The International Affairs Division or IAD participated in the International Food Fair 2016, hosted by the International Studies Center (ISC), Office of the Registrar, Kasetsart University. The festival took place on 2 September 2016 at the activity plaza in front of the Rapee Sagarik Building, KU Bangkhen Campus. It has evolved to be one of the biggest and most anticipated events on campus each year. KU International students presented their own tables of food from around the world and also performed on stage with songs, dance, games, fashion and instruments. It is a great way to represent their countries and cultures and make friends along the way.
NPUST: A Deep Bond of Friendship

On 6 September 2016, Dr. Chongrank WACHRINRAT, Acting President of Kasetsart University, and faculty members warmly welcomed Professor Dr. Chang-Hsien TAI, President of National Pintung University (NPUST), Taiwan, Mrs. Lu TAI, his spouse, and Professor Dr. Vincent Ru-Chu SHIH, Acting Dean and Deputy Dean of the Office of International Affairs, NPUST, at Meeting Room 9, at the Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center.

Both universities discussed the possibilities for academic collaboration in various subject areas, namely smart agriculture, animal vaccines, ornamental fish, pet treatment, Chinese, and Thai. Afterwards, Associate Professor Dr. Tanu PINYOPUMMINTR, Vice Dean for International Affairs, at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine led the NPUST representatives to visit Kasetsart University Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Continued Collaboration with Champasack University, Laos

On 19 September 2016, Kasetsart University, led by Dr. Chongrank WACHRINRAT, Acting President -visited, signed an MOU, and had a laboratory tour at the Institute of Metal Research (IMR), at the Chinese Academy of Science (CAS) in Shenyang, P.R. China. Prof. Yang RUI-Director of IMR, Dr. Shuyan LI-International Cooperation Office Director, Prof. Ke WEI, and Professor Jun-Hua DONG warmly welcomed the delegation.

The members of the Kasetsart University delegation included Dr. Chongrank WACHRINRAT-Acting President; Vice-Admiral Professor Emeritus Nirut HONGPRASIT-Dean of the Faculty of International Maritime Studies; two faculty members from the Faculty of International Maritime Studies-Assistant Professor Dr. Yodchai TIAPLE (Vice Dean for Innovations) and Dr. Thee CHOWWANONT-HAPUNYA; and Associate Professor Dr. Chamaipak TAVJASANANT-Acting Director of the International Affairs Division.

On 22 September 2016, the Kasetsart University delegation paid an official visit to the University of Science and Technology Beijing (USTB) in Beijing, where the idea of entering into an MOU was also discussed with Professor Dr. Kanjun GOU-Director of the International Office, Professor Dr. Li XIAOGANG, and Professor. Dr Dawei ZHANG.

Singing an MOU with the Institute of Metal Research and the Visit to USTB, China

On 16 September 2016, at the Kamphol Adulavidhaya Conference Room, on the 2nd Floor of Kasetsart Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center, Kasetsart University, Associate Professor Dr. Viroch IMPITHUKSA, Chairman of the KU Council, Dr. Chongrank WACHRINRAT, Acting President of Kasetsart University along with the university administrators and faculty members of Kasetsart University joined to welcome H.E. Mr. Ly BOUNKHAM, Ambassador of Laos PDR to Thailand along with Dr. Sikhamtath MITARAY, the former President of Champasack University and Dr. Bounmy PHONESAVANH, Rector of Champasack University, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, who paid a visit to Kasetsart University to participate in the signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Champasack University and Kasetsart University, after their initial MOU had expired. Furthermore, the meeting established potential future collaboration. Champasack University is very interested in the Master of Science - Tropical Forestry program, the Master’s degree in Business Administration, and other disciplines to be taught at Champasack University. In addition, research and training will be developed between the two universities.
Prospective Joint Doctoral Degree Program between JAAS & KU

On 6 September 2016, Dr. Chongrak WACHRINRAT, Acting President of Kasetsart University, extended a warm welcome to five delegates from the Jiangsu Academy of Agricultural Sciences (JAAS), an agricultural research institution in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China, led by JAAS President Prof. Zhongyi Yi.

JAAS has worked closely with the Faculty of Agriculture, Kasetsart University, at Kamphaeng Saen Campus. The discussion covered possibilities for academic collaboration in agricultural science, particularly with regard to JAAS’s interest in entering into a MOU with Kasetsart University as well as setting up a joint doctoral program with the Faculty of Agriculture, at Kamphaeng Saen Campus.

