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## MoU signing ceremony between KU and Harbin Engineering University

**K**asetsart University personnel participated in an online Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony with Harbin Engineering University, China via Voov meeting led by Professor Yao Yu, President of Harbin Engineering University on 24 November 2021. Dr. Chongrak Wachrinrat, President along with administrators of Kasetsart University participated in the meeting.

In this historical event, Kasetsart University and Harbin Engineering University had signed 3 types of agreements namely

1. Memorandum of Understanding for Academic Cooperation

2. Agreement Addendum Student and Staff Exchange

3. To strengthen the bond and collaborative activities between the Sino-Thai Science and Cultural Center.

Harbin Engineering University is one of the top-notch public universities in China with expertise in Engineering and Maritime Engineering. Established in 1953 at Harbin, Heilongjiang, this university offers more than 150 degrees, 48 of which are conducted in English. Furthermore, Harbin Engineering



Dr. Chongrak Wachrinrat  
President of KU

University also certified the Double First-Class Discipline University from the Chinese government with a total of 30,000 students at the present.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Peerayuth Charnsethikul  
Dean of the Faculty of Engineering

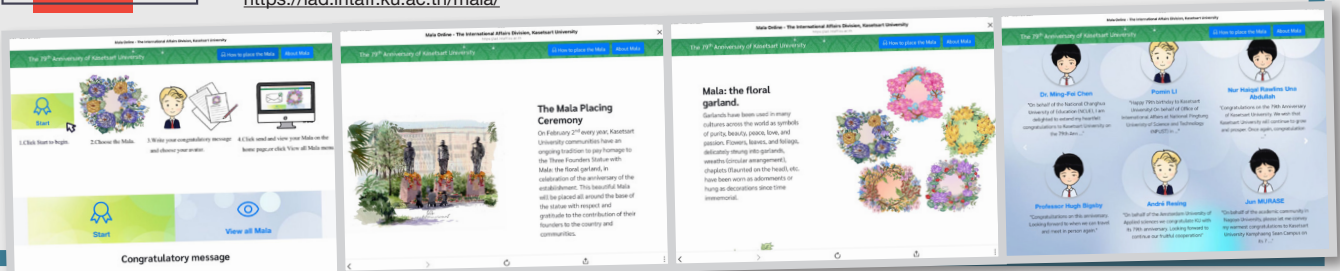


Asist. Prof. Dr. Kampanat Pensupar  
Vice President for International Affairs



### What's NEXT

We cordially invite you to write a congratulations message and participate in the 'Online Mala Placing' Ceremony in Celebration of the 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kasetsart University on 2 February 2022. Please follow the link below for information:  
<https://iad.intaff.ku.ac.th/mala/>



## Virtual Thailand Education Fair Myanmar 2021 – AMAUT

**A**n exhibition of guidance and public relations for Thai universities' courses provided information on interesting programs and courses of Kasetsart University at the Virtual Thailand Education Fair Myanmar 2021 on 18 November 2021. The personnel of the International Affairs Division, Kasetsart University participated in the exhibition.

The event was organized by the Association of Myanmar Alumni from Universities in Thailand (AMAUT). In this regard, **H.E. Mrs. Suphatra Srimai treephithak, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar**



presided over the event to deliver the opening speech. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the exhibition could not be organized in an on-site format. Therefore, the organizers decided to hold the event online, calling it “Virtual Thailand Education Fair Myanmar 2021”. This online exhibition has attracted the attention of more than 350 participants. Virtual Thailand Education Fair Myanmar 2021 is a Virtual Education Fair providing opportunities for staff of educational institutions and universities in Thailand to present their universities and talk with students, parents, and the general public. It was a great opportunity for Myanmar participants to meet with representatives from leading universities for quality education and has been praised around the world. These representatives answered questions about pursuing study in Thailand. Every year, Kasetsart University has continually sent the personnel of the International Affairs Division to join the AMAUT: Thai Education Fair in Myanmar. Kasetsart University has received lot of attention from Myanmar participants to visit our online booth. Therefore, the first edition of this online education fair was successful.

