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EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

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November 23-24, 2017
Sripatum University



Mandarin Teachers' Training by Sripatum University in Association with Providence University, Taiwan

Sripatum University in association with Providence University in Taiwan organized the 2 day Mandarin Teachers' training program from 23-24 November 2017 at SPU campus in Bangkok. Under academic collaboration between the two institutions, the program aimed to provide opportunity for Thai teachers who are currently teaching Chinese at Thai institutions in Thailand, to learn teaching techniques, develop their Chinese teaching skills and competency in providing students with Chinese skills to become successful graduates. The training was conducted by faculty members from Providence University Taiwan led by Mr. Carlos Huang – Director of Chinese Language Education Center. The opening ceremony was organized on the first day with an opening remark from Ms. Jill Lai, Education Attaché of the Cultural Division from Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand, and welcome speech from Dean of School of Liberal Arts – Asst. Prof. Dr. Waraporn Thaima. Throughout the 2 day program, the participants enjoyed the activities in the training, shared ideas, discussed, and finally made friends from across institutions.



Academic Discussion with Far East University, South Korea

On 2 November 2017, Vice President for International Affairs – Mrs. Chinda Tejavanija Chang led Executives and faculty members of the College of Tourism and Hospitality and the College of Aviation and Transportation to welcome Dr. Lee Hyo Seon - Dean of Office of International Education and Cooperation and Dr. Jamnean Joungtrakul - Distinguished Professor from Far East University - South Korea. The meeting was arranged for the 2 parties to discuss possible academic collaboration especially in terms of student exchange, curriculum development, and the training programs for airline business as well as Korean language.



Orientation for Students from Xi'an University, P.R. China



Office of International Relations and Sripatum International College organized an orientation for 8 students from Xi'an University, Chi-na, who arrived in Thailand for the participation in the program at Sripatum International College for a period of 5 months from 30 October 2017 to 30 March 2018. Under the Collaboration Development Program between Xi'an University and Sripatum University, the students will be provided the training opportunity by teaching Chinese language at the high schools in Bangkok as well as learning Thai language and culture at Sripatum University. The Orientation was organized on 1 November 2017, with a welcome and opening speech from Vice President for International Affairs – Mrs. Chinda Tejavanija Chang.

MOU : Sripatum University and FDI Recruitment (Thailand) Co., Ltd.



Office of International Relations organized the MOU Signing ceremony on 23 November 2017. On behalf of Sripatum University, the MOU was signed and by Vice President for International Affairs - Mrs. Chinda Tejavanija Chang and witnessed by Dean of School of Liberal Arts – Asst. Prof. Dr. Waraporn Thaima and Department Chair of Japanese for Business Communication – Asst. Prof. Yasumsa Mori, while, Khun Patcharaporn Wechwitayakhung - Managing Director, signed the MOU on behalf of FDI Recruitment (Thailand) Co., Ltd.. FDI Recruitment (Thailand) Ltd is recognized as a leading recruitment agency providing the best recruiting professional service for local and international cooperations. With coaching services, the company helps prepare students and graduates to be ready for the employment. The collaboration focuses on the internship and job opportunities in Japan especially for SPU students and graduates.



SPU Welcomed the Delegation of Busan University of Foreign Studies, South Korea

On 23 November 2017, Mr. Seongyeol Choi – Assistant to Director, and Ms. Narissa Kanokwattanameta –Coordinator for SEA Region from the Office of International Affairs, Busan University of Foreign Studies in the Republic of Korea, paid a visit to Sripatum University to meet with Assistant to the Director of Office of International Relations – Ms. Nattaporn Pienchob. After the MOU signed in June 2017, the purpose of this visit is to enhance the relationship between the two institutions and to discuss further opportunity for collaborative activities including student exchange program, joint degree programs, Korean language program, and Study Abroad program in Thailand.

