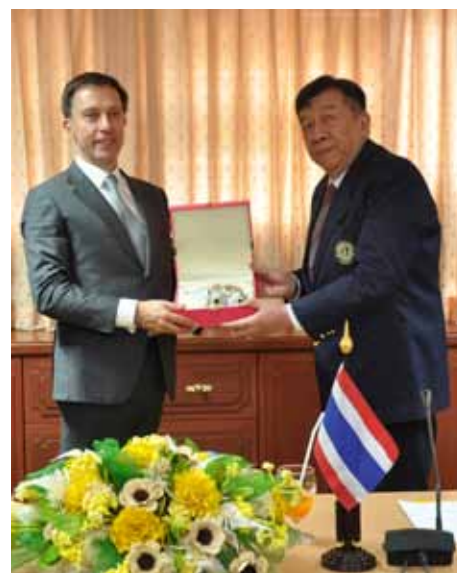
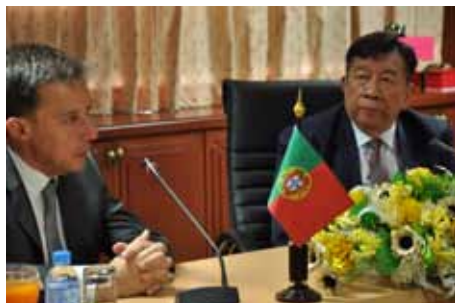


The Visit of The Ambassador of Portugal

February 5, 2014, H.E. Mr. Luis Barreira de Sousa, Ambassador, the Embassy of Portugal in Bangkok paid his second visit to Kasetsart University so as to discuss with President and the university administrators in more details about the academic cooperation between Kasetsart University and the leading higher education institutions in Portugal. The Ambassador had once again enjoyed the warm hospitality from Associate Professor Vudtechai Kapilakanachana, President, Kasetsart University and the participating administrators. They all had a very fruitful discussion at the Meeting Room No. 9, 2nd Floor, Kasetsart Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center. The Ambassador suggested some leading universities in Portugal such as University of Lisbon as well as those in Timor Leste to Kasetsart University for further academic cooperation. Moreover, Kasetsart

University had been recommended for the Portuguese language course to be conducted at Kasetsart University by the native Portuguese speakers under support from the Portuguese Government. Kasetsart University also was interested in initiating research activities with universities and agencies in both Portugal and Portuguese speaking countries.



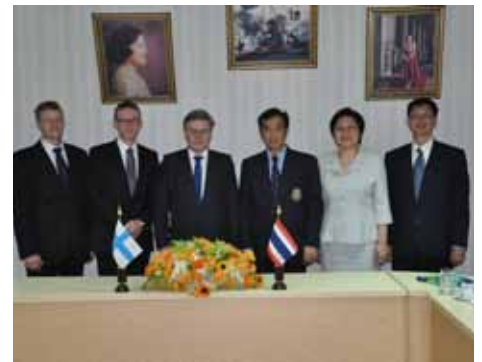
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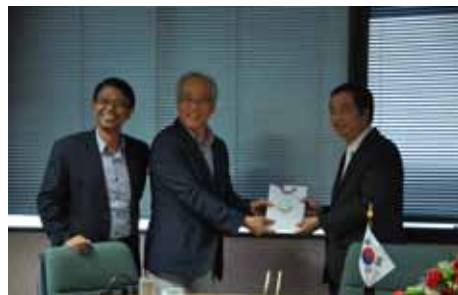


Mutual ties in Forestry with Finnish Forest Research Institute (MELTA)

On February 5, 2014, three administrators of the Finnish Forest Research Institute (MELTA), Finland, led by Mr. Jari Parviainen, Director, accompanied by Assistant Professor Dr. Damrong Pipatwattanakul, Faculty of Forestry had a discussion with Associate Professor Dr. Poonpipope Kasemsap, Vice President for International Relations; Associate Professor Dr. Siree Chaiseri, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Mr. Somsakdi Tabtimthong, Director, International Affairs Division during their visit to Kasetsart University. Their points of discussion focused on the mutual cooperation in the fields of Forestry Inventory, Sustainable Forest Management, Forest Certification, Bioenergy, and Wellbeing & Forest. Both sides agreed to initiate research capacity building activities such as mobility of academic staff and scientists (4 - 6 months or 1 year) for post-doctoral research, student research internship. These would cover the particular areas of cooperation namely Forestry, Agriculture, Agro-Industry and Engineering. All three administrators of MELTA were also invited by Faculty of Forestry, Kasetsart University to participate in the seminar entitled "Thai-Finnish Forest Management for Wellbeing of People" organized by the Faculty during February 4 - 10, 2014.



