



SRIPATUM INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

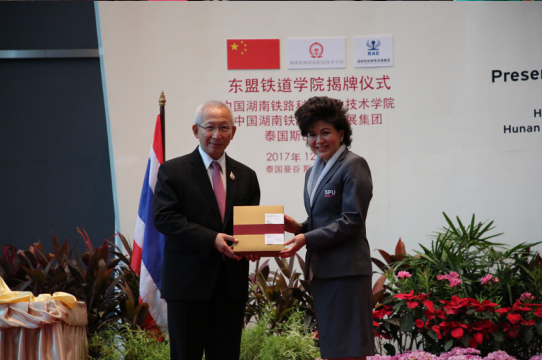
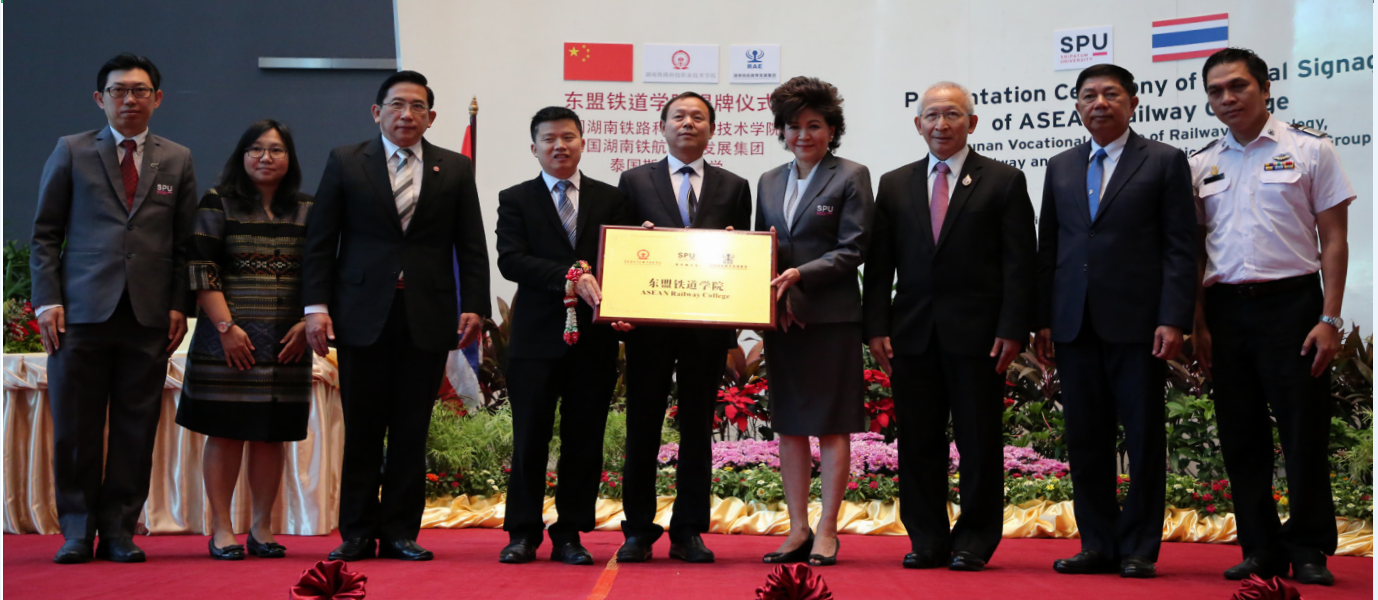
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*Merry christmas
And
Happy New Year
2018*



EVENTS / ACTIVITIES:

Sripatum University with Institutions in China Established the ASEAN Railway College



On 18 December 2017, Sripatum University organized the Presentation Ceremony of Official Signage of ASEAN Railway College at the Exhibition Hall. After the meeting and MOU signing ceremony with Hunan Railway and Aviation Education Development Group on 22 September 2017, the ASEAN Railway College is established at Sripatum University by the cooperation from Hunan Railway and Aviation Education Development Group, and Hunan Vocational College of Railway Technology, with the purposes of fostering the study of rail transport and management, and to disseminate knowledge in the academic field of rail transport and mobility, as well as to produce qualified graduates for the rail transportation industry. On this occasion, President of Sripatum University – Dr. Rutchaneeporn P. Phukkamarn warmly welcomed the delegation of Hunan Vocational College of Railway Technology led by Vice President Yuan Qingwu, and the delegation of Hunan Railway and Aviation Education Development Group led by President Wang Guiyi, from P.R. China to SPU campus. The ceremony was also attended by guests of honor, namely; Clinical Professor Dr. Udom Kachintorn - Deputy Minister of Education who kindly gave a speech on “Thailand Ministry of Education’s Human Resource Development Policy for Rail Transit System”, General Yodyuth Boonyatikarn - Former Chairman of the Board of Directors of Mass Rapid Transit Authority of Thailand, and Mr. Suthep Panpeng - Deputy Director-General of State Railway of Thailand Electric Train. After the ceremony, the meeting was arranged in the afternoon for the three parties to discuss in details regarding the joint academic program, student exchange program, and study abroad program particularly in the fields of Railway Engineering and EMU Technology. It is believed that the academic collaboration with the establishment of ASEAN Railway College at Sripatum University will strengthen the relationship between Thailand and China, as well as bring the success in human resource development to the rail transportation industry for both countries.