Activities with Students of Tongren Preschool Education College as Part of Study Abroad Program in Thailand at SPU

A Day Trip to Ayutthaya

A trip to Ayutthaya was organized for Chinese-students from Tongren Preschool Education College on 4 October 2017. The visits included Amazon Inspiring Campus, Wat Mahatat, Elephant camp, and Chai Wattanaram Temple. Morning time was first spent at Amazon Inspiring Campus where students could learn about coffee business from the popular Cafe Amazon brand established in 2002 by PTT - a major oil and gas company listed in Thailand.

Next stop was Wat Mahathat, a restored ruin of a Buddhist monastery located in the Historical Park of Ayutthaya. One of this temple’s most photographed objects is the head of a stone Buddha image entwined in the roots of a tree. The excursion continued with Elephant camp where students could experience elephant riding. The last visit was Chai Wattanaram Temple, one of Ayutthaya’s most impressive temples located on the west bank of the Chao Phraya River, outside Ayutthaya island. The students enjoyed cultural visits with delicious Thai cuisine during the day.

A Day Trip to Samutprakarn

On 18 October 2017, Sripatum University organized a day trip to Samutprakarn for students from Tongren Preschool Education College as part of their Thai language and culture learning program in Thailand with SPU. The trip started at Crocodile Farm and Zoo, which is the world’s largest crocodile farm features both fresh- and saltwater species along with other animals including elephants, lions, gibbons and snakes. The students experienced feeding the crocodiles and enjoyed the interesting elephant show and crocodile show. The trip ended with Bang Pu Recreation Center, an important habitat for many water birds and a nice place to see the sunset.



SPU Welcomed the Delegation from Jinan University, P.R. China

With the support from Director of SPU Thai-Chinese Language Culture Education Foundation - Mr. Wei Qing, Office of International Relations organized SPU campus visit for the delegation from Jinan University led by Mr. Shao Yi – Dean of College of Chinese and Culture on 13 November 2017. On this occasion, Asst. Prof. Dr. Waraporn Thaima, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and faculty members of Chinese for Business Communication program warmly welcomed the delegation for the meeting at Room 12A03. The discussion went well with the topics on dual degree program, and student exchange program for students majoring Chinese studies. Since Sripatum University used to send students to join Chinese Language and Culture Camp at Jinan University, SPU students who ever participated in the camp also joined the meeting and shared their experiences they gained from the activities at Jinan University.



English Walk & Talk Rally EP. 2 by Sripatum International College

On 18 November 2017, Sripatum International College organized special event “SIC English Walk & Talk Rally EP. 2”, which aimed to provide opportunity for youth to participate in English language training through fun games and activities. The event was held at theater room, Sripatum University, and high school students from 20 institutions participated in the program. On this occasion, Mr. Christopher Wright, one of Thailand’s renowned English teachers, was invited as a guest speaker, to conduct the English training course. He is well-known in bringing English knowledge to the learners in an edutainment style. Throughout the program, the students enjoyed all activities which helped them with English communication, improved their English vocabulary and pronunciation. The advantages of joining the program for them was to gain benefits of Language skill improvement, new experience of language practice with SPU senior students, and better opportunity of their future education and careers.



Students of SPU Chonburi Campus as Student Volunteers at Air Race 1 World Cup Thailand 2017

Led by Director Ms. Nanvadee Chichinda, and Ms. Nirachorn Boonchukusol, Office of International Relations - Sripatum University- Chonburi Campus together with 13 potential student volunteers played an active role in the greatest Air Plane Race- World Cup of Formula 1 Air Race in Asia at U-Tapao International Airport from November 17-19, 2017. The event was organized by Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) and Sports Authority of Thailand (SAT), sponsored by Chang. There were 16 world-class pilots from around the world joined the competition. The students of SPU Chonburi campus joined the event as student volunteers who worked throughout the competition days as English liaisons staff. Their responsibilities were to assist the international participants, to give information at the information center, and to sell the tickets at the ticket booth. The students had the greatest opportunity to practice their English skills outside the classroom. They gained much experience from the real work situation, also they learned how to solve problems and worked as a team with other volunteers from different universities.