Courtesy Call from Kookmin University

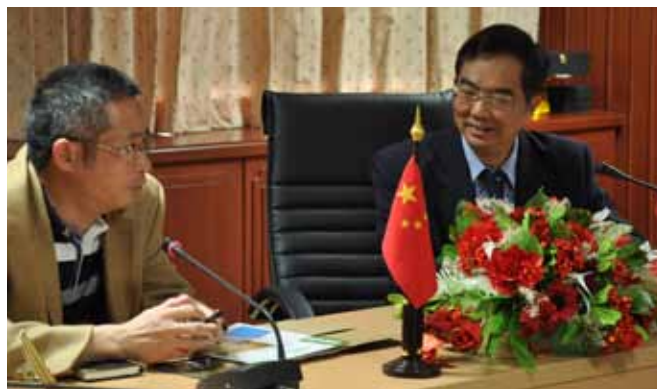


On February 11, 2014, at the Meeting Room No. 6, the 2nd Floor, Kasetsart Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center, Professor and students from Kookmin University, Korea, accompanied by Assistant Professor Dr. Somnuk Keretho, Faculty of Engineering, paid a courtesy call upon Associate Professor Dr. Siree Chaiseri, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Associate Professor Dr. Poonpipope Kasemsap, Vice President for International Relations. The students and their professor came to Thailand to participate in the activities under the International Undergraduate Program (IUP), Faculty of Engineering. They also took one academic course at Department of Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering. On this occasion, both Vice Presidents welcomed all of them with warmth and hospitality before providing advice and guidance to them for participation in international activities.



KU-Brazil Cooperation

On February 13, 2014, Mr. Pitchayaphant Charnbhumidol, Acting Ambassador, the Royal Thai Embassy in Brasilia, Brazil, paid a visit to Kasetsart University for the purposes of promoting international relations and cooperation between Thailand and Brazil particularly in higher education and research. On this occasion, the administrators comprising Associate Professor Dr. Siree Chaiseri, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Associate Professor Dr. Poonpipope Kasemsap, Vice President for International Relations; Associate Professor Dr. Thanya Kiatiwat, Dean, Faculty of Engineering; and Mr. Somsakdi Tabtimthong, Director, International Affairs Division extended a very warm welcome and had a discussion with him about the interesting issues of academic cooperation. Based on the discussion, Mr. Pitchayaphant Charnbhumidol had gained insight into international strategy and goal of Kasetsart University, and been willing to facilitate future cooperation between Kasetsart University and the leading universities in Brazil. At present, Universidade de São Paulo has been an important partner of Kasetsart University while Federal University of Santa Maria is getting involved with Kasetsart University in such academic activities as exchange of students and faculty members, joint research projects, conferences and workshops. Mr. Pitchayaphant Charnbhumidol also had a light conversation with Associate Professor Dr. Klanarong Sriroth, whose main research involved such potential energy crops as sugar cane and cassava.



Administrators of Guangdong Academy Agricultural Sciences (GDAAS) Visited KU

On February 20, 2014 Associate Professor Dr. Poonpipope Kasemsap, Vice President for International Relations together with Associate Professor Dr. Sornprach Thanisawanyangkura, Vice-President for Research and other administrators warmly welcomed Professor Dr. Yi Ganjun, Vice President and officials of Guangdong Academy Agricultural Sciences (GDAAS), China, whom paid a visit to Kasetsart University. The main objective of their visit was to discuss the initiation of academic cooperation between the two institutions particularly in Research Network. Guangdong Academy Agricultural Sciences (GDAAS) suggested such interesting activities as Researchers Offer Scholarship (Post - doctoral), by supporting 400,000 Baht / person / year; cooperative research in the field of hand-foot-mouth disease vaccines; and visiting researchers focusing on bananas. KU proposed lychee varieties grown in Thailand, and collaboration with Kamphaengsaen Campus of Kasetsart University on value added properties of plant breeding such as pumpkin. Dr. Robert J. Holmer also proposed AARNET to join the network of China - ASEAN Agricultural Scientific Network (CASSN).

Value Chain Development & Market Linkages

The International Center for Development Communication (ICDC), Extension and Training Office, Kasetsart University conducted the course "Value Chain Development and Market Linkages" on January 27 - 31, 2014. The course was participated by twenty Project Management Officers of the concerned stakeholder organizations of the High Value Agricultural Project (HVAP) in Hill and Mountain Areas covering ten districts of mid and far western region of Nepal. This one week course was evaluated by the participants and the organizers as a successful training.