Academic Partnership with Sugiyama Jogakuen University and Mitsue Village, Japan



President of Sripatum University – Dr. Rutchaneeporn P. Phukkamarn extended a warm welcome to Mr. Kazuyoshi Ito - the Mayor of Mitsue Village (Nara Prefecture), and Prof. Shin Murakami - the delegation of Sugiyama Jogakuen University from Japan, during their visits to SPU campus on 18 December 2017. The main purpose of this visit was to discuss the academic collaboration and to sign the Memorandum of Agreement among the three parties. This MOA aims to support all parties in creating collaborative activities particularly in the area of the wooden building system. In 2013, Sugiyama Jogakuen University and Sripatum University signed the first signed the MOU, and the collaborative activities between the two institutions drastically been flourished. With more cooperation and support from Mitsue Village by signing the new MOA, academic and economic opportunity will be enhanced by exchanging support and assistance among the three parties for the benefits of the students, faculty members, local residents and entrepreneurs. Besides, the relationship between Japan and Thailand will be also strengthened.



Visit to the Exhibition of the Royal Cremation for the Late Thai King



On 29 November 2017, Office of International Relations organized a special trip for students of Tongren Preschool Education to visit the royal cremation exhibition at Sanam Luang in Bangkok. This trip provided the opportunity for Chinese students to learn about Thailand's beloved monarch and his dedication to the Thai people. The students enjoyed the displays of Thai traditional art and craftsmanship, and appreciated the various showcases of royal initiatives by His Majesty the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej over his 70-year reign.

Certificate Awarding to Students of Tongren Preschool Education College After Completion of Study Abroad Program in Thailand

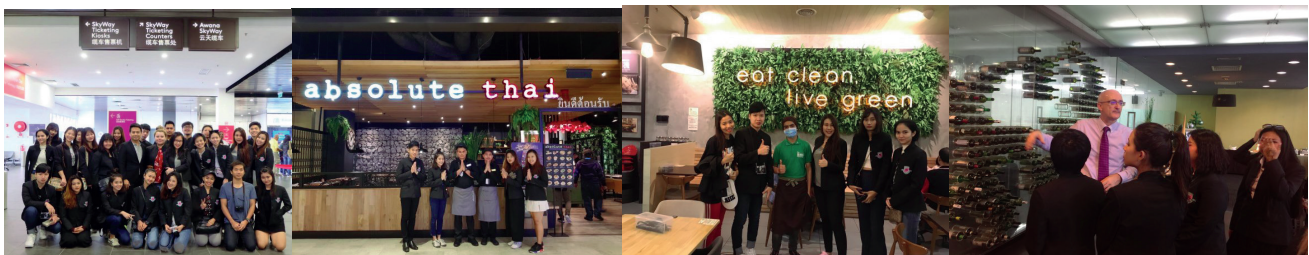


Office of International Relations and Sripatum International College with School of Liberal Arts organized the certificate awarding ceremony for 40 students of Tongren Preschool Education College (China) who completed the 3 month Study Abroad Program in Thailand at Sripatum University on 1 December 2017. The program started since 8 September 2017, and the students actively attended all kinds of activities including Thai language and culture classes, as well as English lessons. On this occasion, the closing speech was delivered by Assistant to the Director of Sripatum International College - Mr. Surachai Suantubtim. During the ceremony, the students shared their thoughts and experience they had during their stay in Thailand, and conducted special shows by playing Thai musical instruments and singing Thai song with Thai traditional dance. Surprisingly, the students also performed the Chinese traditional dance specially for SPU Executives and faculty members. This is very successful course provided to international students which they gained not only knowledge of Thai language and culture, but also created friendships among international and Thai students at SPU.

SIC Malaysia Discovery Project ICT & Digital Tools 2017



A total of 26 students of Sripatum International College led by Surachai Alex Suantubtim, Assistant to the Director – Student Affairs, joined a study trip to Malaysia from November 26-28, 2017. The visits included Genting Great Gift Bonanza, Absolute Thai Restaurant and BMS Organics at Sky Avenue, Resort World Genting, Genting Highlands. During the visits, students were required to interview the executives or team members to learn how they use digital tools in their companies. SIC students also attended the online marketing event organized at Taylor’s University, as invited by Prof. Dr. J. S. Perry Hobson, Pro Vice-Chancellor - Global Engagement.



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.



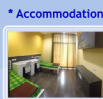
Orientation

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



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 organised on the last day of the program with dinner on river cruise for the celebration.



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 ambiance 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.