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RECENT EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER 3: PSU PHUKET COMMENCEMENT DAY

On September 3rd, 2019 PSU Phuket organized graduation photo sessions for over 600 graduates in the morning. In the afternoon, students attended the graduation rehearsal wearing their graduation gowns. And all PSU Phuket graduates went to Hat Yai campus from 4 to 9 September to attend the graduation ceremony and received their Degrees from Princess of Thailand, Princess Chulabhorn Krom Phra Srisavangavadhana.



SEPTEMBER 4: ORIENTATION FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STAFF & STUDENTS 2019

On September 4th, 2019 Asst. Prof. Pensiri Akkajit, Ph.D., Assistant President for International Affairs warmly welcomed new international staff and full-time students at PSU Phuket during IAC's Orientation Day on the 5th floor of Get-Ho Meeting Room, the President's Office Building, (Bldg.7). Around 130 people attended this orientation and the IAC staff gave presentations about PSU Phuket campus life, safety & cultural tips, work permits information for staff and so on. We were honored to have Pol. Capt. Jongrak Khapimpibanbut, Sub-Inspector of Phuket Immigration Office, to give essential information on immigration matters. Lots of questions were answered regarding immigration matters. The orientation was concluded with a group photo.



SEPTEMBER 18: IAC HALF DAY TRIP TO PHUKET

On September 18th, 2019 IAC organized a half-day trip to Phuket visiting many tourist attractions including: Chalong temple, Nai Harn Beach and Phromthep Cape. Around 30 international students joined this excursion. We were unlucky to have a little rain. The trip took us by vans to very scenic locations and to enjoy Korean BBQ buffet restaurant.



SEPTEMBER 24: MAHIDOL DAY

On September 24th, 2019, PSU Phuket as well as various representatives from local hospitals, schools, universities, and government institutions paid tribute to HRH Prince Mahidol Adulyadej, the Prince of Songkla, known as the “Father of Thai Modern Medicine.” The presentation of wreath to represent international staff and students was presented by Asst. Prof. Pensiri Akkajit, Ph.D., Assistant President for International Affairs.



SEPTEMBER 26: MS. KAN HUIWEI & MS. ZHOU LIANG FROM SHANGHAI UNIVERSITY, CHINA VISITED PSU PHUKET

On September 26th, 2019 Asst. Prof. Pensiri Akkajit, Ph.D., Assistant President for International Affairs and IAC representatives welcomed Ms. Kan Huaiwei, Director of Confucius Institute Office & Ms. Zhou Liang, International Partnership Manager, International Office from Shanghai University, China to PSU Phuket on the 3rd floor of the President’s Office Building, (Bldg.7). The purpose of this visit was to discuss about collaboration between PSU Phuket and Shanghai University in the future, joint program, scholar exchange, office visit as well as to inform about the big Confucius Institute Meeting Conference in China in December 2019.



OCTOBER 4 – 5: OPENING & CLOSING CEREMONY FOR THE THREE-UNIVERSITY (KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, PRINCE OF SONGKLA UNIVERSITY AND CHIANG MAI UNIVERSITY) EVENT AT DUANG CHIT RESORT & SPA, PATONG, PHUKET

On October 4th – 5th, 2019 PSU Phuket in coordination with PSU Hatyai hosted “*The Three-University (KKU, PSU and CMU) event*” with the aims of exchanging knowledge & culture and discussing various topics among the three universities. The momentous event on October 4 was opened by Asst. Prof. Niwat Keawpradub, Ph.D., President of Prince of Songkla University; followed by a special talk on “*University administration under the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation*” by Dr. Suvit Maesincee, Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation; then followed by an MOU signing ceremony of the three universities and concluded by a brief introduction given by each university’s President. Approximately 500 participants attended this special event including presidents, vice presidents, deans and representatives from Khon Kaen University (KKU), Chiang Mai University (CMU), Prince of Songkla University (PSU). The event took place at Duang Chit Resort & Spa, Patong, Phuket from 01:30 pm. - 04:30 pm. The day ended with a lavish dinner reception and fun entertainment. On October 5th, there were group discussions and presentation in various topics, such as: life long learning, research, academic services, administration management on digital university and smart office, art and culture preservation, student development and university startup ecosystem. The day ended with a special closing performance, singing and closing ceremony. The next hosting university for next year would be Khon Kaen University.



OCTOBER 7: MR. YINGHUA WANG, PRESIDENT OF MINGDE COLLEGE OF GUIZHOU UNIVERSITY & DELEGATES FROM GUIZHOU UNIVERSITY, CHINA VISITED PSU PHUKET

On October 7th, 2019 Assoc. Prof. Pun Tongchumnum, Ph.D., Vice President for Phuket Campus; Assoc. Prof. Prathana Kannaovakun, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs, Phuket Campus; PSU Phuket Deans and representatives warmly welcomed Mr. Yinghua Wang, President of Mingde College of Guizhou University; Ms. Li Kai Le Zi, President of Guizhou Chinese-Thai Cultural Exchange Institute and delegates from Mingde College of Guizhou University, China to PSU Phuket on the 3rd floor of the President's Office Building, (Bldg.7). The purpose of this visit was to discuss about future collaboration between PSU Phuket and Mingde College of Guizhou University, such as: cultural camp, short course program, 1 semester program, 2+2 joint degree program. The day ended with a campus tour visiting Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism and College of Computing.



OCTOBER 15: DELEGATES FROM GUOKAI EDUCATION GROUP, CHINA VISITED PSU PHUKET

On October 15th, 2019 Assoc. Prof. Pun Tongchumnum, Ph.D., Vice President for Phuket Campus; Assoc. Prof. Prathana Kannaovakun, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs, Phuket Campus; PSU Phuket deans and representatives warmly welcomed a group of 9 delegates from Guokai Education Group, China to PSU Phuket on the 3rd floor of the President's Office Building, (Bldg.7). The purpose of this visit was to have a meet & greet with PSU Phuket team and to observe Guokai students' class at the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism and Faculty of International Studies. The day ended with a campus tour visiting all the faculties.



OCTOBER 17 – 18: PSU PHUKET INTERNATIONALIZATION WORKSHOP

On October 17th – 18th, 2019 IAC organized **the 1st "PSU Phuket Internationalization Workshop"** with the aims of becoming a more internationalized campus by working together with all faculties and related persons in international relations. The event was officially opened by Assoc. Prof. Prathana Kannaovakun, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs, Phuket Campus on October 17th. We were honored to have Assoc. Prof. Nopraenu S. Dhirathiti, Ph.D., Vice President for International Relations and Corporate Communication, Mahidol University, as our guest speaker in a special talk titled, **"Internationalization & Academic Rankings"** at the theatre room from 10.00 – 13.00 hrs. Approximately 60 people attended this special talk including deans, assistant presidents, lecturers, staff and students from all faculties. The talk was concluded with a Q & A session and a group photo. The afternoon session was held at Naina Resort and Spa, Patong for fun team-building activities. 25 staff and faculty representatives participated in this activity.

On October 18th, Asst. Prof. Pensiri Akkajit, Ph.D., Assistant President for International Affairs, gave a presentation about IAC's mission and vision followed by group discussions in various topics focusing on internationalization on campus. The event was concluded by giving certificate of participation to all attendees as a token of appreciation.

