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Scholarship for MFU Students in the 2011 Academic Year

The Mae Fah Luang University Division of Student Affairs will be awarding a general scholarship of B10 000 to B12 000 to second, third and fourth-year students who have a record of high academic performance and who are involved in University clubs, programs and events. The deadline for this scholarship is 2 weeks after the semester begins.

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Greetings from the University in the Park,

I am sure the upcoming year will be a prosperous one for MFU, as we continue to strive for academic excellence while providing a global education for our students. As we celebrate Mae Fah Luang University's 12th year of existence, we will continue our commitment to making the University's educational and research programs ever stronger and more meaningful and making Mae Fah Luang University and internationally renowned institution.

Reflecting this commitment, the University continually organizes events to educate not only our student body, but also the greater community and the world. In honor of our 12th anniversary, the University hosted 2 symposia, "International Conference in Agriculture and Argo-Industry 2010: Food, Health and Trade (ICAAI 2010)" and "Mae Fah Luang Symposium 2010," as well as several informative events providing information about Buddhism. The symposia brought scholars from all different backgrounds to discuss issues central to development in Thailand, while a lecture given by Phra Maha Wutthichai Vajiramedhi reminded "Thai people of their responsibility to Thailand." These events also coincided with a special visit from the Chinese ambassador to Thailand, His Excellency Guan Mu.

Additionally, in an effort to maintain MFU's international environment, the University welcomed many visitors from all over the world, who brought with them valuable knowledge and opportunities for our students. Representatives from the University of Brighton brought with them a unique opportunity for our student to obtain a dual degree in Business Administration. Madame Livia Klausova, the First Lady of the Czech Republic, brought a Photo Art Exhibition, teaching our students about the importance of the 1989 Czech Revolution. At ASEAN-China Youth Camp: Cultural Trail from China to ASEAN, students from 9 of 10 ASEAN member countries shared beneficial information about their countries and cultures, and also demonstrated the great benefits of developing cross-cultural relationships.

This is only a few of the international events Mae Fah Luang University hosted over the past quarter. You can find these and more in this issue of The Park. I hope you enjoy it and MFU can continue to bring you news of exciting international events and successes of our outstanding student body and faculty.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ted Tesprateep
President of Mae Fah Luang University





ASEAN-China Youth Camp



▲ Students from Mae Fah Luang University and Chulalongkorn University were chosen to represent Thailand at the ASEAN-China Youth Camp

“There is no gap, or nationalities. We use our heart to communicate and design a bright future,” expressed Lin Wei, one of the student delegates from China who was participating in the ASEAN-China Youth Camp: Cultural Trail from China to ASEAN, held at Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand, 18-23 November 2010.

The ASEAN-China Youth Camp was coordinated and sponsored by the Ministries of Culture in China, Myanmar and Thailand. The event was held to promote awareness of ASEAN-China relations among the youth of ASEAN countries and China. There were 39 youth members and 10 leaders from ASEAN countries (Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam) and China who attended this event. The delegates from all the countries visited the 3 host countries to learn about their differing cultures, as well as to explore the similarities between them.

The first country the Youth Camp visited was Thailand, followed by Myanmar, then China. Most of the activities in Thailand were held at Mae Fah Luang University and other locations within the province of Chiang Rai.

The Camp kicked-off with a brief lesson about the long history of trade, cultural and social exchange and diplomatic relations amongst ASEAN countries and China, taught by Associate Professor Dr. Vanchai Sirichana, Chairman of the Executive Committee and Founding President of Mae Fah Luang University.



Dr. Vanchai reminded the audience that the cultural trail in the region not only reminds us of common historical ties, but also reminds us of our shared ancestry and the close relationship once held between countries in the region. He emphasized that the former cultural trail gives hope that this relationship can be revived and a new cultural trail can be forged.

Later that day, one of the Camp's most successful events, "Viewing the Country Cultural Showcase" was held. Each country represented at the Camp had delegates who dressed in their national costume and operated a small display booth presenting their map, flag, national dress, and traditional musical instrument. These booths served to educate visitors about the delegates' respective cultures, as well as to educate the delegates themselves.

