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Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Conferring Degrees on Ramkhamhaeng University Graduates



Representing His Majesty the King, Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn conferred degrees to RU graduates for the academic years 2013-2014 between March 2nd and 6th at King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Auditorium. Mr. Wirat Chinwinigkul, the chairman of Ramkhamhaeng University Council, Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, president of RU, administrators, faculty members, university personnel, graduate representatives, student representatives, and students from Ramkhamhaeng University Demonstration School were present at the ceremony.

Ramkhamhaeng University Presenting Offerings to King Ramkhamhaeng the Great on King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Day



RU hosted activities honoring King Ramkhamhaeng the Great on the occasion of "King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Day" on January 17th. Mr. Wirat Chinwinigkul, the chairman of Ramkhamhaeng University

Council, presided over the ceremony and presented offerings in honor of King Ramkhamhaeng the Great together with Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, president of Ramkhamhaeng University.

Administrators, faculty members, university personnel and students attended the ceremony held on the grounds of the King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Statue.

Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts Paying Respect to Teachers of Khon, Thai Classical Music and Dance

The Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts, RU, hosted a Wai Kru (Paying Respect to Teachers) Ceremony for teachers of Khon, Thai classical music and dance. Associate Professor Rangsan Saengsook,

former RU president, presided over the ceremony, together with Dr. Somsak Ketkaenchan, Dean of the Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts. Faculty members, university personnel, alumni, current students and a great number of students from other schools attended the ceremony on January 15th at Room 322, 3rd floor, Sukhothai Building.



Troop of RU Athletes Participating in the Opening Ceremony for University Sports Competition of Thailand or the “Nonsi Games”



On January 15th, RU sent athletic teams to take part in parading at the Opening Ceremony for the 42th University Sports Competition of Thailand under the hallowed name “Nonsi Games”. Mr. Sommai Surachai, Vice-President for Student Affairs, coaches, athlete leaders and RU athletes attended the ceremony. H.E. Mr. Ampol Senanarong, Privy Councillor, presided over the opening ceremony held at the Central Stadium, Kamphaengsaen Campus, Kasetsart University, Nakhon Pathom province.



Faculty of Education Hosting Wan Khru Day: “Education Creates the Nation, the Faculty of Education Creates Teachers”



The Faculty of Education, RU, hosted Wan Khru Day with Assistant Professor Tip Hasartsai, Dean of the Faculty of Education, presiding over the proceedings devoted to the theme “Just as Education Creates the

Nation, so does the Faculty of Education Create Teachers.” Associate Professor Rangsan Saengsook, former RU president, participated in a merit making ceremony in the morning. There was also a Muthitachit Ceremony to extend congratulations to senior lecturers, as well as a ceremony for presenting scholarship awards to students of the Faculty of Education. The proceedings were held on January 16th at



the Cultural Grounds, Nakhon Chum Building.

Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Industry Giving a Special Lecture to Ramkhamhaeng University Students



Dr. Somchai Harnhirun, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Industry, gave a special lecture on “The AEC and Investment in Special Economic Development Regions” to students in the new special program for the degree of Master of Economics for New Administrators on January 18th at Conference Room, 8th Floor, Faculty of Economics.



Ramkhamhaeng University Training Public Relations Personnel in the Use of New Media Skills with the Goal of Using Social Media to Reach Target Groups

RU organized a workshop on “News Correspondence and Reporting via Social Media” to personnel working in public relations from university agencies. Assistant Professor Leena Limapichat, Vice-President for Public Relations, RU, presided over the proceedings. Assistant Professor Somkeit Rungruangviriya, Assistant to the President for Organizational Communication, Rangsit University, Miss Asina Pornwasin, editor of Social Media, Nation Broadcasting Corporation Public Company Limited and Mr. Attapol Lertlum, IT news reporter, MCOT Public Company Limited were speakers. The proceedings were held on January 22th at Computer Room, 2nd floor, Vieng Kham Building.



