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On 30 October 2017, at meeting room 9 on the 2nd floor of the Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center Building at Kasetsart University, Dr. Chongrak WACHRINRAT, Acting President of Kasetsart University along with university administrators including Associate Professor Dr. Peerayuth CHARNSETHIKUL, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering; Associate Professor Dr. Chawalit KITTICHAIKARN, Director of International Undergraduate Program (IUP), Faculty of Engineering; Assistant Professor Dr. Patamaporn SRIPADUNGTHAM, Deputy Dean for International Affairs, Faculty of Engineering; Assistant Professor Dr. Aphichart RODCHANAROWAN, Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering; Dr. Naraphorn PAOPRASERT, Department of Industrial Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Assistant Professor Dr. Donludee JAISUT, Deputy Dean for International Affairs, Faculty of Agriculture, welcomed three delegates from Newcastle University, United Kingdom, namely Dr. Stuart EDWARDS, Dean of the Faculty of Science, Agriculture and Engineering; Professor Matt BENTLEY, Head of Academic Operations for International Affairs, Faculty of Engineering; Assistant Professor Dr. Aphichart RODCHANAROWAN, Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering; Dr. Naraphorn PAOPRASERT, Department of Industrial Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Assistant Professor Dr. Donludee JAISUT, Deputy Dean for International Affairs, Faculty of Agriculture, to sign a renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kasetsart University with a view to enhancing many aspects in the future. The meeting discussed further academic collaboration between the two universities, such as the exchange of students, faculty members and researchers, and expanding the Program in English for International Communication to cover academic cooperation in other fields such as Agriculture, Engineering, Science and Business Administration. Moreover, the delegation from Newcastle University has expressed interest in the field of Sports Sciences with the possibility to establish cooperation with new joint activities in the near future.

Kasetsart University and Newcastle University, UK have enjoyed a good, long-term relationship since 2001.

KU welcomes a delegation from the Universitas Internasional Semen Indonesia (UISI), Indonesia

On 31 October 2017, at meeting room 9 on the 2nd floor of the Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center at Kasetsart University, Associate Professor Dr. Chamaipak TAYJASANANT, Acting Assistant to the President and Acting Director of the International Affairs Division, welcomed three delegates from Universitas Internasional Semen Indonesia (UISI), Indonesia namely Dr. Chabib BAHARI, Director for Green Campus and Infrastructure; Artya LATHIFAH, Head of the Office of International Affairs, and lecturer in the Logistics Engineering Department; and Paramita SETYANINGRUM, Head of Department, Agro-industry Technology on the occasion of visiting Kasetsart University to discuss and establish new collaboration between the universities.

The delegates from Universitas Internasional Semen Indonesia (UISI) are interested in academic cooperation with the Faculty of Agriculture and the Faculty of Agro-Industry at Kasetsart University, and also proposed discussions about student mobility, joint research, lecturer exchange particularly in agro-industry technology, and food technology in particular, the Halal Food Research Project in Indonesia.

KU welcomes Administrator from the University of Hong Kong

On 2 November 2017, at meeting room 9 in the Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center Building at Kasetsart University, Associate Professor Dr. Chamaipak TAYJASANANT, Acting Assistant to the President and Acting Director of the International Affairs Division, along with university lecturers and students welcomed Dr. Ben YOUNG, Associate Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Hong Kong on the occasion of visiting Kasetsart University.