On the second day, the Camp participants had an opportunity to learn about Chiang Rai's art and culture scene by viewing the work of 2 of Thailand's most well-renowned artists. First they visited Wat Rong Khun (aka The White Temple), one of Thailand's most beautiful temples, designed and built by Ajarn Chalermchai Kositpipat. Next they visited Baan Dam Nang Lae (aka The Black House), designed and built by Ajarn Thawan Duchanee. Ajarn Thawan, a National Artist, encouraged the youth to remember that they were all connected, despite their unique cultures. He said, "Each ASEAN country has their own character, but remember that we come from the same route. We can connect to each other by learning from each country's culture."

The third day, the Youth Camp participants went to the Doi Tung Development Project. There, one of the Singapore

delegates was impressed with what the King's mother had done and was interested in learning what this project achieves. He was moved to say that "everyone or every country has different expertise, different skills and we can all benefit from sharing them. That way not only one country would improve, but all the ASEAN countries and China."

The final day of the Youth Camp happened to coincide with one of Thailand's national holidays, Loy Krathong. This provided a good opportunity to educate the participants about the Festival and to give them a chance to participate as well. All the delegates were excited to participate in Chiang Rai's Loy Krathong parade. Some even had similar practices in their own country.

The ASEAN-China Youth Camp provided its participants with a chance to not only gain valuable knowledge, but also to gain invaluable understanding of other cultures, plus the experience of making friends with each other during participation in the camp. And as Dr. Vanchai mentioned, "while the adults have organized this Camp this time, and built a strong foundation for future collaborations; in the future, it will be up to the youth to continue working together for the mutual benefit of the region."

1. ASEAN-China Youth Camp participants blend their own culture with Thai culture
2. ASEAN students have an opportunity to participate in a Thai national holiday-Loy Krathong
3. All new students at Mae Fah Luang University must plant a tree to help the environment and aid in reforestation, the ASEAN-China Youth Camp participants were honorary MFU students
4. Learning about Thai culture
5. Thai students demonstrate traditional dance
6. ASEAN students have an opportunity to participate in a Thai national holiday-Loy Krathong
7. ASEAN students learning Thai traditional dance

Czech Republic Photo Art Exhibition

Mae Fah Luang University was pleased to welcome Madame Livia Klausova, the First Lady of the Czech Republic, and host The Czech Republic Photo Art Exhibition at the Sirindhorn Chinese Language and Culture Center October 9, 2010. His Excellency Ing. Ivan Hotek gave the Address on the Photo Art Exhibition, providing valuable information about the 1989 Czech Revolution and relaying its importance. Madame Livia Klausova officially opened the exhibit to the public, performing a ribbon-cutting ceremony at which MFU President Dr. Ted Tesprateep was present. The Photo Art Exhibit was displayed not only at the Sirindhorn Chinese Center, but also at the Learning Resources and Educational Media Center from October 9th to November 19th. The opening ceremony brought with it an abundance of guests, which continued until the exhibition closed.

1. MFU hosted the Czech Republic Art Photo Exhibition at the Sirindhorn Chinese Language and Culture Center
2. MFU President, Dr. Ted Tesprateep welcomes the First Lady of Czech Republic, Livia Klausova
3. Czech Ambassador to Thailand, His Excellency Ivan Hotek and His Wife
4. Czech First Lady, Livia Klausova, and MFU President, Dr. Ted Tesprateep, admire the photos in the exhibition
5. "1989: As seen by Photographers"



International Symposium on Cosmetic and Health Innovations

Valley of Beauty and Wellness

Schools of Cosmetic Science and Anti-Aging and Regenerative Medicine, Mae Fah Luang University in conjunction with The Society of Cosmetic Chemists of Thailand and the Office of the Higher Education Commission, organized the "International Symposium on Cosmetic and Health Innovations" on November 1-2, 2010.

