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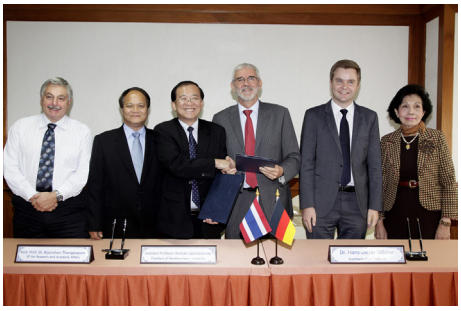
## RU President Congratulating RU Student on Receiving Royal Tertiary Awards

Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, congratulated Miss Patchara Kaenpuang, a student at the Faculty of Law, Ramkhamhaeng University Regional Campus in Honor of His Majesty the King in Sukhothai. She received a Royal Tertiary Award, Bangkok Metropolis Area for the academic year 2013. Mr. Sommai Surachai, Vice-President for Students Affairs and Miss Khwanruen Pankaew, a recipient of the same award in 2012, participated in the proceedings on October 1st at Reception Room, 2nd floor, Academic Services and Administration Building, RU.

## Signing of an MOU Between RU and Goethe Institute, Thailand

A ceremony for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for academic cooperation between RU and Goethe Institute, Thailand was held on October 1st at 2 p.m. at the Meeting Room, 3rd floor, Academic Services and Administration Building. Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president and Dr. Hans-Dieter Dräxler, Goethe Institute, Thailand signed the said MOU. Dr. Johannes Goebert, director of Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Information Center in Thailand, RU administrators, the director of Institute of International Studies, RU, lecturers from the



Department of Western Languages, Faculty of Humanities, and exchange students from the Federal Republic of Germany witnessed the ceremony.

The objective of academic cooperation between RU and Goethe Institute, Thailand is the enhancement of research, management of educational programs, training, the exchange of faculty and students at both undergraduate and graduate levels in the field of German to the end of benefitting students, faculty, and the university as a whole.

## RU Political Science Alumni Association Presenting Awards

The RU Political Science Alumni Association presented the 3rd Outstanding Alumni Awards for the academic year 2014. Assistant Professor Wutisak Lacharoensap, RU president, and Mr. Suthikiati Jirathiwat, president of the Association co-presented the awards given to 14 alumni.

On this occasion, a special talk was given by Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Visanu Krua-ngam on “Politics and Government After the New Constitution” on October 3rd at Vibhavadee Ballroom, Centara Grand Hotel, at Central Plaza Ladprao with a large number of alumni and current students attending the ceremony.

## Ram Rak Pa Group Organizing Volunteer Camp in Mae Hong Son

Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, congratulated students from the Ram Rak Pa Group, Bang Na campus, who were selected for the "Third Year Organizing Camp... with Smiles from Ayinomoto" project. They received 200,000 baht to support volunteer camp activities involving the construction of an all-purpose building for Ban Kok Luang School, Mae La Noi district, Mae Hong Son. Assistant Professor Phittaya Sisot, Vice-President for Bang Na Campus, was the project advisor. The ceremony was held on October 6th at the Meeting Room 1, 2nd floor, Academic Services and Administration Building.

## Visitors from the Union of Myanmar Visiting RU

On October 10th at 9.00 a.m. at the Meeting Room, 3rd floor of the Academic Services and Administration Building, U Win Naing from San Hein Education Private High School, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar together with nineteen students visited RU and RU Demonstration School (RUDS) (Elementary Level). The Vice-President for International Relations and Deputy Director for Academic Affairs at RUDS, lecturers and personnel welcomed the group.

The visitors thanked the university for affording them the opportunity to visit and stated that they admired the university and RUDS for having advanced educational practices at all levels.

## The Tenth Guidance Teachers Seminar

RU organized the Tenth Guidance Teachers Seminar with Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, presiding over the event. On this occasion, Dr. Petchyupa Boonsirijarungrat, Chief Executive Officer of Napetch Publishing, gave a talk on "Teachers in the Digital Age" on October 13th at Sak Phasukniran Room, King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Auditorium. The members of the audience were guidance teachers from secondary schools in Bangkok and its environs and provinces throughout the Kingdom.