The purpose of this visit was to publicize the graduate school of the University of Hong Kong by introducing the education system, the scholarships, and the lives of students in Hong Kong. Moreover, lecturers and students who are interested in this program were given the opportunity to ask Dr. Ben YOUNG for further information and guidance about graduate degrees at the University of Hong Kong.
KU welcomes a delegation from Nagoya University, Japan

On 16 November 2017, at meeting room 9 in the Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center Building at Kasetsart University, Associate Professor Dr. Chamaipak TAYJASANANT, Acting Assistant to the President and Acting Director of the International Affairs Division, along with university personnel welcomed Ms. Satomi Hattori, Chief of the Scholarship Support Section, Student Support Division along with 7 delegates who attended the Staff Training Program, namely Ms. Sawa KURAMOTO, Administrative staff, Medical Affairs Division; Ms. Mio KONDO, Administrative staff, Research Institute, Accounting Section; Ms. Mari YAMAMOTO, Chief of General Affairs Department; Mr. Yohei FUKUTA, Administrative Staff, Administration Office of Faculty of Education, Gifu University; Ms. Yurika YOSHIDA, Assistant Director, General Administration Department, Aichi Public University Cooperation; Ms. Katsuno ICHIKAWA, Section Chief, Research Promotion Department, Aichi University of Education and Assistant Professor Dr. Veeraya CHENCHITTIKUL, Nagoya University Bangkok Office on the occasion of visiting Kasetsart University.

The purpose of the visit was to discuss experience on different aspects of international management at Kasetsart University. For example, scholarships for international students, difficulties and obstacles inherent in joint degree programs and double degree programs, the quality and accessibility of ICTs by staff and students, and the university welfare services that are available to international students in terms of mental health, about which Kasetsart University and Nagoya University use similar coping methods for stress reduction with numerous types of activities such as KU Buddy, KU International Food Fair, and the bicycles for student project.

Faculty of Fisheries held the grand opening of the Sino-Thai Academic Center on Marine and Fishery Sciences

Kasetsart University recently established a high technology bicycle innovation in cooperation with the private sector called “Mobike”, which matches the students’ lifestyle.

Later, delegates from Nagoya University took a shuttle bus on a campus tour, and paid a visit to the Eco Library and all of the university’s landmarks. They then had lunch with university personnel and concluded the day’s events.

On 1 November 2017, Dr. Chongrak WACHRINRAT, Acting President, and Professor Yu ZHIGANG, President of the Ocean University of China, chaired the opening of the Sino-Thai Academic Center on Marine and Fishery Sciences, at Room No. 803, Boon Indrambaraya Building, Bangkhen campus, the Faculty of Fisheries, Kasetsart University.

The opening ceremony began in Room No. 303 with a report on the background of the Sino-Thai Academic Center by Associate Professor Dr. Shettapong MEKSUMPUN, Dean of the Faculty of Fisheries, Kasetsart University, followed by addresses by both presidents.

The most important part of the event was the unveiling of the plaque of the Sino-Thai Academic Center on Marine and Fishery Sciences before all of the participants proceeded to the 8th floor for the ribbon-cutting ceremony right in front of the Sino-Thai Academic Center, marking the end of the grand opening ceremony.
On 7-8 November 2017, Dr. Chongrak WACHRINRAT, Acting President, led six delegates from Kasetsart University to participate in academic activities in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. The delegation group included Asst. Prof. Dr. Sutkhet NAKASATHIEN, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture; Asst. Prof. Dr. Nikom LAMSAK, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry; Asst. Prof. Dr. Donludee JAISUT, Associate Dean for International Affairs, the Faculty of Agriculture; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chamaipak TAYJASANANT, Acting Director of the International Affairs Division; Asst. Prof. Dr. Sirinporn SINDHUWANICH, Head of the Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture at Kamphaeng Saen Campus; and Asst. Prof. Dr. Skorn KOONAWOTTRITRIRON from the Department of Animal Science at the Faculty of Agriculture.

The activities started on 7 November 2017, when the delegates met the President and faculty members of Yezin Agricultural University (YAU) to discuss the continuing project on animal science curriculum development and the needs of the Department of Animal Science at YAU. This project was initiated by Dr. Krissanopong KIRATIKARA (Chairman of Kasetsart University Council) and his team. Dr. Tin HTUT, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, also joined the meeting at YAU.