1. Group Photo of the Nepali participants with the ETO Deputy Director, Mr. Kittu Simsiriwong; ICDC Director, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cappia Taqueban; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Saroj Aungsumalin (Facilitator); Assoc. Prof. Dr. Boonsong Kosa, ICDC Consultant, and ICDC Staff
2. Participants gave a token to the main facilitator, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Saroj Aungsumalin
3. Field Trip at Kong Luang Coop., Pathumthani Province
4. Visit to Watyansangwararam Farmers Training Center, Chonburi

The 9th University Administrators Workshop

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in association with Kyoto University and Chulalongkorn University hosted the 9th University Administrators Workshop during the period of January 23-24, 2014. In this workshop, two representatives of Kasetsart University, namely, Associate Professor Dr.Mungkorn Rodprapakorn, Deputy Director, Office of the Registrar, and Mr.Somsakdi Tabtimthong, Director, International Affairs Division, had shared their ideas and experiences with more than 70 participants from universities worldwide.

The event was divided into ten sessions with topics as follows:

Session 1 and 2: Student Housing and Campus Residential Life

These two sessions were emphasized on the essence of the International Houses and the Dormitories for foreign students and to other relevant services which will allow international students to spend their time happily in the campus and learn more about cultural diversity.

Session 3: Counseling Support for International Students

Each university should have a unit to be responsible for providing assistance to foreign students since they arrive in the campus for their adaptation towards the new society and culture. Several activities should be offered such as Campus Tour, Visa Extension, Health Insurance as well as International Environment and Atmosphere.

Session 4, 5, 6, and 7: Student Integration Initiative on Campus

These four sessions were devoted to the improvement of local students on internationalization. Local students need to go abroad so as to augment their international experience and universities should assist their students throughout several programs such as Student Exchange Programs, and Study Abroad Programs. Besides, both the Pre-Departure Orientation

should be offered to prepare students before going abroad in various issues, especially, Cross Culture while the Re-Entry Training Programs should be hosted after their trips abroad.

Session 8: The Needs of International Students and the International Student Offices

International Students should be a source of revenue of Universities since education is a service with high competition, therefore, universities should have a unit to take good care of foreign students as customers.

Session 9: University Support in Student Integration Initiatives

The integration of local and non-local students should be taken into account since they are students of specific universities. Universities should host activities that can lead to integrations of students such as an International Day. Besides, if possible, the International Student Club or the International Student Organization should be established to act as a bridge between universities and students or local students and foreign students.

Session 10: Creating Partnership in support of Student Integration

International network should be initiated to link students together by using various information technologies as friends, and network will be essential for their future. Moreover, there should be a unit to maintain this tie and linkage from batch to batch and from generation to generation.

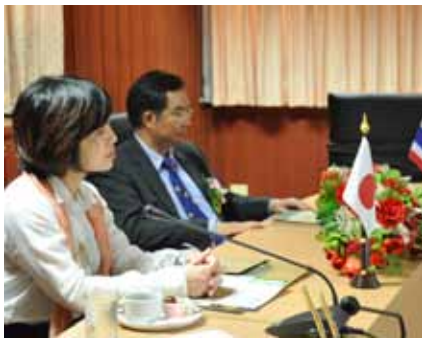
This two-day workshop seemed very short; nevertheless, plenty of time was for the discussion on their experience on those issues. Obviously, some examples should be applied to our works in the university for the benefit of local and foreign students as well as the university and the country as a whole.



Visitors & Activities

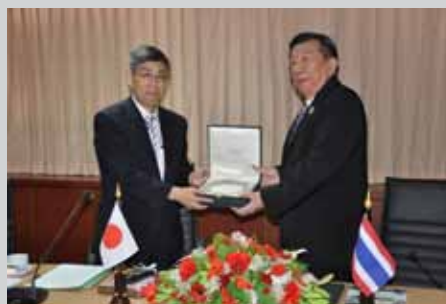
MAFF Initiative Promoting HRD in Food

On February 25, 2014, Assistant Professor Dr.Tanaboon Sajjaanantakul, Dean, Faculty of Ago-Industry, introduced Ms. Akiko NAGANO, Deputy Director for International Affairs, Seed Industry Office, New Business and Intellectual Property Division, Food Industry Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan, and an official from the Embassy of Japan in Bangkok, to meet Associate Professor Dr.Poonpipope Kasemsap, Vice President for International Relations and Mr.Somsakdi Tabtimthong, Director, International Affairs Division, during their official visit to Kasetsart University. Since Assistant Professor Dr.Tanaboon Sajjaanantakul was designated as the university representative to do a presentation on Country Report in the Symposium on "Human Resource Development in Food-Related Area through Partnership with ASEAN Universities" held by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Japan, during January 21 - 22, 2014, in Jakarta, Indonesia. The said symposium was to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of ASEAN - Japan diplomatic relations, and to promote the academia-industry collaboration public.