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“Ngamwongwan Road is to the south of KU”



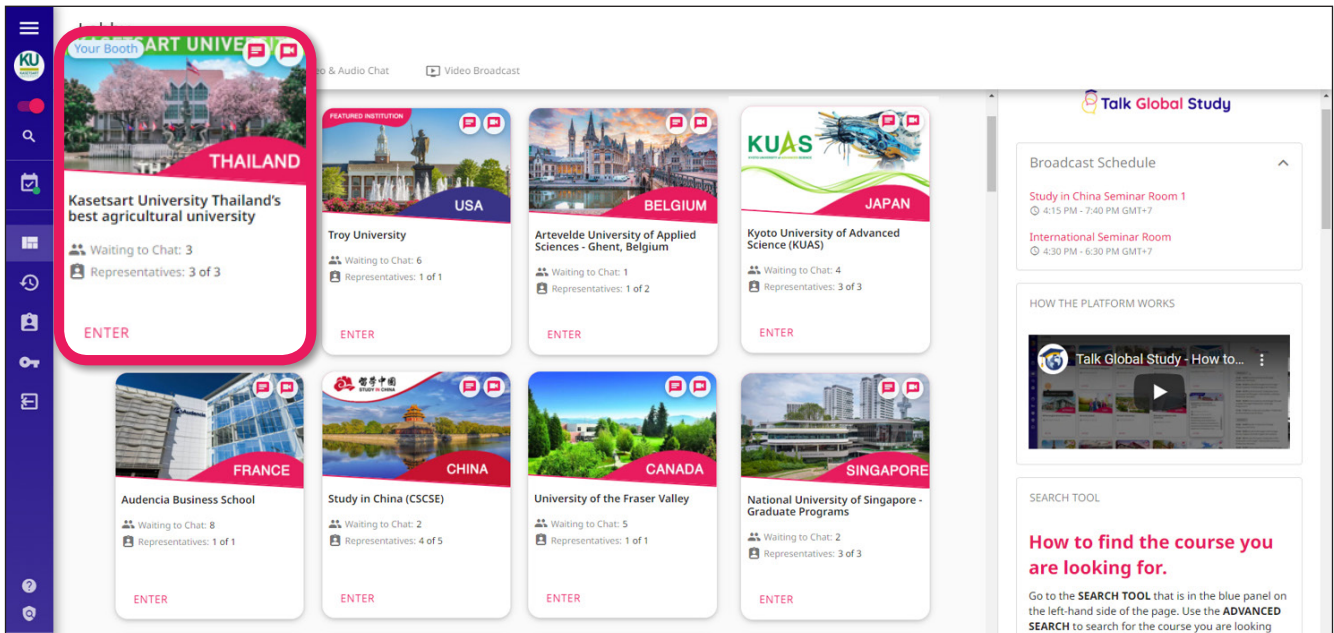
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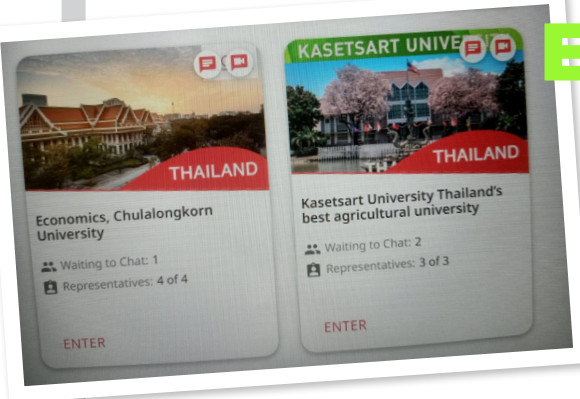
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# Talk Global Study Asia Virtual Event 2021



university representatives. Within these online booths, more than 70 Thai and foreign universities participated in the event.

The Talk Global Study Asia Virtual Event 2021 was a Virtual Education Fair platform providing opportunities for staff of educational institutions and universities in Thailand and around the world to present their universities and talk with students,



parents, and the general public. Kasetsart University has received a lot of attention from participating students to visit our online booth. Therefore, it was another successful online education fair that Kasetsart University joined.