Faculty of Optometry Hosting an Anniversary of Establishment Day Ceremony

The Faculty of Optometry hosted “An Anniversary of Establishment Day” ceremony on January 19th. Offerings were presented to King Ramkhamhaeng the Great with Associate Professor Rangsan Saengsook, founder of the Faculty, presiding over the



ceremony. The Diamond of Ram award for 2014 was awarded to Mr. Akarapon

Watcharapalakorn, 6th year student of the Faculty.

University Employees Attending Meeting Concerning Privileges

The Faculty Senate, RU, hosted an informational meeting on “Privileges for University Employees” for both academic and support employees on January 26th. Assistant Professor Dr. Boonchan Thongprayoon, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Research, presided over the meeting. Administrators, concerned personnel and



Miss Sukijja Wanichpongpun from the Social Security Office answered participant questions.

Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts Hosting “International Music and Dance Seminar”



Dr. Somsak Ketkaenchan, Dean of the Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts, presided over the “International Music and Dances Seminar” held on January 26th at the Meeting Room, 3rd floor, Sukhothai Building. Associate Professor Rangsan Saengsook, former RU president, and Associate Professor Sudhini Ratanawaraha, Vice-President for Arts and Culture, faculty members, university personnel, and students participated in the activity.

In this seminar, a special lecture on “Ramayana: Culture Shared by Thailand and Indonesia” was given in conjunction with demonstrations of Indonesian music and dances. There were also Khon Ramkhamhaeng performances in addition to international music and dance from the six countries of Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Taiwan, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan.



Thai Traditional Medicine Program, Institute of Health Science, Faculty of Science Hosting Wai Khru Ceremony for the Academic Year 2014



The Thai Traditional Medicine Program, Institute of Health Science, Faculty of Science, hosted a Wai Khru Ceremony for the academic year 2014 with Associate Professor Rangsan Saengsook, founder of the Thai Traditional Medicine field of study, presiding over the ceremony. Associate Professor Preecha Phahonthep, Dean of the Faculty of Science, Miss Kanchana Deeviset, President

of the Thai Traditional Medical Council, Ministry of Public Health, administrators and 180 students in the field of Thai Traditional Medicine, Batches 8th, 9th and 10th attended the Islamic, Brahmanic, and Wai Khru Ceremony held on January 29th at Room 322, Sukhothai Building.



Ramkhamhaeng University Explaining Regulations and Problems Concerning Applications by Lecturers for Academic Ranks



Assistant Professor Dr. Boonchan Thongprayoon, Vice-President for Academic



Affairs and Research, presided over an informational meeting on “Regulations and

Problems in Applying for Academic Ranks by Lecturers” hosted by the Academic Affairs and Research Subdivision and Academic Research Division, RU. Lecturers from various faculties attended the meeting on January 27th at the Meeting Room, 3rd floor, Faculty of Law.

Athletes and Administrators from Malaysia Visiting Ramkhamhaeng University



Associate Professor Rampai Sirimanakul, Vice-President for International Relations, and Mr. Preecha Prayoonpat, Director of the Sports Office, welcomed Professor Dato’

Dr. Mohamad Shatar Bin Sabran, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. Hanafah Ayub, Director of Sports, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Mr. Michael Yei, Director of Sports, Nilai University, administrators and athletes from the Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Malaysia. Held at the Sports Office, the visit was for purposes of planning future cooperation between the two institutions. There were also Sepak Takraw, volleyball and football competitions between UPM and RU on February 4th at RU’s Central Sports Field.



RU President Receiving Exemplary Person Awards from the Foundation for Thai Society



Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, received the “Exemplary Person of the Year” award for 2014 in the field of Educational Administration and Organizational Development from the “One Million Good Deeds for the King” Project from H.E. Mr. Ampol Senanarong, Privy Councillor. This ceremony was



organized by the Committee for Thai Awards/Foundation for Thai Society. The presentation ceremony was held on February 6th at Convention Hall, 2nd floor, Chulabhorn Research Institute Convention Center, Bangkok.

On the same occasion, Associate Professor Dr. Napaporn Khantanapha, a lecturer at the Faculty of Business Administration, RU, received the same award.