On 8 November 2017, Dr. Chongrak WACHRINRAT, Asst. Prof. Dr. Nikom LAMSAK, and Asst. Prof. Dr. Sutkhet NAKASATHIEN discussed future collaboration on research and development in forestry between Kasetsart University and the Yezin University as well as the Forest Research Institute at Yezin. Later from 12 noon - 16.30 hours, Kasetsart University in cooperation with the Center for Advanced Studies for Agriculture and Food (CASAF) organized a KU-Myanmar Alumni Reunion Lunch Reception at Thingaha Nay Pyi Taw Hotel for Kasetsart University alumni in Myanmar to obtain updated information from the Acting President and the two deans of Kasetsart University. Asst. Prof. Dr. Sutkhet NAKASATHIEN, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Director of CASAF also conducted a workshop on how alumni can work together with academic staff at Kasetsart University to develop agricultural research networks. The afternoon event ended with Dr. Chongrak WACHRINRAT’s final farewell to the alumni with a collaborative plan to establish a Kasetsart University Alumni Association in Myanmar in the near future.

On 9 November 2017, at meeting room 9 in the Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center Building at Kasetsart University, Assistant Professor Dr. Buncha CHINNASRI, Acting Assistant to the President; along with Assistant Professor Dr. Sasitorn TONGCHITPAKDEE, Deputy Dean for the International Affairs Division at the Faculty of Agro-Industry, and staff of the International Affairs Division, welcomed two delegates from Sarawak Convention Bureau in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia led by PHANG Su Ling, Crystal, Senior Business Development Executive and Elynnie Dominic Jan, Head of Research, on the occasion of a visit to introduce and promote the Sarawak Convention Bureau to the executives of Kasetsart University.

The meeting focused on establishing working collaboration and making connections for future collaboration between Sarawak and Kasetsart University. As such, the main purpose of visiting Kasetsart University was to introduce the bureau to lecturers and researchers from agriculture-related faculties, especially on how the delegation can support the university’s conferences hosted in Sarawak. The Sarawak Convention Bureau was established by the Malaysian State Government to promote Sarawak as a meeting destination by providing both in-kind and/or financial support to conference organizers to host regional or international conferences in Sarawak, Malaysia.

Hopefully, the discussion will enhance the relationship between the universities and create opportunities to cooperate in the future.
On 15 November 2017, at meeting room 6 in the Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center Building at Kasetsart University, Associate Professor Dr. Chamaipak TAYJASANANT, Acting Assistant to the President and Acting Director of the International Affairs Division, along with International Affairs Division personnel, warmly welcomed Dr. Maya SHOVITRI, Deputy for Administration and Mobility, International Office and 12 delegates from various departments such as Administration and Archiving, Learning Administration and Student Welfare, Employment Division, Non-Tax Income Budgeting and Finance Bureau on the occasion of visiting Kasetsart University.

The purpose of this visit was to exchange information on various aspects of management at Kasetsart University and the Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS). For example, to learn about the document delivery process at the university, budget management and allocation, archiving and library, human resources management, and international programs for international students etc. Associate Professor Dr. Chamaipak TAYJASANANT led the discussion, answered questions and shared some experiences with the delegation. The exchange of experience and information between the two universities on issues related to structure and management symbolize the close relationship between Kasetsart University and the Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS).

Previously, the Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS) conducted “ITS Inbound Staff Mobility Program 2017” which encouraged personnel from various universities of Thailand to join the program. Kasetsart University recently sent 3 staff to join this program during 30 October - 4 November this year.

On 15 October 2017, at meeting room 8 on the 2nd floor of the Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center Building at Kasetsart University, Dr. Chongrak WACHRINRAT, Acting President of Kasetsart University along with Assistant Professor Dr. Sudsaisin KAEWRUENG, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Agriculture Bangkhen Campus, Kasetsart University, warmly welcomed three delegates from the World Vegetable Center, led by Dr. Marco WOPEREIS, Director General, Dr. Fenton BEED, Regional Director for East and Southeast Asia and Oceania; and Dr. Pepijn SCHREINEMACHERS, Agricultural Economist on the occasion of visiting Kasetsart University.