**T**he Talk Global Study Asia Virtual Event 2021 was held on 1 December 2021 to present information on interesting programs and courses at Kasetsart University. The personnel of the International Affairs Division, Kasetsart University participated in the exhibition to provide guidance and public relations for Thai universities' courses.

This exhibition was organized by BMI Global Education with a wide range of high-quality events held online and around the world. The Talk Global Study Asia Virtual Event 2021 was an online exhibition where students and interested parties could meet with representatives of international universities, colleges, and government agencies to answer all questions about studying abroad. This year's online exhibition attracted the attention of more than 300 participating students from various countries. In addition, the exhibition booths of participating universities presented necessary information about each institution including a chat tool to start a one-on-one chat and send messages or video between students and



## Fun FACT

The Faculty of Fisheries has a good coffee shop that would like to invite visitors to Kasetsart University to come sip coffee or tea and watch the fish @Chob Pra Choom.

Chob Pra Choom is located behind the Kasetsart Golden Jubilee Administration and Information Center Building. It is a co-working space and educational spot that is surrounded by huge fish tanks and display of a temporary exhibitions occasionally. In addition, there is a fisheries specialist who works and perform activities in the area. Come by @Chob Pra Choom and let's learn more useful info from our experts.

A barista and service attendants in Chob Pra Choom are students. This coffee shop also sells fish products from all over Thailand as well.



# KU welcomes the delegation from the Embassy of Japan



Pensupar suggested that the topic for the discussion should focus on the close relationship between Kasetsart University and the top-notch universities from Japan depicted in the memorandum of understanding (MoU), especially in the agricultural field of studies such as the current research on cannabis products by the Faculty of Agriculture, and the Japanese language courses of the Faculty of Humanities.

Later, Mr. Minoru Kurita and Mrs. Hiroko Matsuo also visited the Faculty of Fisheries and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine to observe and gather information for the upcoming official visit to Kasetsart University by the Embassy of Japan to Thailand.

**K**asetsart University welcomed the delegation from the Embassy of Japan in Thailand on 17 November 2021. Assistant Professor Dr. Kampanat Pensupar, Vice President for International Affairs welcomed the delegation from the Embassy of Japan in Thailand led by Mr. Minoru

Kurita, Counselor along with Mrs. Hiroko Matsuo, First Secretary, and coordinators. The purpose of this visit was to discuss and prepare for the official visit of H.E. Nashida Kazuya, Ambassador of Japan to Thailand on 13 December 2021. Assistant Professor Dr. Kampanat

## 2021 UNTA General Assembly

**O**n 24 November 2021, Associate Professor Dr. Sutkhet Nakasathien, Vice President for Research and Creation attended the 2021 UNTA General Assembly Online as one of the network members of UNTA. The meeting agenda was about the Election of 2022 UNTA General Assembly and the Promotion of the 2022 UNTA Host University. Maejo University was selected to host the 2022 UNTA.

The 2021 UNTA General Assembly Online kicks off with the opening ceremony and introduction of the Delegates. The meeting was honored by Professor Chang-Hsien Tai, Chairperson of UNTA & President of National Pingtung University of Science and Technology who presided over to deliver Opening Remarks. This was followed by a report on the Progress Report of UNTA activities by Dr. Pomin Li, Executive Secretary of UNTA & Dean of the Office of International Affairs, National Pingtung University of Science and Technology. After the opening ceremony, the following agenda was followed; the Election of 2022 UNTA General Assembly, the Promotion of the 2022 UNTA Host University, and the Closing of the Meeting.

The University Network for Tropical Agriculture (UNTA) was established in 2012 After the President's Forum on Agriculture for Leading Universities in Southeast Asia at NPUST, Taiwan. Kasetsart University is one of the founding members in 10



Prof. Chang-Hsien Tai, Chairperson of UNTA & President of National Pingtung University of Science and Technology



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sutkhet Nakasathien, Vice President for Research and Creation

countries. Universities in Thailand that are UNTA members include Kasetsart University, Chiang Mai University, Maejo University, Mahasarakham University, Nakhon Phanom University, and Rajamangala University of Technology Isan.