Faculty of Science Leading Students and Villagers in Planting Rice and Breeding Fish in the Traditional Thai Way

The Faculty of Science, RU, organized a project called “The Faculty of Science United in Carrying on Traditional Culture and Local Wisdom in Planting Rice in Thailand”. Administrators, university personnel, students, and villagers in the area helped in

planting organic riceberry rice on February 7th at the Research Project at the Learning Center for Organic Agriculture in accordance with His Majesty the King’s royal initiatives at the Royal Project at Ban Sang subdistrict, Ban Sang district, Prachin Buri province.



Faculty of Political Science Hosting Political Science Culture and Academic Week

The Faculty of Political Science, RU, hosted a Political Science and Academic Week in order to promote and conserve the arts and culture. There was also an exhibition on “Art and Political Thought in Greek and Roman Times.” There was a competition on “True Political Science Fans” in Junior and Senior divisions. Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, presided over the opening ceremony on February 10th at the Grand Hall on the 2nd floor of the Faculty of Political Science, Building 2.



Ru Cooperating with Organizations in Uthai Thani in Organizing Activities For Disseminating Knowledge and Professional Services to Communities



Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, and Mr. Somchai Leartpongpakorn, governor of Uthai Thani province, presided over the opening ceremony of the Academic and Professional Services Project for Uthai Thani communities. Mr. Phadet Nuipri, president of the Uthai Thani Provincial Administrative Organization, RU administrators, lecturers, and university personnel attended the opening ceremony held on February 12th at Ramkhamhaeng University Campus in Honor of His Majesty the King in Uthai Thani.

This project was organized for the second time with activities for augmenting knowledge of available assistance in personal development and one's occupation. The project was divided into 17 programs. There were more than 1,600 participants in the program.



RU Congratulating Graduates of the Faculty of Law's Pre-Degree Program

On February 18th at Reception Room 1, Academic Services and Administration Building, 2nd floor. Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, congratulated graduates from the Faculty of Law who were successful in the National Law Examination. These graduates were Miss Sirapich Sinma, who passed the examinations for assistant public prosecutor and



law clerk, Mr. Satapat Khaekpheng, and Miss Jiratchaya Kaewjongprasit received the highest scores for all subjects in the attorney-at-law examination.” All three had graduated from the Faculty of Law and had studied in the Pre-degree Program at RU.

Japanese Lecturers and Students from Japan Visiting RU



Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, and RU administrators welcomed Professor Osaki Masakazu of Himeji Dokkyo University, Professor Hasachi Takuya from Oberlin University and students from these two universities in Japan. They visited and participated in the Fourth Thai-Japanese Language and Culture Exchange Program with Himeji Dokkyo University on February 19th at Academic Services and Administration Building, 2nd floor.



Faculty of Humanities Organizing Thai-Japanese Cultural Exchange Activities



The Japanese Section, Department of Thai and Oriental Languages, Faculty of Humanities, RU, hosted the Fourth Exchange Program for Thai and Japanese Language and Culture with Himeji Dokkyo University. Assistant Professor Art-ron Chetsumon, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, presided over the event. Professor Osaki Masakazu from



Himeji Dokkyo University, Professor Hasachi Takuya from Oberlin University and students from the two universities in Japan, as well as lecturers and RU students, participated in the event on February 19th at Phuang Saed Meeting Room, 2nd floor, Faculty of Humanities.



In the course of the event, RU students who had received scholarships from Himeji Dokkyo University and the Japanese government reported on their experiences in Japan. A report was made on the survey results and an academic analysis of a research project involving students from the three universities entitled "A Study of the Facebook Addiction Phenomenon" was presented. Activities emblematic of good fellowship were undertaken. Participants took part in Thai dances, folk plays, musical chairs and Japanese calligraphy.

RU Offering Grants and Monetary Rewards to Athletes with National and International Reputations



Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, presided over a ceremony dispensing grants and monetary rewards for athletes for the academic year 2014. These RU athletes represented the university in various national and international

sports competitions. Mr. Sommai Surachai, Vice-President for Student Affairs, administrators, and RU athletes participated in the event held on February 19th at the Meeting Room, 5th floor, Academic Services and Administration Building.