Symposium organizers collaborated with In-Cosmetics Asia to bring the most advanced resources and comprehensive and integrated science in the latest Cosmetic, Beauty and Health informatics developments. The theme of the symposium, "Valley of Beauty and Wellness," aimed to reveal the mysteries of nature and address the fast-growing demand for natural products that integrate natural science

and technology from all over the world to create products that produce beautiful skin.

There were many scholars, scientists, researchers, and national and international professors in attendance, and they all shared information while attending a diverse range of informative workshops. Displays at the Symposium featured key developments in Cosmetic and Health Care Technology.



International Symposium on Fungal Biodiversity and Resources



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Commemorating the 12th Anniversary of Mae Fah Luang University, the **“International Symposium on Fungal Biodiversity and Resources”** was held at the Wangcome Hotel in Chiang Rai, November 12th -13th, 2010. The event was organized, sponsored, and attended by the School of Science at Mae Fah Luang University, the Franco-Thai Center at Mae Fah Luang University, the Office of the National Research Council of Thailand, the National Science and Technology Development Agency, the Biodiversity Research and Training Program, Suranaree University of Technology, the British Mycological Society, the Institute of Microbiology at the Chinese Academy of Science, the Landcare Research Group, and the Thai Beverage Public Company Limited.

Opening the symposium, Associate Professor Dr. Tony Cole, from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand made the comment, *“I know everyone here thinks that fungi are the most important organisms on the Earth...other than ourselves.”* I was not sure if Dr. Cole was making a joke or not, but that statement set the tone for the rest of the symposium.

The first speaker to address the audience was Dr. Lynne Boddy, from the University of Cardiff, UK. Dr. Boddy discussed the fruiting seasons of fungi and what this tells us about the ecology. Dr. Boddy emphasized that the purpose of her research was to “document diversity” and provide evidence for the existence of climate change. She emphasized that the effects of climate change can be seen in the changing behavior of fungi, a microcosm of the world as a whole. Due to the low rainfall and hotter temperatures of climate change, the seasons as we know them may start to shift. This can result in the production of new pathogens that can harm crop plants. Dr. Siriwat Wongsiri, Dean of the

School of Science at Mae Fah Luang University underscored this when he commented that in Thailand, just over 10 years ago; crop plants had been badly damaged due to new pathogens as a result of climate change.

The speakers that followed also emphasized the importance each organism has within our ecology, and the respect we should have for the roles that even the smallest organisms play.

The symposium brought together biologists from all over the world and provided a forum for students and universities throughout Thailand to demonstrate the caliber of both research and researchers they have produced, respectively. Considering the fact that northern Thailand has the most fungal diversity in the country and “new species of fungi have been ascribed here,” there is a real opportunity for Mae Fah Luang University to become an epicenter for the study of climate change.

This symposium brought with a real opportunity for Thai universities to attract foreigners not only interested in Thai language and culture, but also those who are committed to the study of biology and ecology.

1. Dr. Thongchai Yooyativong, Vice-President of MFU, welcomes guests from all over the world to the Symposium
2. Dr. Siriwat Wongsiri, School of Science Dean, and Dr. Thongchai, Vice-President of MFU, are thanked for their participation in the Symposium
3. Dr. Lynne Boddy of Cardiff University presents at the Symposium
4. Dr. Lei Cai, of the Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Science, presents at the Symposium

Scholarship for 1st-Year Undergraduate International Students

Mae Fah Luang University will be awarding full and partial scholarships for international students from the Greater-Mekong Sub-region (southern China, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam).

The purpose of the scholarships is to encourage international students with a strong academic background, but insufficient financial support, to excel in their area of study in any field at Mae Fah Luang University. Any student from a GMS country is qualified to apply for a scholarship. Interested students should send their scholarship applications (which can be found on the MFU International Affairs Division website), along with a completed university application forms to their respective embassies in Bangkok by April 30, 2011. *For more information, please visit www.mfu.ac.th.*

MFU 12th Anniversary Celebration

On the occasion of the 12th Anniversary of Mae Fah Luang University, the University organized 4 events to honor the King's Mother and uphold her vision for the people of northern Thailand.