## RU Orienting New Lecturers

RU Lecturers Council together with Educational Services Division organized an orientation for new lecturers so that they would become cognizant of university policy in addition to obtaining an understanding of their roles, duties, workloads, responsibilities, and opportunities for career advancement. Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, presided over the event. Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Research, Dr. Boonchan Thongprayoon, and RU lecturers participated in the event held on October 14th at Sak Phasukniran Room, King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Auditorium.

## RU Offering Educational Grant to National Female Sepak Takraw Athlete and Gold Medalist in Inchon Games

Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, congratulated and presented a 200,000 baht educational grant to RU student and national Sepak Takraw athlete, Miss Matssaya Doungsri, for winning two gold medals at the Inchon Games, Republic of Korea. RU administrators participated in the ceremony held on October 15th at the Meeting Room on the 3rd floor, Academic Services and Administration Building.

## RU Administrators Signing Well-Wishes Messages to His Majesty the King

Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, led RU administrators in presenting a vase of flowers and signing well-wishes messages to His Majesty the King wishing Him good health and a speedy recovery from His illness at Siriraj 100-Year Pavilion, Siriraj Hospital on October 15th.

## RU Hosting a Seminar in Conjunction with News Reporters Association and Newspaper Council

The Faculty of Mass Communication, RU in conjunction with the Thai Journalists Association and the National Press Council of Thailand, ISRA Institute, and Mass Media Development Foundation of Thailand with the support of Office of Health Promotion Foundation organized the 8th "Strategies for the Future of Journalism" seminar. The seminar was organized under the title of "Revolutionize News People, Globalize Media". The seminar endeavored to serve as a venue for exchanging information and opinions, as well as for building cooperation between the academic and professional sectors in the administration of curriculum and instruction and study in the fields of journalism and mass communication. Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, presided over the opening ceremony held on October 17th at Sak Phasukniran Room, King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Auditorium.

## RU Hosting the Meeting of "The Council of University Faculty Senate of Thailand"

The Council of University Faculty Senate of Thailand held its General Meeting, no.10/2014 at Ramkhamhaeng University. Associate Professor Dr. Chanjaree Getmaro, president of Ramkhamhaeng University Faculty Senate, gave a welcoming speech. Clinical Professor Dr. Wiroon Boonnuch, M.D., the president of the Council of University Faculty Senate of Thailand and the president of Mahidol University Faculty Senate, guided proceedings at the meeting. Administrators and Faculty Senate members from 29 institutions throughout the Kingdom attended the meeting held on October 18th at the Meeting Room, 3rd floor, Academic Services and Administration Building.

## Hostels Belonging to "Hostels with Stars"

Entrepreneurs from 13 hostels participating in RU's "Hostels with Stars" Project were selected to receive certificates for their participation in the "Hostel Cooperative Network for Willingness to Stop Drugs" program. A memorandum of intent (MOI) to stem the spread of illegal drugs in hostels was signed. As the RU representative, Vice-President for Student Affairs Mr. Sommai Surachai signed the MOI together with administrators from 19 other educational institutions on October 21st at the Meeting Room 1-1, Sanom Suthiphitak Anuson Building, Dhurakij Pundit University.

## RU Conducting the Royal Kathin Robe Ceremony 2014

Ramkhamhaeng University President Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap presided over the annual Ramkhamhaeng University Royal Kathin Robe presentation ceremony for 2014. The ceremony was held at Ka Phung Surin Temple, Mueang district, Trang Province on October 25th. Administrators, faculty members, personnel, students, alumni and residents of Uthai province attended the ceremony.

## RU Hosting Walking-Running (Loi Fa) Mini-Marathon

RU hosted "The 42nd Year of Ramkhamhaeng Walking-Running (Loi Fa) Mini-Marathon" on November 23rd with Assistant Professor Dr. Boonchan Thongprayoon, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Research, presiding over the opening ceremony. Administrators, lecturers, personnel, alumni, and current students, as well as foreign runners and Thai national team athletes participated in the event.

The male winner was Mr. Chakrit Boonkong, a former national team marathon runner. The female winner was Miss Wirachat Suwannachot, a thirteen-years old. Both received His Majesty the King Cups. RU would present the proceeds from the event to His Majesty the King for His use.

