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Message from the President



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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanchai Sirichana
President

Students, Parents, Faculty, Staff,

Welcome to the thirteenth issue of “The Park” newsletter. Since its induction in 1998, MFU has been committed to serving the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) both in Northern Thailand and the surrounding ASEAN region, helping develop and advance the entire region in recognition of the compassion and philanthropy of the King’s Mother, Her Royal Highness Princess Srinagarindra, commonly referred to as “Mae Fah Luang” by her subjects and the community.

Now entering its eighteenth year, MFU is continuing to flourish, and its successfully fulfilling all objectives towards advancement as a public autonomous university, becoming increasingly recognized as Thailand’s fastest growing higher education institution. Through its modern implementation of Problem-Based Learning, complex ICT systems, and complete set of facilities and resources, MFU students are able to learn and acquire theoretical and practical knowledge in both academic and non-academic areas through the many experiences made available by the university.

In its inaugural year, MFU opened with 62 students, which has now grown over 13,000 students in the academic year 2015 as the student body grows with the increasing number of schools and available programmes. Yet, even as the numbers increase exponentially, MFU students continue to win international awards in all fields and graduate with complete critical thinking skills and a varied combination of skills and abilities, equipping them for their further careers and further education.

For 17 years, MFU has produced outstanding graduates while serving the world community and preserving the environment. MFU is determined to continue in its mission of “Developing people, cultivating knowledge, instilling quality, and upholding virtues” and will continue to lead its students to strive for the utmost levels of success and accomplishments through research and teaching.

View from The Park

MFU Commencement Ceremony for Academic Year 2014



On 9 February 2016, MFU had the greatest on honour of receiving Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn on behalf of His Majesty the King Bhumibol Adulyadej to preside over the MFU commencement ceremony for the academic year 2014. This year's commencement ceremony congratulated a total of 2,056 students, including 1,800 Bachelor's Degree graduates, 242 Master's Degree graduates and 14 Doctoral Degree graduates. Among the graduating students were Honorary Doctoral recipients, H.E. Mr. Fu Xuezhong receiving an Honorary Doctoral in Public Administration, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tassana Boontong, the former president of the Nurses' Association of Thailand and the founding School of Nursing, MFU receiving an Honorary Doctoral in Social Sciences, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Prapin Manomaivibool, the president of Chinese Teachers' Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn and a member of Royal Institute in foreign languages, Art Bureau, the Royal Institute receiving an Honorary Doctoral in Humanities, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Maruay Phadungsit, former Deputy Minister of Finance, Thailand, receiving an Honorary Doctoral in Social Sciences.

In addition, Mr. Chao Xiaoliang, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Chiang Mai received Honours Gold Banner Award. Lastly, H.E. U Htay Aung, Minister of Hotels and Tourism of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar received Doctoral in Social Sciences.

During the commencement ceremony, HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's cited in her speech that HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn sincerely appreciate the highly qualified graduates for their achievements. And also encourage the graduates who will be the successful professional in their careers to act properly and behave appropriately in all cases, they need to consider things carefully and need to be careful in every steps in their life before making decisions in order to become a successful individual. HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn wishing success and prosperity to every graduates and all the people who attended the ceremony.

HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn also visited the MFU exhibition, including diplomatic relations Thailand-China completed 40 years, the role of universities to encourage the public to access with medical services and public health and scholarly works of the museum of the Mekong.

Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships 2016



Ms. Pasinee Ratanaburi's, Project & Administrative Officer, Australian Government Department of Education and Training, Australian Embassy, conducted a seminar "Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships 2016" at MFU on 17 February 2016.

Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships are internationally competitive, merit-based scholarships funded by the Australian Government that support citizens around the world to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia and for Australians to do the same overseas. The Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships build Australia's reputation for excellence in the provision of education and research, support the internationalisation of the Australian higher education and research sectors and offer high-achieving Australians' opportunities to increase their knowledge and expertise in their field.

The Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships aimed; to develop ongoing educational, research and professional links between individuals, organisations and countries, to increase the skills and global awareness of high achieving individuals from Australia and overseas, to contribute to Australia's reputation as a high quality provider of education and training and a leader in research and innovation, and to increase the productivity of Australians through international study, research or professional development experience.