Cooperation with Hiroshima University, Japan, through AIMS

On 8 September 2016, at Conference Room 6, at the Kasetsart Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center, Kasetsart University, Assistant Professor Dr. Buncha CHINNASRI, Acting Assistant to the President along with faculty members from the Faculty of Agriculture and the Faculty of Fisheries welcomed a delegation from Hiroshima University, Japan - Associate Professor Dr. Taiji HATTO, Vice Executive (Deputy Vice-President) of International Affairs; and the key Coordinator of the Exchange student program under the so-called AIMS-HU; the ASEAN International Mobility for students and Hiroshima University Programme.

At the meeting, Dr. Hatto affirmed the continuation of AIMS-HU with Kasetsart University even though the Japanese government will stop funding the project in 2017. The continuation of the AIMS-HU exchange will successfully carry on, improve and be more flexible in the future.

The meeting also discussed the PEACE Program offered particularly to Kasetsart University in various disciplines for both undergraduate and graduate students. Kasetsart University’s students have been offered the opportunity to join this PEACE project. Furthermore, the following issues were discussed at the meeting:

1. Developing regular student exchanges apart from AIMS-HU.
2. Renewing MOUs between Kasetsart University and Hiroshima University.
3. Following up on the activities and lives of Japanese exchange students at Kasetsart University.

At the end of the meeting, Dr. Hatto met the KU exchange students who are traveling to Hiroshima University this month as a part of AIMS-HU.

Welcoming Faculty Members and Students from the University of Miyazaki

On 15 September 2016, at the President’s Conference Room, Office of the President, 2nd Floor of Kasetsart Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center, Dr. Chongrak WACHRINRAT, Acting President of Kasetsart University along with the administrators and faculty members, warmly welcomed the delegation from Miyazaki University, Japan. The visiting delegation consisted of 2 members, including Professor Dr. Takashi YUASA and Associate Professor Dr. Chitose HONSHO, Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Miyazaki.

On this occasion, the delegation brought over 12 students from the Miyazaki Student Internship Program 2016 from the University of Miyazaki to make a courtesy call on the executives of Kasetsart University as well as to exchange cultural and academic knowledge at Kasetsart University. The students were first year students at the Faculty of Agriculture. During the meeting, both universities discussed the various aspects of international collaboration particularly the Student Exchange Program as a part of the MOU signed by the two institutions. On this occasion, the faculty members and students from the University of Miyazaki had a campus tour at Kasetsart University Bang Khen, including the main KU library. They then visited the Faculty of Agriculture at Kamphaeng Saen campus.
KU Welcomed Mr. Arie VELDHUIZEN, Agricultural Counsellor

On 8 September 2016, at Conference Room 9, Kasetsart Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center, Kasetsart University, Associate Professor Dr. Siree CHAISERI, Acting Vice President for Research along with university administrators and faculty members of Kasetsart University welcomed Mr. Arie VELDHUIZEN, Agricultural Counsellor, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Bangkok to discuss and follow-up on the progress report of KU’s delegation after their trip to the Netherlands between 28 August and 4 September 2016. The visit of Wageningen University and Research Center to Kasetsart University during 13-14 October 2016 was also planned.

Recently, the KU delegation consisting of representatives from the Faculty of Agriculture, the Faculty of Engineering, the Faculty of Economics and the Faculty of Agro-Industry paid an official visit to four universities in the Netherlands including Wageningen University and Research Center (UR), Delft University of Technology (TU Delft), the University of Twente, and HAS University of Applied Science.

The visits were very successful in terms of negotiations that covered technical cooperation in several aspects including a sustainable and continuous relationship as well as looking forward to opportunities to establish and develop other Memoranda of Understanding between Kasetsart University and the four universities in the Netherlands. The discussion focused on the continuation of all ongoing activities and expected future collaboration projects to happen for example: student and staff exchanges, joint degree programs, joint research programs, etc.

On this occasion, Mr. Arie VELDHUIZEN, Agricultural Counsellor at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands congratulated Kasetsart University for the achievements and results of the visit and looked forward to seeing closer relationships between the academic institutions of the two countries in the near future.

A Special Presentation of the Award-Winning Documentary-Watermark

On 16 September 2016, at Thira Sutabutra Conference Room, Kasetsart Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center, Kasetsart University, Assistant Professor Dr. Buncha CHINNASRI, Acting Assistant to the President welcomed the delegation from the Embassy of Canada in Thailand led by Ms. Ayesha REKHI, Counsellor (Political & Economic Affairs), who paid a visit to KU for the purpose of promoting a documentary film: Watermark. The film brings together diverse stories from around the globe about our relationship with water: how we are drawn to it, what we learn from it, how we use it and the consequences of that use in the context of climate change.

