day due date stamped in your passport.

IMPORTANT: Full-time International Staff and Students, please remember 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.