As Dr. Marco WOPEREIS, the Director General, was visiting Bangkok for the Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions or APAARI Executive Committee Meeting on 12 November and the APSA Asian Seed Congress, 13-17 November, the delegation requested to meet the Acting President of Kasetsart University to discuss future cooperation between the World Vegetable Center and Kasetsart University. The meeting discussed aspects of cooperation between the two institutions. Specifically, both sides will initiate and conduct more comprehensive education and research activities. The meeting agreed on planning and organizing a national and international annual conference with their agricultural cooperation network. The main purpose is to drive learning exchange, create new knowledge, and to provide a stage for scholars from around the world.
KU delegates participate in The 125th Anniversary Congress 2017

During 16-26 September 2017, Dr. Maliwan Haruthaitanasan together with Associate Professor Songkram Thammincha, Miss Orracha Sae-Tun and Miss Tepa Phudphong attended the 125th Anniversary Congress 2017 conference and visited the Black Forest in Freiburg, Germany, in order to establish research collaboration on Renewable energy (Biomass) and Forest Management.

Kasetsart University Library launches a new system called “Library for Thai farmers”

Kasetsart University Library/Learning Center (KULC) has launched a new system called “Library for Thai farmers”. This new system will be utilized to develop agricultural production with a knowledge base as a part of the digital economy of Thailand 4.0. The opening ceremony was led by Dr. Chongnak Wachrinrat, Acting President of Kasetsart University along with Mr. Lertwiroj Gowattana, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives; Mr. Prapat Panichratiraksa, Chairman of the National Farmers Council (NFC); Dr. Sumit Champrasit, Board Chairman of the Project “Digital Farmer: Reconnect Life to the Nature”; Dr. Sivapragasam Annamalai, EBSCO Thailand Regional Director of Centre for Agricultural Bioscience International (CABI); Ms. Kanyakarn Nontiwatwanich, EBSCO Thailand and Indo-China Regional Manager; Mr. Kittipong Supkongdee, iGroup (Asia Pacific) General Manager and Indo-China Regional and Dr. Aree Thunkijjanukij, Director, Office of the Kasetsart University Library, on 14 November 2017 on the 5th Floor of the Debaratana Vidhayachote Building, Kasetsart University Library.

Quality Youth Scholarship of the Year 2017

Mr. Phasut Bunkhanphol, a senior undergraduate student at the Department of Materials Engineering at the Faculty of Engineering received the Quality Youth Scholarship of the Year 2017 from the Foundation of Science and Technology Council of Thailand (FSTT) as a model youth in work as well as in activities for the public from Professor Dr. Prasit Teekaput, Chairman of the Foundation of Science and Technology Council of Thailand (FSTT) in the ceremony “Quality Person of 2017” on 1 November 2017 at the Chulabhorn Research Institute (CRI) in Bangkok.

The opening ceremony of the Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM) Lab Services

The Center for Advanced Studies in Nanotechnology for Chemical, Food and Agricultural Industries is one of the four advanced science centers of the Kasetsart University Institute for Advanced Studies, KUIAS; established with the main objective to strengthen and develop a research group with expertise in nanotechnology. Kasetsart University has recognized the importance of advanced technology tools in research. It has approved the Center for Advanced Studies in Nanotechnology for Chemical, Food and Agricultural Industries to purchase a set of TEM and SEM electron microscopes to provide research services to researchers of the university. The budget was allocated from the Office of the Higher Education Commission (OHEC), Ministry of Education, with a total cost of 54 million baht.

For the UHR Thermal Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope, JSM-760DF is an ultra-wide field-mission electron microscope. It is a very high strength magnification field-emission electron microscope with a computerized control system. It can be used to analyze structures and surface samples up to 1.0 nm with magnification of more than 1,000,000 times and to accurately analyze elements on the surface of samples from elemental energy to X rays.