# KU welcomes Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan H.E. Mr. Nashida Kazuya



**K**asetsart University welcomed delegations from the Embassy of Japan in Thailand on 13 December 2021. Dr. Chongrak Wachrinrat, President of Kasetsart University and university personnel welcomed delegations from the Embassy of Japan in Thailand led by H.E. Mr. Nashida Kazuya, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Thailand along with Mr. Kurita Minoru, Counselor, Mrs. Matsuo Hiroko, Attaché; on the occasion of an official visit to Kasetsart University. The delegations were also accompanied by Dr. Truss

Soonthornphisaj, D.D.S. as a coordinator.

The purpose of this visit was to strengthen the relationship and develop a new kind of collaboration between Kasetsart University and universities in Japan. The university administrators welcomed and discussed the strong and healthy collaborative activities with Japanese universities throughout the years with over 100 MoUs between universities. Furthermore, Assistant Professor Dr. Suriyan Tunkijjanukij also gave crucial information on the collaboration between the Faculty of Fisheries and the Japanese, especially in terms of career development as many of their students got a job in Japanese companies. Moreover, H.E. Mr. Nashida Kazuya also mentioned

resolving the COVID-19 situation in Japan that will help restore the collaborative activities between both sides such as student exchanges or visiting professors. In addition, Dr. Chongrak Wachrinrat also stated that Kasetsart University is currently planning the establishment of the Faculty of Medicine, which needs support from universities in Japan to help develop a curriculum or a double/joint degree program as expertise in this field of study.

The delegations also visited a mini booth exhibition from the Faculty of Fisheries, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Institute of Food Research and Product Development, Kasetsart Agricultural and Agro-Industrial Product Improvement Institute (KAPI). Then they met with Japanese exchange students, and also visited the Cannabis Laboratory at the Faculty of Agriculture. Finally, they ended this wonderful event with a lunch hosted by Kasetsart University.





## KU welcomes executives of the World Tipitaka Foundation

**K**asetsart University welcomed the president and vice president of the World Tipitaka Foundation. On 26 November 2021, Dr. Chongrak Wachrinrat, President of Kasetsart University along with university administrators joined in welcoming Thanpuying Varaporn Pramroj Na Ayudhaya, President of the World Tipitaka Foundation and Major Surathat Bunnag, Vice President of the World Tipitaka Foundation on the occasion of an official visit to Kasetsart University to discuss the implementation of the project to improve Chulachomklao of Siam Pāli Tipiṭaka: A Digital Preservation Edition 2020.

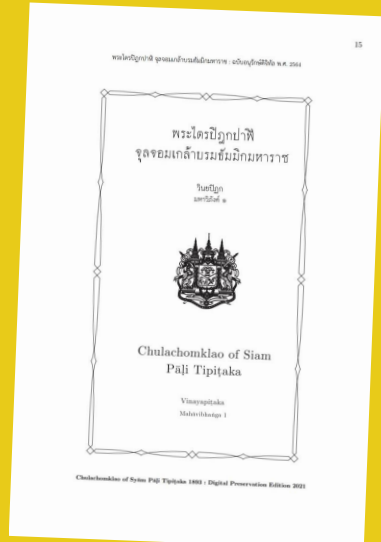
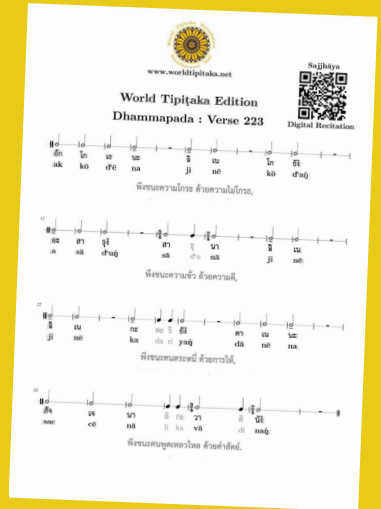
The World Tipiṭaka Project is part of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Her Royal Highness Princess Galyani Vadhana Krom Luang Naradhiwas Rajanagarindra in 2023. The Royal Thai Government and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) will honor her as one of the most important people in the world. HRH Princess Galyani Vadhana, as Honorary President and Royal Patron, was an honorary chairman of the Roman script project since 2003. The World Tipiṭaka Edition in Roman script is a 40-volume set which was presented as a royal gift from Thailand to 150 important international libraries worldwide.