35 years of Thai-Chinese relations provide foundation for MFU-Chinese relations

HE Mr. Guan Mu, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Thailand attended the celebration of the 12th anniversary of Mae Fah Luang University on November 19, 2010 and gave a special speech highlighting the auspiciousness of the anniversary being that it coincided with the 35th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Thailand and the People's Republic of China.



HE Mr. Guan Mu received a gift from Dr. Ted Tesprateep, President of Mae Fah Luang University.

HE Mr. Guan Mu stated that Thailand and China have longstanding ties between the two peoples and nations. Numerous trips by HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn to various parts of China have inevitably become the foundation of these relations. HRH's publication and subsequent translation of many books to Chinese, helped Chinese people to understand how their own country was viewed from an outside perspective. Since then, from 1990-



HE Mr. Guan Mu gave a special speech on the occasion of the 12th anniversary of MFU.

2000, Thailand and China opened their countries' borders to each other. Many trips visited by the royal family, as well as ministry officials then followed. It was as if they were visiting family.

Apart from the visits of official delegates, and the establishment of formal diplomatic relations, the two countries signed many agreements of mutual benefit and cooperation, in matters of economy, trade and culture. As the trade between Thailand and China increased, both countries' economic and social development did as well.

Finally, HE Guan Mu mentioned the importance of learning Chinese, the most-spoken language in the world. In order to support this, the Embassy ensures there is a Chinese language course at Mae Fah Luang University. Considering Mae Fah Luang University's strategic location in Chiang Rai, the hub of Mekong Basin sub-region, it is crucial that the basic infrastructures to strengthen cooperation in various areas such as trade, investment, tourism, and people-to-people contacts, develop here.

Mae Fah Luang Symposium 2010

Mae Fah Luang University and the Office of the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) organized the "Mae Fah Luang Symposium 2010" to celebrate the 12th Anniversary of Mae Fah Luang University on November 19-20, 2010. The symposium was well attended, with students and researchers from all over Thailand. This event aimed to bring together researchers and students studying in three major concentrations-science and technology, social sciences and humanities, and health science and beauty science. There were also open stages for discussion on "Thailand's Way Out of the Crisis," as well as discussion on economic and social topics by Dr. Narong Arkarasenee,

and environment topic by Dr. Pijit Rattakul. Another special discussion was headed by Emeritus Professor Dr. Prawet Wasi, on the topic "University and Reforming Thailand."



An open discussion on "Thailand's way Out of Crisis," was attended by many students and researchers.

International Conference on Agriculture and Agro-Industry 2010 : Food, Health and Trade (ICAAI 2010)

Mae Fah Luang University's School of Agro-Industry, the National Research Council, the Postharvest Technology Innovation Center, the Agro-Industry Academic Council Association and many government officials within the Agro-Industry sector, organized the "International Conference on Agriculture and Agro- Industry 2010: Food, Health and Trade (ICAAI 2010)," on November 19-20, 2010 at Mae Fah Luang University. The goal of the conference was to bring together scientists, researchers and experts to discuss the latest scientific developments and current issues on health foods, food safety and practical businesses to capitalize on functional foods and nutraceutical trends.

Because consumers are becoming increasingly more interested in the health benefits of foods in order to promote health and/or reduce the risk of certain diseases, the global for functional foods has increased tremendously over the past decade. This International Conference included national and international keynote speakers, oral presentations and poster sessions concerning agricultural science and technology, food science and technology and food trade, with a focus on safe, high quality food and health products.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanchai Sirichana, Founding President of Mae Fah Luang University welcomes guests to the "International Conference on Agriculture and Argo-Industry 2010" during the opening ceremony.



Many scientists, researchers and experts attended the conference.

Phra Maha Wutthichai Vajiramedhi visits MFU

November 19, 2010, Mae Fah Luang University arranged for Buddhist monks to educate people about Buddhism and Buddhist culture. Activities included a Dharma quiz competition, a Dharma speech competition, a Dharma debating competition, an exhibition encouraging people to learn about Buddhism, and a lecture given by a well-known monk—on this occasion, Phra Maha Wutthichai Vajiramedhi gave a speech entitled, "Thai people with their responsibility to Thailand".