RU Congratulating Honorary Degree Recipients



Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, congratulated those who received honorary degrees from RU at the Graduation Ceremonies on March 2nd and 3rd.

Faculty of Mass Communication and the Universal Foundation for Persons with Disabilities Organizing Sound Books Project: Friendship Media from Friend to Friend



The Faculty of Mass Communication, RU, and the Universal Foundation for Persons with Disabilities organized activities to stimulate public mind awareness of the Sound Books Project: Friendship Media from Friend to Friend. Mr. Jalert Jesadawal, Dean of the Faculty of Mass Communication, presided

over the opening ceremony. Miss Narumol Lerthivaporn of the Universal Foundation for Persons with Disabilities, Miss Prathana Nakarawat, a graduate of the Faculty of Humanities and a visually-impaired person, were speakers. Lecturers and students from the Faculty of Mass Communication participated in the event held on March 10th at Lecture Room 709, Sukhothai Building, Ramkhamhaeng University.



RU Cooperating with 1st Army Area and Territorial Defense Command By Making Merit through Rescuing Cattle and Buffalos in Honor of HRH Crown Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn



RU in conjunction with the 1st Army Area and Territorial Defense Command made merit by rescuing cattle and buffalos in honor of HRH Crown Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.

Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, delivered 25

rescued cattle and buffalos as part of the Cattle and Buffalo Rescue Project in honor of HRH Crown Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn on the auspicious occasion of Her Royal Highness's 60th birthday on April 2nd. The cattle and buffalos were delivered to veterinarian Dr. Somyot Intarapin, who is engaged in

animal husbandry on behalf of Bangkok Metropolis. Dr. Somyot in turn delivered the livestock to the Royal Cattle and Buffalo Bank for Farmers. Lt. Gen. Kampanat Ruddit, 1st Army Area Commander, and Maj. Gen. Weerachai Intusophon, Deputy Commander of the Territorial Defense Command, administrators, lecturers, university personnel, and well-wishers attended the ceremony held on March 11th at King Ramkhamhaeng the Great Auditorium.

RU People Sector Committee Hosting "Learning Exchange for Hostel Entrepreneurs"



Assistant Professor Leena Limapichat, Vice-President for Public Relations, RU, and the RU People's Sector Committee led 50 entrepreneurs of "Hostels with Stars" located

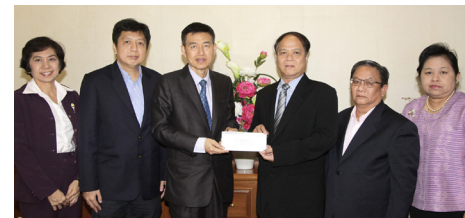
in the vicinity of RU campuses (Hua Mak and Bang-Na) in a visit to hostel managers in the area of King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMUTL) on March 20th. This was an integral part of the project entitled "Learning Exchange and Creating Relationships with Hostel Entrepreneurs". The purpose of the project was to foster

knowledge and understanding of the need to develop hostel quality and standards in addition to encouraging knowledge exchanges between hostel managers and promoting good relationships between hostel entrepreneurs and Ramkhamhaeng University.

Bangkok Insurance Public Company Limited Granting Scholarships

Assistant Professor Dr. Boonchan Thongprayoon, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Research, was awarded 736,189 baht by Mr. Jakkrit Cheewanantapornchai, Director of the Business Unit, Bangkok Insurance Public Company Limited. Mr.

Sommai Surachai, Vice-President for Student Affairs, and Mr. Taweechai Wutti Anusorn, Assistant to the Director of the Business Unit, witnessed the event held on March 24th at Conference Room 1, Academic Services and Administration Building.