It is a collaboration between Kasetsart University and the World Tipitaka Foundation to promote the dissemination of Buddhism to the public around the world. The digital version is disseminated in recognition of Her Royal Highness Princess Galyani Vadhana

Krom Luang Naradhiwas Rajanagarindra, as Honorary President and Royal Patron, of translating and publishing the world's first printed set of the Pāli Tipiṭaka.

The Buddhist Era 2500 Great International Council Pāli Tipiṭaka, Roman Script 2005 or in short “The World Tipiṭaka Edition” is the World Sajjhāya Phonetic Edition (Pāli Phonetic Alphabet) and (Pāli Notation) as royal gifts to important institutions in the country and abroad, following in the footsteps of His Majesty King Chulalongkorn who graciously published Chulachomklao of Siam Pāli Tipiṭaka 1893. In this regard, the implementation of the project to improve Chulachomklao of Siam Pāli Tipiṭaka: A Digital Preservation Edition 2020 will integrate the body of knowledge, linguistic, cultural analysis, and link to Buddhism from the perspectives of different fields from the experts of each department and lead to the spread of the Tipitaka around the world.

After the discussion, Thanpuying Varaporn Pramroj Na Ayudhaya, President of the World Tipitaka Foundation and Major Surathat Bunnag, Vice President of the World Tipitaka Foundation attended a mini concert from the KU Wind Symphony, Faculty of Humanities and has performed a phonetic recitation and reading of the Tipitaka Sajjhāya for administrators and students of Kasetsart University.



# KU International Network Seminar 2021: 'Foresight'

**O**n 18 November 2021, the International Affairs Division, Office of the University organized the Online International Relations Network Seminar of Kasetsart University for the year 2021. The topic was 'Foresight', looking beyond international relations. The online seminar initially started off with the first panel session on the Future of Internationalization and University Education. This online seminar was attended by representatives from higher education institutions, international relations network, international development policy committee, and the Committee of International Affairs, Kasetsart University. Students and more than 180 people of the general public also attended this online seminar.

The program started with an opening ceremony of the seminar by Dr. Chongrak Watcharinrat, President of Kasetsart University and was followed by a panel discussion on the topic "The Future of Internationalization in Universities". The discussion included representatives of leading universities in Thailand, including Associate Professor Dr. Natcha Thawesaengkulthai, Vice President for Strategic Planning, Innovation and Global Engagement, Chulalongkorn University; Associate Professor Dr. Surat Teerakapibal, Vice Rector for Administration (Tha Prachan) and International Affairs, Thammasat University; Associate Professor Dr. Nopraenu Sajjarax Dhirathiti, Acting Vice President for International Relations and Corporate

Communications, Mahidol University; Assistant Professor Dr. Chaiyan Jettanasen, Vice President for International Affairs, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang; and Assistant Professor Dr. Kampanat Pensupar, Vice President for International Affairs, Kasetsart University. Associate Professor Chamaipak Tayjasananant, Assistant to the President for International Affairs, Kasetsart University was the moderator of the seminar.

Then there was a panel discussion on the topic "The Future of University Education" by representatives of students from 4 Thai higher education institutions, namely Miss Ranchida Phatthararuchi, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University; Miss Kanokporn Prakobsang, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Mahidol University; Miss Panramon Kanhasiri, Faculty of Engineering, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang; and Miss Areeya Duriyaphan, Faculty of Engineering, Kasetsart University. Dr. Varunthat Dulyapurk, Assistant to the President for Student Affairs, Kasetsart University was the moderator of the seminar. The outcome of the discussion on "The Future of Internationalization and University Education" will help guide us to overcome challenges and keep up with the world.



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