In addition, in 2015, the Center for Advanced Studies in Nanotechnology for Chemical, Food and Agricultural Industries was also supported by the Power of Innovation Foundation at PTT Public Company Limited of 4 million baht. The total combined budget of 4.7 million baht was used by the university to start the construction of a TEM electron microscope laboratory at the Department of Chemistry in the Faculty of Science.
ISAAC UAV junior teams were awarded first runner-up and second runner-up in the ‘Drones for Firefighting’ competition

Aerospace Engineering Freshmen with the name ISAAC UAV Juniors from ISAAC laboratory founded by Dr. Chaiwat KLUMPOL were awarded first runner-up and second runner-up in the ‘Drones for Firefighting’ competition. This competition was organized by the Engineering Institute of Thailand at Queen Sirikit National Convention Center. ISAAC lab sent 2 teams named ISAAC UAV Junior 1 and ISAAC UAV Junior 2. ISAAC UAV Junior 1 had 3 members Mr. Bhittawat JINDAWAT, Mr. Bhunthawit CHINDAWAT and Mr. Itsrapap PAOYA, ISAAC UAV Junior 1 had 4 members Mr. Nattapas THEERAWONGSATHON, Mrs. Phetcharatorn LERTLAKSANAPORN, Mr. Sorawit LAMUNGTHONG and Mr. Watcharapol VANICHANONT.

In this competition, each team had to drop 30 balls from the drone onto colored plates. Each color had a different score. In the semi-final and final round, a fan was added so that it would be harder to control the drone. Each team had to use their skill to be able to control their drone.

Mr. Nattapas THEERAWONGSATHON, Pilot of ISAAC UAV junior 2, said “I’m so happy to get first runner-up from this competition. I don’t have much knowledge about designing aircraft or mechanism of dropping balls. The staff in ISAAC lab helped me to make a drone. We used a simple mechanism but it worked perfectly.”

Mr. Itsrapap PAOYA, Head of ISAAC UAV junior 1, said “This was my first competition. It succeeded because we had experienced staff in ISAAC lab helping us. Now I have more confidence and inspiration to compete in other matches and make it better. I want to study about designing aircraft so that I can gain a lot of knowledge from this lab to make aircraft as well as I can.”

“Mobike” Kick off smart bikes for the first time in Thailand at Kasetsart University

Kasetsart University together with the Mobike Company and Thailand’s leading mobile network provider, Advanced Info Service (AIS) organized a pilot project for university personnel and students at Kasetsart University (KU). The Mobike movement has brought bike sharing to Bangkok for the first time. The methods of transportation around the campus have changed from personal cars, free buses and motorbike taxis but the “bike” has been an important symbol for students at Kasetsart University for 74 years. Under the 6Us policy, KU Mobike is in keeping with the policies of the Green University, the Happiness University, the Digital University, the Social Responsibility University, the Research University and the World Class University, and also supports the KU-Green Campus Healthy Community project. Students and personnel can borrow bikes for use on the campus without cost. We call the bike-sharing the “white bike” project which allows the use of the public bikes provided by Mobike at KU. The project was officially opened on 2 November 2017 and attracted many students and staff.

The launch of Mobike at KU is the first pilot project in Thailand with a total of 360 bicycles available. Students, staff, and the general public can test ride and use free Mobikes at KU for 3 months starting from 2 November 2017 onwards with a deposit of 99 baht for insurance to ensure the safety of the rider and bike. At the end of the trial period, the charge will be a fee of 10 baht for 30-minute bicycle hire.