SPU Pride:

Student of School of Liberal Arts Received Scholarship for Cultural Exchange Program in Japan

Mr. Virun Paireeron, a student of the School of Liberal Arts majoring Japanese for Business Communication, received a scholarship from Japan Foundation for the participation in “Japanese – Language Program for Overseas Partner University Students 2017” organized at the Japan Foundation Japanese Language Institute, Kansai in Osaka, Japan. This cultural exchange program, from 10 October to 19 November 2017, was filled with Japanese language and culture studies as well as cultural visits. It provided the student with great experiences in living and learning in Japan. In this connection, Vice President for International Affairs – Mrs. Chinda Tejavanija Chang and Dean of School of Liberal Arts – Asst. Prof. Dr. Waraporn Thaima gave congratulatory and advisory speech during the meeting with faculty members. By the end of the program, the student gained many great experiences from the program, and had many great stories to tell friends and family.



Up Coming Events:



Program Options

- 4 week program (1 month)
- 8 week program (2 months)
- 12 week program (3 months)

1st semester: January
Summer semester: June
2nd semester: September



Exclusive

• **Air - ticket to Bangkok, Thailand**
Simply purchase from your home country with cheaper airfare.

• Visa fee

Generally, a foreign citizen who wishes to enter the Kingdom of Thailand is required to obtain a visa from a Royal Thai Embassy or a Royal Thai Consulate-General. However, nationals of certain countries do not require a visa if they meet visa exemption requirements
<http://www.mfa.go.th/main/en/services/4908/15405-General-information.html>

• **Health/accident insurance**
You are required to obtain private health insurance before leaving for Bangkok, Thailand.

Inclusive

• **Airport transfer service**
Airport transfer is provided for a group arrival, please indicate your arrival / departure time.



• Meals on full day tours

Thai cuisine is provided on all full day tours, while the canteen on campus with a variety of food is for your own enjoyable selection on regular days.

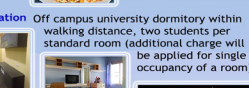


• **Accommodation** Off campus university dormitory within walking distance, two students per standard room (additional charge will be applied for single occupancy of a room).

• **Certificate awarding & farewell party**
Certificate awarding and closing ceremony is organized on the last day of the program with dinner on river cruise for the celebration.



• **Orientation**
Orientation gives you necessary information about Sripatum University, program schedule, life in Thailand including opportunity to meet SPU students who will be assisting you throughout the program.



10 reasons why you should consider studying abroad in Thailand

1. Friendly People

The people of Thailand are revered for their friendliness and hospitality; forge genuine, life-long relationships with your host family, fellow students, and acquaintances.

2. Natural Landscapes

Thailand has some breathtaking, picturesque, tropical landscapes and natural areas that draw tourists and divers from all over the world. From mountains to picturesque beaches, there is something for every nature lover.

3. Food

Food in Thailand is varied, delicious and often extremely cheap (as well as often being comparatively healthy to what students are used to eating at home). If you love tropical fruit, you will love Thailand.

4. Weather

Thailand is tropical, with six months or more of generally little more than pure blue skies during the dry season. This makes it a favorable location for students studying abroad during the winter (or really during any time of the year).

5. Beaches

The tropical climate perfectly compliments Thailand's fantastic beaches - some of which could be considered the most beautiful in the world. Many Thailand study abroad programs will take you to these picturesque locations, but regardless of your location and program of study, you are never that far from a beach.

6. Cost of Living

For students that want to make the most of their money while abroad, Thailand is an excellent choice. Food is inexpensive (as little as \$1 USD/meal), and other living costs are equally low.

7. Thai Language

It goes without saying that if you are interested in learning Thai or have any previous exposure, Thailand is the only place for you.

8. Buddhism

Roughly 95% of the country identifies as Buddhist, and the influence of the religion has an almost tangible positive influence on the ambience of the country.

9. Backpackers' Paradise

Many students select Thailand because it is a good place for travelers on a lower budget, but Thailand also provides a gateway to the rest of Southeast Asia - many students choose to visit Cambodia or other destinations after their program

10. Environmental & Development Initiatives

The strength of programs in these areas makes Thailand very attractive to students interested in ecology, biological and human communities, and international development.