New Academic Partnership with Shujitsu University

On March 4, 2014, at the Meeting Room No.9, the 2nd Floor, the Kasetsart Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center, Associate Professor Vudtechai Kapilakarnchana, President, Kasetsart University, Assoc.Prof.Dr.Sombat Chinawong, Vice President for Kamphaengsaen Campus, and administrators warmly welcomed Dr.Kyozo Chiba, Chairman, Board of the Directors of the Shujitsu School Corporation and Dr.Hideo Inaba, President from Shujitsu University, Japan. The main objective of this visit was to discuss about academic cooperation between the two universities after the Memorandum of Understanding was signed in November 2013. Both universities plan to initiate a new Student Exchange Program based on the Credit Transfer Scheme. One alternative is that a special course will be offered to allow both Japanese and Thai Students to join. The students will be studying together for 2 weeks in Thailand and for 2 weeks in Japan. Credits earned will be transferred to each home university. Besides, if this program is successful, the 2nd phase will be focused on the 1-2 Semester Student Exchange Program.



Visitors & Activities

The Visit of the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire

On February 25, 2014, Mr. Vallop Manathanya, Honorary Consul, the Consulate of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, paid a visit to Kasetsart University for the purpose of discussion about the cooperation between Thailand and the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire. On this occasion, the administrators comprising Assoc.Prof.Dr.Poonpipope Kasemsap, Vice President for International Relations, Assoc.Prof.Dr.Wiboon Chongrattanateekul, Assistant to the President for International Affairs, Asst.Prof.Dr.Supanni Chantkran,

Assistant to the President for International Affairs, and Mr.Somsakdi Tabtimthong, Director, International Affairs Division extended a very warm welcome and had a discussion with him about academic cooperation. Based on the discussion, Kasetsart University expressed her strong intention to work with the Government and universities in Cote d'Ivoire in terms of Human Capital Developments since the University had experiences in working with several countries in Africa. A case in this point is that more than 65 Ethiopians graduated from Kasetsart University. Besides, various training programs in agriculture and fisheries are conducted annually upon requests of the Governments of respective countries in that region. After the meeting, Mr. Vallop Manathanya, Honorary Consul would report this to the Government of Cote d'Ivoire. It is expected that many initiatives will be launched on in the coming Academic Year 2015.



Collaboration with Aoyama Gakuin University



On March 5, 2014, Mr.Takuo HASEGAWA, Managing Director and Ms.Panwipa Puapongsakorn, General Manager, Lighthouse info Service Co.,Ltd. from Aoyama Gakuin University met with Mr.Somsakdi Tabtimthong, Director of International Affairs Division. The discussion at the meeting focused on the Student Mobility Programs which will be started in April 2015 to July 2015. Besides, Aoyama Gakuin University plans to establish a new faculty in social sciences in April 2015. This new faculty will focus on Asian Studies. On this occasion, the Director of International Affairs Division explained about the policy of Kasetsart University on the Student Mobility that Kasetsart University has experienced to work with partners worldwide such as the Study Visit, and the Credit Transfer System. Upon their discussion, Lighthouse info Service Co.,Ltd would be responsible for the contact with Aoyama Gakuin for further details next time.

International Graduate Student Orientation Day for International Graduate Students Registered in the 2013 Academic Year



On February 20, 2014, the Graduate School held an International Graduate Student Orientation Day for international graduate students from the Academic Year 2013, at meeting room 1, 7th floor, the Graduate School Building. International students of various nationalities: American, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Indonesian, Japanese, Lao, and Vietnamese, along with Dr. Sunanta Thongpat, Deputy Director of Boromarajonani College of Nursing, Nopparat

Vajira; administrative teams; and the Graduate School staff, attended the orientation.

Associate Professor Dr. Gunjana Theeragool, the Dean of the Graduate School, opened the orientation and warmly welcomed all participants. The Dean then made a presentation on "Academic Regulations of Graduate Studies and Preparation for the ASEAN Community". After that, the Dean allowed all participants to ask questions about any issues which were of concern to them. Finally, the Dean let international students exchange cultural information about their respective countries.

Following on from this, international students were invited to participate in a tour of various sections of the Graduate School. They were introduced to the service counter; the queue system; the financial counter; the counter staff satisfaction box; diverse types of request forms; and other areas of the Graduate School Building which are important for their graduate studies.

ComAcross Regional Project

In the framework of the "One Health in Asia" EUROPAID Grant, Kasetsart University and her partners namely Cirad, the Pasteur Institute in Cambodia, the National University of Laos and the University of Oxford (LOMWRUO) are implementing the Companion Approach for Cross-sectoral Collaboration in Health Risks Management in SEA" or shortly known as "ComAcross" Project. On March 6, 2014, all project partners were invited by Kasetsart University to the first information meeting, held at the Meeting Room No. 9, the 2nd Floor, Kasetsart Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center. The meeting's objectives were to provide necessary information about the ComAcross EUROPAID Project, to have a discussion about the action plan, and to explore pathways for future collaborations.