Following the documentary, there was a panel discussion on the issue of “Climate Change and Managing our relationship with Water” with local intellectuals including Associate Professor Dr. Bancha KWANYUEN, Department of Irrigation Engineering, Faculty of Engineering; Mr. Jaray THONGDUANG, Director of Hydrology Division, Royal Irrigation Department; and Assistant Professor Dr. Sompratana RITPHRING, Department of Water Resources Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Kasetsart University. The discussion was moderated by Ms. Ayesha REKHI, Counsellor (Political & Economic Affairs), the Embassy of Canada.

A Short Course in Food Metabolism

The Faculty of Agro-Industry, Kasetsart University in cooperation with the Food Security Center (FSC) at the University of Hohenheim, Germany organized a short course in food metabolism as a part of 01052543 Nutrition in Food Science by Professor Dr. Soon-mi SHIM, Sejong University, South Korea. Students participated in field trips and lectures.

The full program took place between 12 and 16 September, 2016 in room 2204, at the Faculty of Agro-Industry, Kasetsart University.
Faculty of Humanities, KU Accepted Exchange Students from Yogyakarta State University

On 12 September 2016, Associate Professor Dr. Chamaipak TAYJASANANT, Acting Assistant to the President and Acting Director of the International Affairs Division, cordially welcomed Ms. Nuning Catur Sri WILUJENG, Program Coordinator along with ten students from the Faculty of Languages and Arts, Yogyakarta State University (YSU), Indonesia, for academic discussions on curriculum development and academic activities with the Faculty of Humanities. The visit also included a library visit and a field trip at the Kasetsart University campus and the surrounding area.

Yogyakarta State University has notable academic achievements in the fields of education and literature. In the academic year 2016, the university sent two students to KU to study at the Department of Foreign Languages, Faculty of Humanities for one semester. In addition, Yogyakarta State University is scheduled to host the Annual International Conference on Literature in 2017. YSU has planned to invite the professors from the Faculty of Humanities, Kasetsart University to attend as speakers at this upcoming conference.

Presentation Course and General English Speaking Course

The programs aimed at improving English communicative skills of KU personnel and students to compete in the AEC context. A total of 44 participants were involved, including 12 students and 32 personnel. The English courses were scheduled during July - September, 2016 at the conference room 712, located on the 7th floor of Agro-Industry Building 3 and at the conference room 204, located on the 2nd Floor; the Central Laboratory Building, Kasetsart University.

Two Seminars at the Faculty of Agriculture: “European Common Agricultural Policy” and “Climate Change Policy and Food Security”

On 20 September 2016, in room 303, at the Vachiranusorn Building, Faculty of Agriculture, Kasetsart University, Bangkhen Campus Bangkok, in cooperation with the Food Security Center (FSC) at the University of Hohenheim, Germany, an academic seminar entitled “Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), Cross Compliance (CC) and Rural Development Policy of the European Union (RDP)” was presented by Professor Dr. Reinhard DOLUSCHITZ, Institute of Farm Management, University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany. A distinguished guest speaker who shared his knowledge and answered questions from interested participants on the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union.

Then, there was a panel discussion on “Climate Change Policy and Food Security” by Assistant Professor Dr. Witsanu ATTAWANICHT, Deputy Director of Academic Affairs, Center for Applied Economics Research, Faculty of Economics, Kasetsart University; Assistant Professor Dr. Warapa MAHAKARNCHANAKUL, Department of Packaging and Materials, Faculty of Agro-Industry; and Dr. Akarapon HOUBCHARAUN, Bureau of Agricultural Economics Research, Office of Agricultural Economics. The discussion was moderated by the FSC Regional Coordinator, Associate Professor Dr. Wiboon CHONGGRATTANAMETEEKUL, Department of Entomology, Faculty of Agriculture. The main objective was to create awareness and to generate opinions as well as to make policy suggestions to present to the public and relevant authorities.
Sensei Yuen

The NonSee Team has been invited to take part in a seminar about "Media and Information Literacy for a Digital KU" at the office of Computer Services as a part of the development project of Kasetsart University to become a digital university.

The keynote speaker, Associate Professor Dr. Yuen POOVORAWAN or Sensei Yuen (sensei, "teacher; elder"), was our special guest. It was a pleasure and honor to meet Sensei Yuen.

Associate Professor Dr. Yuen POOVORAWAN graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electrical Engineering from Chulalongkorn University in 1972, and completed master’s degrees in Electrical Engineering at Chulalongkorn University, and in Industrial Engineering at the Asian Institute of Technology, in 1974. Dr. Yuen began working as an instructor in the Department of Computer Engineering, and was the Director of the Office of Computer Services, and the Vice President for Information Technology until his retirement from Kasetsart University. In recognition of his work, he also received the National Research Council Award for innovation in 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990 and 1992.