For a demonstration of the world’s first and smartest bike share “Mobike”, riders can download the Mobike application from the App Store or Google Play Store on their mobile device. With the application, it is possible to register, check out and find the nearest public bike. Also the QR Code attached to the bike can be used to unlock the bike when borrowing or returning it. This enables students and personnel to switch immediately and to help solve the problem of there being not enough public bicycles. Riders also can borrow / return Mobike at any of 26 points, covering the lecture hall buildings, dormitories, library, cafeterias, etc. There is no need to queue for the service. Mobike has strong qualities and there is no need to check tire pressure every time. The bikes also have a modern look and a high level of intelligent bike theft protection. It is an economical and safe vehicle for travel.
Grand Opening KUCSI & KUSAM Programs 2018

On 1 November 2017, at the KU International Hub on the 1st floor of Lecture Hall 1, Kasetsart University, Assistant Professor Wing Commander Dr. Ngamlamai PIOLUEANG, Acting Vice President for Student Affairs presided over the grand opening of “The Capacity Building of KU Students on Internationalization Programs (KUCSI) & the KU Student Ambassador Program (KUSAM)” 2018, along with Associate Professor Dr. Chamaipak TAYJASANANT, Acting Assistant to the President and Acting Director of the International Affairs Division, university lecturers, and IAD personnel. The purpose of this activity was to publicize the programs to KU students who are interested in an exchange program or studying aboard by conducting a mini session which was led by KU students from many faculties such as Engineering, Humanities, etc. who joined this program last year to express their feelings and experience and to encourage other students to apply to the program and also prepare themselves for study aboard in the near future.

Furthermore, this event also publicized the “KU Ambassador Program (KUSAM)” which allows KU students to be representatives of the university, and also work closely with IAD personnel to welcome delegations from other countries, as well as being a tour guide for our guests when they visit the landmarks or facilities around the university, gaining work experience and practicing English skills at the same time. All in all, it could be said that these two programs help and support KU student to be international in every way.

IAD Roadshow at Kasetsart University Chalermphrakiat Sakon Nakhon Province Campus

On 10 November 2017, in the Nonsee room on the 3rd floor of the Administration building at Kasetsart University, Chalermphrakiat Sakon Nakhon Province Campus, Associate Professor Dr. Wilaisak KINGKHAM, Acting Vice President of Kasetsart University, Chalermphrakiat Sakon Nakhon Province Campus, welcomed Associate Professor Dr. Chamaipak TAYJASANANT, Acting Assistant to the President and Acting Director of the International Affairs Division along with International Affairs Division personnel on the occasion of visiting the campus to promote “Capacity Building of KU Students on Internationalization Programs (KUCSI) & the KU Student Ambassador Program (KUSAM) 2018”

This event consisted of two main activities. The first one was an introduction to both programs (KUCSI & KUSAM) by Associate Professor Dr. Chamaipak TAYJASANANT, and the second was a mini session that allowed KU students who participated in an exchange program at National Pingtung University of Science and Technology, Taiwan and Huaqiao University, China to express their feelings and experience and to encourage other students to apply to the program and contact IAD personnel directly for further information. All in all, this event gained a lot of attention and also received good feedback from both lecturers and students at Chalermphrakiat Sakon Nakhon Province Campus.

Kasetsart University sent a delegation to the “ITS Inbound Staff Mobility Program 2017” between 30 October - 4 November 2017, in Surabaya, Indonesia, hosted by Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS).

The Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS) Indonesia has a policy to support the exchange of international students and personnel to strengthen the international atmosphere. ITS sends staff to study at several Thai higher education institutions. This was the second time that Thai higher education institutions participated in the ITS Staff Mobility Program.

There were 8 participants from Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia; and Kasetsart University sent 3 international staffs to participate in the program, namely Rattama CHAIVAIPRIB, Foreign Relations Officer, International Affairs Division at the Office of the President; Monthira PHRAPCHIN, General Administration Officer, Office of Secretary at the Faculty of Agriculture; and Jittakon RAMANPONG, General Administration Officer, International Studies Center at the Office of the Registrar.

Program activities included study tour programs and sharing experience of working in a team with ITS agencies such as HR management, and Library Management. In addition, participants were offered the opportunity to present their institutions’ information to the related faculties, particularly the office of ITS International Affairs in order to create a network for international relations. It is also a good way to establish academic cooperation with ITS as well as other higher education institutions in Indonesia.

ITS Inbound Staff Mobility Program 2017

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