## Faculty of Optometry, RU Hosting Academic Meeting

On October 27th at Room 213, 2nd floor, Tha Chai Building, the Faculty of Optometry, RU, held an academic meeting on "Orthokeratology and Myopia Control" in order for students of the Faculty to develop academic knowledge and professional experience in this area. Mr. Danai Tonkerdmongkol, Dean of the Faculty, presided over the opening ceremony. Dr. Vuthipong Puengpipat, a special

lecturer, gave a lecture on "Orthokeratology and Myopia Control". Mr. Ken Kopp, Director of Clinical and Professional Services, Paragon

Vision Sciences gave a lecture on "Paragon CRT: How to Fit and Trouble Shoot".

## RU Hosting the "Fostering a Public Mind for the Development of RU" Project

The Student Affairs Division in conjunction with the Physical Plant and Building Division, RU hosted a program "Fostering a Public Mind for the Development of RU" in 2014. Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, presided over the opening ceremony. Administrators, lecturers, personnel, and students participated in the event held on November 24th at King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Grounds.

This activity was held so as to foster the development of a public mind by students and to use their free time in a beneficial manner. They helped in cleaning the university area and painting the walls around the university from the entrance gates of Ramkhamhaeng University to the RU Demonstration School (Elementary Level) and thence to the back gates of the university. The total distance was 973 meters.

## Television Program Offering Good Wishes to His Majesty the King on the Occasion of the Anniversary of His Birthday

Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, led administrators in recording a television program at Modern Nine Television Station on November 6th in which good wishes were offered to His Majesty the King on the Occasion of the Anniversary of His Birthday on December 5th.

## RU Hosting the Chanting over the Remains of the Supreme Patriarch

As the RU representative, Associate Professor Dr. Khosit Intawongse, Dean of the Faculty of Human Resource Development, led RU administrators in hosting the chanting ceremony over the remains of the Supreme Patriarch on November 12th at Tamnak Petch, Wat Bowonniwet Vihara.

## RU Conferring an Honorary Degree on the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

The Ramkhamhaeng University Council in meeting no. 11th held on November 17th unanimously concurred on the conferring of an honorary degree of Doctor of Law on H.E. U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw, Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The ceremony of conferring the degree was held on November 25th at King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Auditorium. Professor Pornpetch Wichicholchai, President of the National Legislative Assembly, H.E. U Win Maung, the Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand, the RU Council president, the RU president, administrators and lecturers attended the ceremony.

## RU Presenting "Lecturers, Alumni, Current Students" Awards on the Occasion of 43rd Year of Establishment

On the occasion of the 43rd year of RU's establishment, RU presented awards for outstanding lecturers, alumni, and Ram Diamonds to current students. The awards were given so as to honor lecturers, show appreciation for successful alumni, and current students with outstanding academic records and performance. Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, presided over the ceremony held on November 26th at King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Auditorium.

## RU Presenting a Sacred Offering to King Ramkhamhaeng the Great on the Occasion of the 43rd Establishment Day

In a ceremony held on November 26th at the site of the King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Statue, the Chairman of the Ramkhamhaeng University Council, Mr. Wirat Chinwinigkul presided over the sacred offering ceremony and the presentation of offering trays to pay respect to King Ramkhamhaeng the Great on the occasion of the 43rd Ramkhamhaeng University Establishment Day. Ramkhamhaeng University President Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, University Council Committee member Mr. Inchan Buraphan in addition to administrators, lecturers, civil servants, personnel, students, and alumni attended the ceremony.

## RU Hosting Talks on "Ramkhamhaeng...Treasure of Our Native Land"

Talks were given on "Ramkhamhaeng, Treasure of Our Native Land" on November 26th, the occasion of the 43rd anniversary of the establishment of Ramkhamhaeng University, at King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Auditorium. The talks were given by Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, Mr. Pradit Ruangdit, Faculty of Law alumnus, the president of the Association of News Reporters and Journalists of Thailand, Mr. Natpakorn Pitchayapanyatham, Faculty of Law alumnus, judge, and deputy chief of Chiang Mai Court. Mr. Suvich Suthiprapa, Faculty of Political Science alumnus, and editor of Modern Nine TV news was the moderator for the talks.

## RU Hosting 8th Basic Mathematics Competition at the Secondary Level

The Faculty of Engineering in conjunction with the Faculty of Science hosted the "8th Basic Mathematics Competition at a Secondary Level" with Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, presiding over the event. Competitors from 14 schools with 67 teams competed on November 28th at Pramuan Kulamat and Prapasna Auychai Rooms, King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Auditorium.