Sharing Cultural Diversity and Cross-Culture Skills



The International Affairs Division, MFU supervised a cultural study trip for students to Kyaing Tong - Mong La (Special Region No.4), the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 4 - 7 March 2016. There were 27 students participated in the study trip. The group composed of 10 Thai students and 17 international students from Negara Brunei Darussalam, the People's Republic of China, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and Japan, were guided by 3 students originally from Kyaing Tong.

The cultural trip aimed to allow students to learn more about the culture and society of Kyaing Tong - Mong La, and to practice their cross-cultural skills and abilities in a foreign environment. During the trip, the students visited many famous temples and cultural religious sites, such as Golden Pagoda, Narcotic Museum, Sleeping Pagoda, Mahamytmuni Pagoda, Wat Ho Kong, Shan Noodle Factory and Myanmar-China Trading Border Gate. They also visited the oldest and largest lacquerware factory in the world, Bagan Lacquerware Factory. The group buttoned up their trip for sharing an inspiring experiences, which they called it "Mong La from our perspective" and thoughts, expressing their delight and anticipation for the next trip. Everyone greatly enjoyed their time in Kyaing Tong - Mong La. They were very glad to learn more about foreign societies and cultures, and for the opportunity to practice their international skills and abilities in cultural fluidity.

ASEANIZATION: Know Our ASEAN Neighbors



Dr. Charnvit Kasetsiri, the former President of Thammasat University, Assist. Prof. Dr. Thamrongsak Petchlertanan, Director of Political Science Programme, Rangsit University, Mr. Akkharaphong Khamkhun, lecturer of Southeast Asian Studies Programme, Pridi Banomyong International College, Thammasat University, and Mr. Somrit Luechai, scholar of Southeast Asian Studies, conducted a seminar “ASEANIZATION” at ES-518, E-Park, M Square, MFU, on 18 March 2016, hosted by Mekong Basin Civilization Museum in collaboration with the Foundation for the Promotion of Social Sciences and Humanities Text Books Projects, Toyota Foundation, and Toyota Motor Thailand Co., Ltd.

During the seminar, they also advised on how to know our ASEAN neighbors, Thailand & ASEAN Neighbors Pride and Prejudice: Nationalism versus Regionalism, ASEAN’s common and shared culture in terms of peace, harmony, and prosperity. Many of the participants were really enthusiastic and energetic in knowing about the ASEANIZATION as well as diversity and multicultural perspectives.

Mr. Akkharaphong Khamkhun ended his presentation that good fences do not automatically create good neighbors and “One must not have prejudice against any race or nationality but should sincerely believe that individuals of all races and nationalities can live together in peace” quoted by Mr. Pridi Banomyong, the former Thai Prime Minister, a senior statesman of Thailand and one of the world’s greatest personalities of the 20th century by UNESCO in 2000.

Change the Way You See the World



MFU International Affairs Division hosted the “Student Exchange Programme Workshop 2016” under the theme “Change the Way You See the World” facilitated by Ms. Porntip Kanjananiyot, Former Executive Director of Fulbright Thailand, on 21 April 2016 at room ES1-316, M-Square, MFU, with over 100 attendees joined the workshop. One of the main goals of participating in an exchange programme is to learn to become a globally competent citizen. The exchange programmes provide great opportunities to experience various cultural perspectives, learn from diverse backgrounds and gain knowledge of how to learn and how to live with pride of one’s cultural roots and respect for others.

Ms. Porntip Kanjananiyot discussed in various topics; “The Age of Everywhere”, “Inventing Tomorrow’s Job” as the futurist or a person who studies the future in order to help people understand and gain advantage from coming changes, “Sharability Auditors” that taking about people who analyze homes and businesses for shareable assets, “New Normal” as we’ve become increasingly digital and the moment has arrived that we’re passing the halfway mark. From now on, digital is the norm, everything we do from this point forward will have one common characteristic, “Six Megatrends” that including globalization, environmental crisis, disruptive technology, individualism, social media, and population change. She ended with quote “Empathy is the critical 21st century skill” that can make more understanding about empathy that doesn’t stop developing in childhood but we can make empathy as an attitude and a part of our daily lives, and thus improve the lives of everyone around us.

Events and Activities



HIP-HOP Music is for Everybody, Regardless of Age, Gender and Race



In today's music world, Hip-Hop has gone so far regardless of age, gender and race. MFU in cooperation of the U.S. Embassy in Thailand and the Department of Music, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill organised "Next Level Thailand", Hip-Hop Diplomacy workshop on 22 - 27 February 2016 at Wanasawan, MFU.