Faculty of Engineering Organizing Final Convocation for Students



The Faculty of Engineering, RU, organized the Final Convocation for Students Project for the academic year 2014's Batch 14 with Assistant Professor Dr. Waranon Kongsong, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, presiding over the event. Mr. Pichaya Chantranuwat, a member of the Council of Engineers and Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Training and Testing

Readiness for Professional Practice, gave a special lecture on "The Development of Learning Skills and the Potential of the Engineering Profession." Lecturers and students of the Faculty of Engineering attended the talk given on March 26th at Room 301, 3rd floor, Lai Sue Thai Building, Faculty of Engineering.

Orientating Doctoral Students in Politics

The Doctor of Philosophy Program in Politics, Faculty of Political Science, RU, provided an orientation for new doctoral students in Batch 8. Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, presided over the opening ceremony. Associate Professor



Anongthip Eksaengsri, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science, Associate Professor Dr.

Suraphol Rajabhandarakas, Chairperson of the Program's Administrative Committee, as well as lecturers and 35 new students attended the opening ceremony held on March 30th at Sinlapachip Room, 4th floor, Faculty of Political Science.

RU Displaying Booths at the Red Cross Fair 2015



Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, President of the Red Cross Association, graciously opened the Red Cross Fair 2015. HRH attended the activities of various agencies from both the public and private sectors. The theme of this year's fair was "Bestow Blessings on the President on Her 60th Anniversary to the Full Delight of the Citizenry." The purpose was to honor HRH Crown Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn on the occasion of the 5th cycle anniversary of HRH's birthday on April 2nd.

RU displayed booths and organized activities throughout the nine days of the fair held from March 30th to April 7th. The atmosphere was redolent of the period of King Ramkhamhaeng the Great. On the Opening Day (March 30th), Assistant Professor Wutisak Lapcharoensap, RU president, administrators, lecturers, and the organizing committee presented flower garlands to the President on the grounds of the Equestrian Statue of King Chulalongkorn.

Administrators from Universiti Utara, Malaysia Visiting RU



Professor Dato' Wira Dr. Mohamed Mustafa bin Ishak, Vice Chancellor of Universiti Utara, Malaysia accompanied by eleven administrators and university personnel visited RU. Associate Professor Rampai Sirimanakul, Vice-President for International Relations, Assistant Professor Dr. Boonchan Thongprayoon,

Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Research, Mr. Satin Soonthornpan, Director of the Institute of International Studies, and university personnel welcomed the group on March 31st at the Meeting Room, 3rd floor, Academic Services and Administration Building.

IIS-RU Participated in the Asia-Pacific Association Conference for International Education (APAIE) 2015 at Beijing, People's Republic of China

The Institute of International Studies, Ramkhamhaeng University participated in the Asia-Pacific Association Conference for International Education (APAIE) held from March 24th to 26th, 2015 in Beijing, People's Republic of China. The conference venue was at the Olympic Village adjacent to the Beijing Olympic's main stadium, "Bird's Nest," a major component of Beijing International Convention Center (BICC).

On this occasion, serving as IIS representatives, the Director of IIS-RU, Mr. Satin Soonthornpan, the Deputy Director, Ms. Chotima Vesaracharnont, Ms. Fonthong Tangjitwatanakul, and Ms. Sawitree Chongsakornsins participated in the conference and in the accompanying exhibition. Participation in this event afforded an opportunity for IIS to augment its continuing practice of academic networking and educational collaboration. It also allowed IIS-RU to provide information to interested participants concerning its course offerings and programs of study.

In the view of IIS-RU, participation in this conference confers advantages, since it promotes the international orientation of IIS-RU through heightening the prospect of attracting foreign exchange students from foreign partner institutions and correspondingly sending IIS-RU students for a semester abroad. Moreover, it provides an



opportunity to promote IIS-RU to representatives from other universities across the globe.

This year the Institute of International Studies worked together with the Office of the Higher Education Commission and other Thai universities in organizing a Thai Pavilion booth under the theme "Thailand: Your Study Destination."

APAIE seeks to bring together international educators working at institutions of higher education in the Asia-Pacific region and participants from organizations engaged in community development involving issues of education. The next APAIE Conference and Exhibition will be held at Melbourne, Commonwealth of Australia from February 29th to March 3rd, 2016.

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