Many people attend the educational Buddhist activities at MFU.



Phra Maha Wutthichai Vajiramedhi educated people on "Thai people with their responsibility to Thailand".

TRF-CHE-Scopus Young Researcher Awards 2010

October 16, 2010, Asst. Prof. Dr. Phanintra Teeranon, a lecturer in the School of Liberal Arts at Mae Fah Luang University, received the best researcher prize from His Excellency Aphisit Wetchachiwa, Prime Minister of Thailand, at the "TRF-CHE-Scopus Young Researcher Awards 2010." The award recognizes the outstanding achievements of new researchers who received grants from the Thailand Research Fund and Office of Higher



Asst. Prof. Dr. Phanintra Teeranon received the best researcher prize from His Excellency Aphisit Wetchachiwa, Prime Minister of Thailand at the "TRF-CHE-Scopus Young Researcher Awards 2010."

Best Oral Presentation Award

Dr. Boonmee Namboon, a lecturer in the School of Health Science at Mae Fah Luang University, attended the 3rd National conference in Toxicology, entitled "Critical Issues in Toxicology for Thailand Development," on 25-26 November 2010 at IMPACT Convention Center, Muang Thongtani, Nonthaburi. The conference was arranged by the Thai Society of Toxicology, the National Cancer Institute, the Department of Medical Sciences, and the Research and Technology of Livestock Production of Faculty of Veterinary Science, Chulalongkorn University. Many professors and researchers from universities around Thailand attended this event. Ajarn Boonmee Namboon presented his research on "High Cadmium Exposure in Mae Sot's Population is Associated with High Anemia Prevalence," and his presentation received the best oral presentation award.



Dr. Boonmee Namboon received the best oral presentation award at the 3rd National conference in Toxicology, entitled "Critical Issues in Toxicology for Thailand Development."

Student Spotlight

MFU student representative of Thailand in ASEAN-China Youth Camp

Tanyamon Pullapalin was chosen as one of 4 students to represent Thailand at ASEAN-China Youth Camp: Cultural Trail from China to ASEAN. The Camp was composed of 4 youths from 9 of the current ASEAN country members. The Ministries of Culture from Thailand, Myanmar and China hosted the camp from November 18th to December 3rd, 2010. The Camp's purpose was to strengthen relations among the countries through promotion of cultural exchange. Tanyamon is a 3rd year business Chinese student in the School of Liberal Arts at MFU. Although she is originally from Bangkok, she likes Mae Fah Luang University because she gets to escape the traffic in Bangkok and "life here is better for studying."

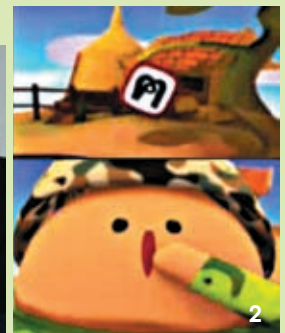


Tanyamon Pullapalin

Award Winning ; Thailand Animation Contest 2010

Three students from Mae Fah Luang University, Mr. Siripong Sungklang, Mr. Tosapol Chaiwong and Miss Piyapach Promsuwan, also known as "Acrimonious Team," won 2nd prize in the "Thailand Animation Contest 2010 by Ayudhya Allianz C.P"

Ayudhya Allianz C.P cooperated with Foundation of King Rama Nine THE GREAT, a non-profit foundation, and National Electronic and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC) to arrange the 4th of Thailand Animation Contest to provide an opportunity for teenagers in secondary schools and universities to make good use of their free time, by honing best practices and developing new techniques for animation.



1 Mr. Siripong Sungklang, Mr. Tosapol Chaiwong and Miss Piyapach Promsuwan receive the 2nd prize in the "Thailand Animation Contest 2010 by Ayudhya Allianz C.P.