The Next Level promotes the meaningful cross-cultural exchange, provides a platform, inspiration and tools for young people to design solutions to some of the world's most critical problems by engaging with music artists. Next Level also brings people together and fosters greater understanding through the universality of music as a form of creative expression, especially to a depressed community with less access to foreign Hip-Hop artists like American Hip-Hop musicians.

Therefore, American Hip-Hop artists for Thailand came over to MFU to train the youths around the locality and nearby communities. These are Dumisani "Dumi Right" Nidovu (MC), Lashondra "RyNea Soul", Hemphill (Beat-Making), Geoffrey "Toyz aRe Us", Chang (Dancing) and Dan "Dirty Digits" Chaves (DJing).

The first day of workshop, Advisor to MFU President, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ted Tesaprteep was overwhelmed and extended his warm welcome to the American Hip-Hop

artist, Mr. Kane Sgemo, the Artist Manager, Ms. Kanchalee Jitjang, the Cultural Affairs Specialist U.S. Embassy in Bangkok and the 34 youth participants from Chiang Rai and Chiang Mai provinces. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ted Tesaprteep also wishes all the participants and artists a fruitful and successful workshop.

On the other hand, Ms. Kanchalee Jitjang mentioned that, "Next Level" has been organized to have a workshop in several countries around the world. She cited as well that, Thailand is so lucky, it has 2 workshops done. One in the south of Thailand which is in Suratthani province and one here in Chiang Rai. Lastly, she also recapulated that the workshop will enhance the cross-cultural exchange through Hip-Hop music and enrich the learning experiences of the youths in Thailand.

Before the workshop begins, Mr. Kane Sgemo, the Artist Manager, pointed out the importance of "NextLevel" to the lives of youths. He also introduced all the artists namely, Dumisani "Dumu Right" Ndlovu as MC, writer and organizer who has been recognized as a standard-bearer for global hip-hop for almost 25 years. Next, Ms. Lashondra "RyNea Soul" Hemphill mentors young girls between the ages of seven to eighteen in music production through her organisation, the SheShock Hip-Hop Academy. She facilitates beat making workshops at community centers throughout the Birmingham, Alabama, metropolitan area, and she has been invited to share her expertise on working with youth via music throughout the U.S. Then, Dan "Dirty Digits" Chaves is an Academy Director at Scratch DJ Academy NYC as well as Director of the Academy's Turntablism Programme, providing scratching curriculum for all the schools nationwide. He became an outlandish DJ since his early teen, and he has subsequently built a career teaching and performing around the world.

Consequently, the workshop was successfully buttoned up at Chiang Rai walking street on the last day of the workshop. The participants unfolded their creative skills in every aspect of Hip-Hop music that has been enhanced during the workshop. It was a fantastic opportunity as well on the part of the American artist, and the participants for having a jam session with the local artist. "Next Level Thailand Loves for Everybody".

International Food and Cultural Festival



MFU International Affairs Division and International Students Club hosted the “MFU International Food and Cultural Festival” with the objectives to promote internationalization environment within the university and sharing knowledge awareness of various cultures of international students through food, traditional costume and performances. There are over 500 students both international students and Thai students, staff and faculty members were participated the activity at L Park Area, M Square, MFU, on 5 April 2016, which include 10 booths of international foods which are Bhutanese food, Chinese food, Indonesian food, Japanese food, Korean food, Malaysian food, Myanmar food, Sri Lankan food, Thai food, West African food (Ghanaian food, Ugandan food, Nigerian food, Somali food, and Eritrean food).

Mr. Muhammad Khalid Wardana, the president of International Students Club, saying that MFU has over 500 international students from over 40 countries around the world and all are active and eager to learn Thai culture and share their culture experiences, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony by Assoc. Prof. Gp. Capt. Yutana Tra-ngan and Dr. Romyen Kosaikanont, MFU Vice-Presidents.

The traditional performances from several countries namely; “Due Atara” by Bhutanese students, “Bu Yao Pa (Don’t be afraid)” by Chinese students, “Thingyan Dance” by Malaysian students, “Laskar Pelangi and Sahabat” by Indonesian students, “Same as You” by Korean student, “Rasa Sayang Eh” by Malaysian students, “Aikido” by Japanese students, “K Pop Dance Cover” by Thai students, and “Beat Making” by the Next Level project were presented.