The National Research Council of Thailand granted him the Outstanding Researcher Award in physical sciences and mathematics in 1996, and he has been Thailand’s coordinator for the International Olympiad in Informatics since 1991. He also provides honorary consultative services to other organizations. He is the author of over sixty computer-related textbooks, many research papers on information technology and he has worked on the development of natural language processing for the Thai language.

Sensei Yuen currently works as a consultant for many organizations and has been invited to give a talk by the organizers to educate children and youth, and he has continued with his writings. His hobby is cultivating plants on his farm in Nakhon Pathom province and he enjoys adding to his personal photo collection of flowers and trees during his lecture trips.

NONSEE: Hello Sensei Yuen, How are you?
What is the conclusion of the content of today’s lecture?

SENSEIYUEN: Hello. Today’s lecture is on Media and Information Literacy for Digital KU, part of a project organized by the Office of Computer Services. It is accepted that the context and environment related to KU has changed very drastically. In these ways we need to update and modernize our university especially in regard to the use of digital technologies to support both teaching and research.

The government is reforming Thailand’s Economic Model toward Thailand 4.0 and focuses on a “Value-Based Economy” through innovation and out-of-the-box thinking; by focusing on industrial technology. The Big Plan lists five technological and industrial groups that can help boost the country towards a new status: food, agriculture and bio-tech; health, wellness and bio-medical; smart devices, robotics and mechatronics; digital, Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence and embedded technology; and creative, cultural and high-value services and in all matters related to the development of digital innovation so that we can stand on our own feet. The main strategy, therefore, includes the use of digital economy and society development; a move towards an innovative, smart economy. The important thing is to lay the groundwork for the development of digital knowledge in all age groups. Digital Literacy Media and Information Literacy development must be carried out at all levels of the organization. Kasetsart University, therefore, should employ a digital KU strategy to propel the education system. One important goal is to lay the foundation for literacy in the community and society. Digital literacy skills include media literacy, information literacy, information visibility, communications and collaboration, career & identity management, ICT literacy, learning skills, and digital scholarship.

Media literacy means knowing how to create media, differentiate media and use media for communication.

Information literacy means having the skills to find, assess, interpret, manage, and distribute information, and to utilize information technology to learn more and faster.

Information visibility means using information technology for searching and learning.

Communications and collaboration means having skills in using technology for communication in order to work together; using online systems to enhance the communication.

Career & Identity management means having the ability to manage information to create benefits from the use of information and self-management to perceive and manage risk.

ICT literacy means understanding the use of ICT equipment with morality, ethical responsibility and efficiency.

Learning skills means identifying value creation from learning. This makes learning new things faster.

Digital scholarship means having skills to learn from digital educational services and media sources, and to produce digital research works.
Overall, it is about reading and writing Digital Media and Information, the safety and benefits that derive from media, creating media to share, understanding the changing world, and living with technology. Digital literacy is important to help to prepare the population of Thailand to be ready for life changes in modern society.

**NONSEE: Please tell us about your book entitled “From Nature to Nurture.” This book is entirely different from your other textbooks. The book is interesting in showing examples of the use of modern technology to create life balance in a digital world. What inspires you to write?**

**SENSEI YUEN:** I can recall a time when my children were young and studying overseas. We kept in touch through email. Written communication involves prepared and well-intended messages, and at the same time, creates interesting stories. When raising children, teaching them directly usually doesn’t work, so I was always taught them with writing. We shared stories and I let them figure some things out for themselves. Especially for a father-daughter relationship, writing is the best way. I focused on stories associated with nature in everyday life. We do not need to teach them directly because the kids can think, understand, and analyze what is around like gardening and planting trees. I observed changes and often have questions; I study and I find answers.

Everything around is like a classroom and learning is endless. Our communication via email helped them generate their worthy thinking. At the same time, I had the opportunity to acquire new ideas from them as well. Originally, I had not intended to collate it into a booklet until I had talked to the editor, but it became one of the company’s productions about the impact of modern technology on children today. I told the publisher how I used email to accompany me to the KU youth camps every year. Later, he learned and began to organize the camps for his high school and has done so continuously. Most importantly, he eventually developed his own style and accompanied me to the KU youth camps every year. Later, he learned and began to organize the camps for his high school and has done so continuously. Most importantly, he eventually developed his own style and keeps improving and moving forward. The organisation has now become Cubic Creative (http://cubiccreative.org/). This is an organization that wants to help kids develop their education with various active learning activities by using different formats. We want to help kids develop and to demonstrate their problem-solving skills in their day-to-day lives by using technology. Today’s educational development for subsequent generations has to focus on tomorrow’s skills, so they can create benefits for the nation in the future. In all camps events, there is diversity in learning ranging from structural engineering projects, games, and problem solving games which focus on fun. Cubic Creative’s slogan is “FUN is the most powerful way to learn”. Camp participants appreciate the fun and they will cherish and remember it forever. Personally, I am a consultant, providing concepts and recommendations in order to coordinate and design educational activities. However, the Cubic Creative team operates all activities by itself because they can relate to the children and have great skill in creating fun activities.