2 Acrimonious Team's animation.



MFU President Dr. Ted Tesprateep presents a gift to His Excellency Mohammad Hatta, Indonesian Ambassador to Thailand



MFU welcomes Indonesia Ambassador, His Excellency Mohammad Hatta, and his delegates to the University

Indonesian Ambassador Visits MFU

His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Hatta, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Kingdom of Thailand was welcomed by Mae Fah Luang University President Dr. Ted Tesprateep on December 17, 2010. After a fruitful discussion, it was decided that an "Indonesia Corner" would be created at the Learning Resources and Educational Media Center in Mae Fah Luang University, containing books about Indonesian history and culture, as well as musical instruments from Indonesia. We look forward to the opening ceremony in the near future.

2 + 2 Program with the University of Brighton

MFU delegates from the School of Management and Assistant to the President, Dr. Romyen Kosaiakanont, visited the University of Brighton November 1-4, 2010 to consider what opportunities collaboration with UB would hold. In particular, the Brighton Business School was closely explored for potential partnerships. After fruitful discussions, this visit led to a subsequent visit of UB representatives to MFU. Eager to begin collaboration, November 11-13, 2010, Mr. Barry Lee Scherer traveled to MFU to discuss signing a MoU and beginning collaboration between the University of Brighton and Mae Fah Luang University. The two universities eventually agreed on the creation of the "2 + 2 Program." Under the "2 + 2 Program," students would have an opportunity to obtain joint-degrees from UB Business School and MFU School of Management. Exceptional students would spend their first 2 years studying Business Administration at MFU, then continue studying and eventually finish their degree at UB.



1 Mr. Barry Lee Scherer lectures at MFU

2 Mr. Barry Lee Scherer with MFU students excited about new opportunities

3 Mr. Barry Lee Scherer and the MFU School of Management



Universiti of Sains Malaysia

December 1, 2010, delegates from the Universiti of Sains Malaysia visited Mae Fah Luang University on the basis of strengthening academic cooperation and exploring academic partnerships between the two universities. MFU President, Dr. Ted Tesprateep welcomed 7 delegates from the University of Sains Malaysia, led by Professor Lim Koon Ong, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Industry and Community Network, to Mae Fah Luang University.

The purpose of USM's visit was to learn about university-community engagement and community empowerment activities conducted by MFU and to invite MFU to join Asia-Pacific University-Community Engagement Network (APUCEN). The two universities have since agreed to formally partner with each other and a MoU is currently being arranged.



MFU President, Dr. Ted Tesprateep and USM Deputy Vice-Chancellor Lim Koon Ong shake hands



After a productive meeting, representatives from MFU and USM pose for the camera

National University of Laos

November 19-23, 2010 representatives from the Faculty of Law and Political Science at the National University of Laos in Laos PDR visited Mae Fah Luang University. The purpose of their visit was to discuss a potential preparatory course in which Laos lecturers who were recent graduates could receive further training at Mae Fah Luang University and obtain graduate degrees in Law or Political Science, as well as Thai language training. UNOL and MFU are currently pursuing this collaboration.



- 1 MFU President Dr. Ted Tesprateep with National University of Laos Dean of Law and Political Science, Mr. Khamson Souliyaseng
- 2 MFU welcomes the National University of Laos to the University



Prince of Songkla University

On Wednesday the 8th of December 2010, Dr. Romyen Kosaikanont, Assistant to President, welcomed 13 delegates from Prince of Songkla University, on the occasion of visiting and learning about Mae Fah Luang University's International Affairs Division and briefly taking a tour around the University.

Aalborg University MOU

September 8th, 2010, in Aalborg, Denmark, Mae Fah Luang University President, Dr. Tesprateep and Aalborg University President, Pro. Finn Kjrsdam, agreed on behalf of their respective universities, to engage in joint study and research programs, joint seminars and conferences, and staff and student exchange. The MoU allows for 3 years of collaboration, which will hopefully be productive and rewarding for both universities.



Erasmus Mundus Project

Mae Fah Luang University has become one of 19 countries to join Erasmus Mundus, a cooperation and mobility program that aims to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation. This project, sponsored by the European Commission, allows MFU to participate in projects such as post-graduate courses, language exchange and industry projects. This semester alone, 4 PhD students and 4 staff members from MFU went to Aalborg University to study IT and problem-based learning, due to funding from Erasmus Mundus.