The 6th ASEAN International Fair 2016



MFU students led by the Student Union and Student Development Division organised “The 6th ASEAN International Fair 2016” on 20 April 2016 at L-Park, M-Square, MFU, as part of the ASEAN Studies course from the School of Social Innovation, with the intention to develop ASEAN skill and knowledge to students especially the knowledge about the movement of ASEAN policy which have great impact on current and future aspects of students, which have over 2,000 students enrolled in this semester. The main objective of this event is to promote ASEAN+6 awareness and prepare students for the ASEAN+6 community by allowing students to actively participate in activities reflecting the cultures and traditions of all ASEAN+6 including 10 ASEAN countries and 6 nearby countries which are the People’s Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, Japan, the Republic of India, the Commonwealth of Australia, and New Zealand.

This year, the event launched a theme “ASEAN+6 Harmony in Diversity” which presented through various activities. In the ASEAN+6 exhibitions, students were assigned to present each countries policy in a unique and creative way that also had related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Most exhibitions were presented with recycled materials in different way. Also the selected favourite food and souvenirs of each countries were provided, even though students were not experienced in cooking, but they learned how to cook from the website that made them so proud. Both participating students and attending participants remarked on the extravagance of the fair and expressed their enjoyment, remarking on how much they had learned

Myanmar Cultural Day and Exhibition 2016



MFU International Affairs Division and Myanmar Students Union hosted the “Myanmar Cultural Day and Exhibition” on 21 April 2016 at the Indoor Sports Complex with the objectives to raise cultural awareness about history, traditions and cultures in Myanmar, to present various Myanmar cultural performances, in order to promote national heritage; and to build better relationships between students of all nations in MFU through cultural competence. The event was a vivacious display exhibition of Myanmar, traditional dance, and food, with over 400 attendees joined the event. The performances by the Myanmar Students Union namely; Oil Lamp Dance, Ta Pin Tine Dance, Kayin Traditional Dance, Shan Traditional Dance, Thingyan Dance, and Tai Dance. Followed by the presentation on topic “Myanmar in My Perspective” by Ms. Phattarawarin Thaiwijan, a committee of the International Student Club, as she shared her opinion that she really enjoyed exploring both Kyaing Tong and Mong La which has the beauty scenic and many colorful ethnic tribes, also got a lot of experiences from the trip that was held during 4 - 7 March 2016 at Kyaing Tong, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The popularity of the event among the entire region is a clear indicator of MFU’s notoriety in neighbouring countries and the strength of MFU’s relationship with the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The Myanmar Students Union garnered tremendous commendation for their great efforts and many contributions towards the success of the event. This year, MFU took the opportunity to celebrate

Myanmar’s vibrant culture and independence under the theme of “Glory of Myanmar”, chosen by the Myanmar Student Union.

Mr. Sai Shang Kham, the President of Myanmar Students Union, presented the report prior to the formal opening of the event. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanchai Sirichana, MFU President, opened the ceremony, remarking on the performances and activities that will reveal the similarities and differences between our traditions and customs, and will help to enhance our understanding of Myanmar’s culture, history, and language, supporting us as the quality population of ASEAN community. Myanmar has currently contributed the highest number of international students to MFU, consisting of 167 international students (2 Ph.D. students, 13 master’s degree students, and 152 undergraduate students). Nine students have performed outstandingly in their academic pursuits and are well-equipped for the industry namely; Mr. Sai Moon Kyao, fourth year Computer Engineering major student, Ms. Nang Moon Sam Shang, fourth year Business Administration major student, Ms. Khine Khine Win, fourth year Aviation Logistic major student, Ms. Shwe TheinGi Win, fourth year English major student, Ms. Mi Sawt, third year Business Administration major student, Mr. Sai Kham Kham, third year Software Engineering major student, Ms. Nang Hom Hein, third year Tourism major student, Ms. Thadar Myat Noe, second year Aviation Operation major student, and Ms. Nang Ying Htong, second year Business Chinese major student.