In October, 2016 Sensei Yuen will receive the Degree Doctor of Philosophy (Computer Engineering) honoris causa. It is another major reward and achievement to add to his portfolio of hard work. The NonSee team and its international network would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Associate Professor Dr. Yuen POOVORAWAN.
Training Workshop on “Product Development for Enhancing Food Security and Nutrition”

The Faculty of Agro-Industry, Kasetsart University in cooperation with the Food Security Center (FSC) at the University of Hohenheim, Germany organized training workshops in Product Development for Enhancing Food Security and Nutrition Security with Associate Professor Dr. Noranizan Mohd ADZAHAN, Universiti Putra Malaysia. The workshops consisted of lectures, student presentations, discussions, and other group activities. The full program took place on 8-9 September 2016, at room 2204, the Faculty of Agro-Industry at Kasetsart University.

The President of Western Michigan University Visit KU

On 23 September 2016, in Conference Room 9, Kasetsart Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center, Kasetsart University, Dr. Chongrak WACHIRINRAT, Acting President of Kasetsart University along with faculty members from the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Education and Development Sciences, Kamphaeng Saen Campus met to welcome Dr. John M. DONN, President of Western Michigan University and Dr. Wolfgang SCHLÖR, Associate Provost for the university’s Haenicke Institute for Global Education, Western Michigan University, who paid a courtesy visit to Kasetsart University to discuss the possibility to develop academic and educational cooperation between the two universities, which includes a Faculty and Research Exchange Program, particularly in the fields of Early Childhood Education, Special Education, Educational Leadership and Educational Technology, English language programs, short-term exchange and internships at various levels, and Joint Degree 3 + 1 + 1 and 4 + 1. In summary, there is also the possibility that the two institutions will initiate cooperation such as agreements and a Memorandum of Understanding in the near future.

Campus France Tour 2016 “Studies in France and Scholarships”

On 26 September 2016, at the Ruang Khao Grand Conference Room, Vajiranusorn Building, Faculty of Agriculture, Kasetsart University, Bangkok Campus, the International Affairs Division or (IAD) organized a special keynote lecture on the topic of Higher Education and Scholarship Opportunities to study in France. On this occasion, Associate Professor Dr. Sornprach THANISAWANYANGKURA, the Acting Vice President Planning and Development presided over the opening ceremony and welcomed the speaker team, which included the following:

1. Mr. Stéphane ROY, Attaché for Scientific and Higher Education Cooperation, French Embassy in Thailand
2. Miss Pauline TURGIS, Head, Campus France Thailand
3. Mr. Pholawat KUNTHAPROM, France Educational Consultant, Campus France Thailand

Campus France Thailand is a service provided by the French Embassy in Thailand to promote French higher education system to students and education stakeholders in Thailand. The agency has been helping Thai students to identify suitable programs, find the right institution and prepare their applications. Campus France Thailand is in charge of the promotion of French higher education in the country in various forms of services including the following:

- Overseas Higher Educational Consultants for study abroad in France.
- In collaboration with the Office of the Civil Service Commission (OCSC) organizing Study Abroad Fairs.
- Seminars between prospective students and representatives from the Institute of Education in France.
- Conferences for prospective students and French Alumni.

During the lecture, the speakers provided a lot of significant information to the audience. The French government promotes and encourages all students around the world to study in their country as well as providing fantastic learning opportunities and avenues for the students to obtain good educational resources along with financial aid and scholarships. With support from the government, the study fees in higher education institutions are reasonable as well as offering many special privileges for students to live comfortably even with the small budget.

In summary, there are many programs offered in English and more than 700 scholarship funds for those who are interested in taking the opportunities that await them such as the Erasmus Mundus Scholarship Program, the Eiffel Scholarship Program (Master/PhD), the Franco-Thai Scholarship Program (Master/PhD) and the Junior Research Fellowship Program (Postdoctoral Research). For more information, students can check it out at http://www.thailande.campusfrance.org.