## RU Providing Training in Quality Assurance Standards for Administrators

The Office of Quality Assurance, RU, hosted a training session on "Internal Quality Assurance for the Academic Year 2014" for RU administrators. Assistant Professor Pranee Parnvichien, an advisor to the Office of Higher Education Commission (OHEC), was a speaker at the session. The training was designed to ensure understanding of the newly altered internal quality assurance standards. Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, presided over the training session. RU administrators, experts from RU Council, and the chairperson of the Risk Management Committee participated in the training on December 1st at the 3rd Floor Meeting Room, Academic Services and Administrations Building.

## RU Buddhamma Krammathan Group Practicing Dhamma in Honor of His Majesty the King

RU hosted a dhamma practice project in honor of His Majesty the King on the auspicious occasion of the 87th anniversary of His birthday on December 5th. Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, presided over the event. Lecturers, personnel, students and members of the general public participated in the event on December 4th-5th at King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Auditorium.

On December 4th, monks chanted, preached dhamma, answered dhamma questions, and were presented monetary and other offerings at King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Auditorium. On December 5th, there were ceremonies of merit-making and food-offering to the monks, the Pha Pa ceremony, dhamma preaching, and food-offerings to members of the general public in honor of His Majesty the King.

## RU Personnel Taking Vows on the Auspicious Occasion of the 87th Anniversary of the Birthday of His Majesty the King

RU personnel held a vow-taking ceremony in which they vowed to be good civil servants and to strengthen the land. The ceremony was held on December 3rd at King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Auditorium with Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap presiding. RU administrators and a great number of personnel from all units participated in the ceremony in order to show loyalty and the intent to carry out their duties for the benefit of citizens and the nation.

## RU President Presiding over Orientation for New Students Enrolling in the Second Semester/2014

Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, presided over the orientation for new students enrolling in the second semester of the academic year 2014. Assistant Professor Phittaya Sisot, Vice-President for Bang Na Campus, RU administrators, lecturers, and senior students welcomed new students on December 1st at Phra Mat Building, 4th floor, Bang Na Campus.

## RU Training Supervisors for RAM 3000 Co-Operative Education Project

Co-operative Education and Professional Development Center, Student Affairs Subdivision, RU, organized a training session for supervisors for the RAM 3000 co-operative education project in order to ensure that lecturers and personnel have understanding and knowledge of this subject, as well as seeing the importance of student supervisorial work. Assistant Professor Dr. Boonchan Thongprayoon, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Research, presided over the event. Mr. Sommai Surachai, Vice-President for Student Affairs and supervisors at RU, attended the training session held at Room 301, 3rd floor, Sawankhalok Building on December 2nd.

## Candle Lighting at RU: Ramkhamhaeng Personnel and Members of the General Public Lighting Candles for Offering Well-Wishes for His Majesty the King

Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, presided over the ceremony to make offerings and light candles for extending well wishes to His Majesty the King and to honor His Majesty the King on December 5th at 19.19 hours. The ceremony was held on the stage in front of King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Auditorium. RU administrators, lecturers, personnel, students, and thousands

of citizens from all walks of life wore yellow shirts and lit the candles to well wish His Majesty the King.

## RU Hosting Food-Offering Ceremony in Honor of His Majesty the King on December 5th

RU hosted the 8th food-offering ceremony in Honor of His Majesty the King on the auspicious occasion of the anniversary of the birthday of His Majesty the King on December 5th. Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, presided over the ceremony conducted at the areas around the pool and in front of the Faculty of Education. In this event, 87 RU units set up booths and provided foods, desserts, fruits and drinks to the participants.

## RU Personnel Trained for Risk Management

RU organized a workshop on "The Operations of Risk Management and Internal Control" for RU lecturers and personnel on December 8th at King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Auditorium.

Assistant Professor Dr. Boonchan Thongprayoon, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Research, presided over the training. Associate Professor Niruemol Maneesawangwong, chairperson of the Risk Management Operations and Internal Control Committee and Dr. Suprasith Jarupathirun were speakers at the workshop.

## RU Hosting Wai Khru Ceremony at the Graduate Level

Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, presided over the Wai Khru Ceremony (Paying Respect to Teachers) for the academic year 2014. RU administrators and lecturers participated in the ceremony. Graduate students at the master's degree and doctoral degree levels paid respect to lecturers on December 14th at King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Auditorium.

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