The 13th Sihh Sart Show: Good Night Mommy and the Missing Puzzles



School of Liberal Arts, MFU, arranged “The 13th Sihh Sart Show” on 23 April 2016 at C4 Princess Mother Auditorium, MFU. The main objectives of the show are to provide the chance for our students to exhibit their individual language and cultural skills by participating the 13th Sihh Sart Show Academic Competition, to promote and exhibit the students’ language and cultural skills that they have acquired in the classroom, and to promote MFU excellent multi-lingual academic approach. This year, the show launched a theme “The Year of Revolution” on the occasion of the 13th year anniversary of School of Liberal Arts, MFU, arranged by faculty members and students which led by Mr. Kan Junkate, fourth year English major student, under the supervision of Mr. Suttha Rattanasak, Lecturer, School of Liberal Arts, MFU.

The Sihh Sart Show presented a bounty of cultural performances and performed displaying an incredible fusion of International and Thai culture such as the Liberal Arts Cheerleading Team, International students singing Thai songs “Sansoen Phra Barami” (the Royal Anthem of Thailand), the Liberal Arts Teachers Special Show, Inter-Thai CoCo Dance (a group of dance hold two coconut shells with which they execute complex choreographic movements, shaking them, tossing them, or tapping them lightly), Call Me the Rhythm (a group of dance that singing without instrumental accompaniment), Ladies’ Choice (a dance term to indicate it is ladies’ turn to choose partners).

New Frontier in Aesthetic Dermatology and Cosmetic Surgery ASEAN 2016



School of Anti-Aging and Regenerative Medicine, MFU, with the cooperation of Faculty of Medicine, Kagoshima University, Japan, and Mae Fah Luang University Hospital Bangkok hosted “The 14th MFU Annual Research Conference in Dermatology and Aesthetic Dermatology” with the topic of “New Frontier in Aesthetic Dermatology and Cosmetic Surgery ASEAN 2016” on 28 April - 1 May 2016 at room ES1-516, M-Square, MFU. The main objectives of the conference are to provide the research and the knowledge in Dermatology and Aesthetic Dermatology by the faculty members of Kagoshima University, MFU, and experts across the country to doctors, students and the public, to provide the knowledge of Dermatology and Aesthetic Dermatology to doctors for enhancing the experiences in order to treat the patient properly secured and minimize size effects, to support the exchange of knowledge and experiences between members, public, and associations with the same and different fields (both inside and outside the country), to assist and collaborate between government and public organizations in the activities that relate to Dermatology and Aesthetic Dermatology, and to promote strengthening fellowship and ethics.

The conference consist of 2 sessions. The first session is Pre-Conference Aesthetic Dermatology Live Demonstration Workshop in Botulinum Toxin, Filler & Thread Lifting on 28 - 29 April 2006. The second session is the Main Conference of New Frontier in Aesthetic Dermatology and Cosmetic Surgery ASEAN 2016 on 30 April - 1 May 2016.

Spotlights

Students from School of Cosmetic Science Won the First Place and First Runner-Up in the 26th World Skill Thailand National Competition 2016



MFU congratulates Mr. Yothin Sinwiapromarach, a third year student, Beauty Technology major, for winning the first place and Ms. Boontarika Promtep, a third year student, Beauty Technology major, for winning the first runner-up in Beauty Therapy in the 26th World Skill Thailand National Competition 2016 at Bangkok International Trade & Exhibition Centre (BITEC) hosted on 3 - 5 February 2016.

Gen. Charoen Nopsuwan, Deputy Minister of Labour Thailand presented certificates and 30,000 Baht for the first place and 15,000 Baht for the first runner-up.

World Skill Thailand National Competition 2016 had organized by Department of Skill Development Thailand, which have a responsibility for promoting vocational education and training in their respective countries/regions, and it also operates worldwide. It is politically and denominationally neutral, provides a unique means of exchange and comparison of world-class competency standards in the industrial trades and service sectors of the global economy.

Students from School of Management Won the Third Place in Thailand Duck Cooking Challenge 2016



MFU congratulates 2 students, Ms. Puttimon Sopakan and Ms. Ninlana Uamtanee, third year students from School of Management, majoring in Hospitality Industry Management won the third place (Junior Chefs) in Thailand Duck Cooking Challenge 2016, with trophies and cash prize worth 30,000 Baht at CentralWorld Shopping Complex hosted on 5 - 6 March 2016.

Thailand Duck Cooking Challenge 2016 has organized by Bangkok Ranch Public PLC (BR), a leading global manufacturer and distributor of a full range of duck meat products, in cooperation with Thailand Chefs Association. The trophies and cash prize worth of more than 500,000 Baht are from the HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.