University Paul-Valery Montpellier III MOU

December 2, 2010, Mae Fah Luang University and the University Paul-Valery Montpellier III signed a MoU to renew collaboration in the areas of language, humanities, and business management. Both schools will encourage student and staff exchange, language preparation, joint research projects, and joint participation in seminars, conferences, and/or symposiums. In the coming 5 years of the collaboration, UM3 will continue to encourage Thai students to continue their post-graduate studies at UM3, and also continue to send French staff to assist in the French language program at MFU.



China



- 1 Dr. Romyen Kosaikanont, Assistant to the President, speaking to the Press about educational opportunities at Mae Fah Luang University.
- 2 Guangxi University's International Exchange Department warmly welcomes Mae Fah Luang University.
- 3 Mae Fah Luang University was invited to the 7th Annual China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning, Guangxi China.

October 20th through the 24th, 2010, representatives from Mae Fah Luang University attended The 7th China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning, China to recruit Chinese students and pursue academic collaborations with Guangxi University. There was a lot of interest in MFU from the students at the Expo, especially in the Thai language and culture program. Guangxi University showed a lot of interest in the Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Management (NREM), and a MoU is currently being pursued with them. This collaboration would provide an opportunity for more than 50 students from Guangxi University to study at MFU.

Bhutan

The Thailand Educational Fair in Bhutan was held October 25-29, 2010 in Thimphu, Bhutan. It was organized by the Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) and the Department of Export Promotion (DEP) in Thailand, and provided an excellent opportunity for Mae Fah Luang University to promote itself and its programs. At the fair, nine Bhutanese students completed MFU applications, and are currently being considered for admission. One of these students will be chosen to receive a full scholarship, including university tuition, fees and accommodation. We can't wait to welcome them in the future!



- 1 Dr. Romyen Kosaikanont, Assistant to the President of MFU, speaking with Lyonpo Thakur S. Powdyel, Bhutanese Minister of Education at the Thailand Education Fair in Bhutan 2010
- 2 Many students showed interest in Mae Fah Luang University

Japan

October 3rd through the 7th, 2010, delegates from Mae Fah Luang University visited Kyoto University, Katsura Campus. The purpose of the visit was to learn and exchange ideas about the construction, management and maintenance of properties on a slope landscape. Since the Kyoto University campus at Katsura has a landscape similar to that of Mae Fah Luang University, the exchange was productive and beneficial to both universities.



Kyoto University warmly welcomes Mae Fah Luang University.



January 8, 2011, Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn will present Madame Chen Zhili, President of the All-China Women's Federation and Vice Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, with an honorary doctoral degree in Public Administration from Mae Fah Luang University at Sa Pathum Palace in Bangkok.

January 13, 2011, the MFU International Affairs Division will be hosting "TASTE: International Flavors from Around the World," the party is open to all international students and anyone students interested in different cultures around the world. Please join us.

January 20-22, 2011, Mae Fah Luang University's Division of Student Affairs and the International Affairs Division will hold an International Culture Festival, open to all university students and the greater community. The Festival will feature showcases by students representing countries all over the world. This event is being held to encourage cross-cultural ties among all MFU students.

January 28, 2011, the Mae Fah Luang University Chinese Cultural Day will be held at the Sirindhorn Chinese Language and Culture Center. All are welcome to come and celebrate the Chinese New Year!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As acting Head of the International Affairs Division, I am pleased to bring you the first editor of The Park, Mae Fah Luang University's revamped international newsletter. **The Park** will be a gateway to MFU for all students, faculty, staff, parents and University partners interested in learning about the University's achievements, or the progress the University is making.

MFU is always making improvements, so please contact us with any suggestion or concerns at inter@mfu.ac.th. And visit our website at www.mfu.ac.th to receive more information about events at the University.

Dr. Phunrawie Promnart



Editor's Note

Special Thanks



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