MFU International Visitors

Visiting Scholars Programme



The programme is designed for international scholars who wish to be at MFU for 3 - 4 months or one semester, during this time they will interact with MFU faculty members, students and staff. The programme allows scholars to expand their academic and personal goals. Scholars have the opportunity to take advantage of abundant resources to enrich their developments, while contributing their own knowledge and insight to the learning of others.

During February - April 2016, MFU consist of 17 visiting scholars are as follow;

Name	Institution	Duration
School of Agro-Industry		
Dr. Suyong Lee	Sejong University, Korea	19 January - 7 February 2016
Dr. Seung-Taik Lim	Korea University, Korea	8 - 22 February 2016
Prof. Dr. Satoru Kondo	Chiba University, Japan	8 - 22 February 2016
Asst. Prof. Dr. Yoshikuni Kitamura	Shinshu University, Japan	29 February - 11 March 2016
Prof. Dr. Shafiur Rahman	Sultan Qaboos University, Oman	29 February - 11 March 2016
School of Health Science		
Asst. Prof. Dr. Jin Ha Yoon	Yonsei University, Korea	31 January - 15 February 2016
Prof. Dr. Marco Pang	Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong	17 - 23 April 2016
Dr. Susan Laurie Stewart	Northumbria University, UK	20 February - 13 March 2016
School of Management		
Prof. Dr. Andreas Wittmer	University of St. Gallen, Switzerland	9 - 15 February 2016
Asst. Prof. Dr. Polin Lai	Chung-Ang University, Korea	13 - 28 February 2016
Prof. Takayuki Mori	University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences, Japan	20 February - 9 March 2016
Prof. Horoshi Hoshino	Kyushu University, Japan	18 - 29 February 2016
School of Medicine		
Prof. Dr. Siegfried Schwarz	Medical University of Innsbruck, Austria	29 February - 2 March 2016
Asst. Prof. Dr. John O. Gibson	University of North Texas, USA	24 February 2016
School of Science		
Prof. Dr. Nam-Soo Kim	Kangwon National University, Korea	4 - 21 February 2016
Prof. Dr. Ton Peijs	Queen Mary University of London, UK	25 April - 6 May 2016
School of Sinology		
Asst. Prof. Dr. Lim Chee Men	Univesiti tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Malaysia	15 March - 15 May 2016

Guangxi University of Chinese Medicine



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanchai Sirichana, MFU President, welcomed the delegation from Chinese Medicine, Guangxi University, Prof. Deng Jiagang, Director of Guangxi Key Laboratory of Efficacy Study on Chinese Materia Medica, Prof. Hou Xiaotao, Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Faculty of Pharmacy, Dr. Gao Yuhang, Office Head of Faculty of International Education, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hao Erwei, Assoc. Professor of Chinese Materia Medica, Faculty of Pharmacy, Mr. Du Chengzhi, Lecturer of Chinese Materia Medica, Faculty of Pharmacy, and Ms. Fan Lili, Lecturer of Chinese Materia Medica, Faculty of Pharmacy, discussed the Sino-Thai joint laboratory on traditional medicine, joint applying to the Sino-Thai joint committee of science and technology project such as traditional medicine book editing, study on herbal medicine and marine medicine, study on medicinal application of agricultural residues, and academic exchange mechanism between MFU and Guangxi University of Chinese Medicine, on 4 February 2016.

Double Master's Degree Programme



It is inevitable that Double Degrees will be the most important global trend for students in the higher education in the 21st Century. MFU and Shinshu University, Japan, realized this essential trend, and agreed to establish a Double Master's Degree Programme. The "Agreement to Establish a Double Master's Degree Programme" between Assist. Prof. Dr. Matchima Naradisorn, Acting Dean, School of Agro-Industry, MFU, and Assist. Prof. Dr. Yoshikuni Kitamura, Faculty of Agriculture, Shinshu University, Japan, was officially signed on 29 February 2016 at School of Agro-Industry, MFU.

The Double Master's Degree Programme is expected to attract more international students to both MFU and Shinshu University, and to give students opportunities to enhance their academic skills and prepare them for the globalization era. It will require two years for each participating student, enrolled at MFU as regular students during this period. Participating students will study at MFU for a year, and study at Shinshu University for another year. Upon completion, students will get a Master's Degree from both MFU and Shinshu University.

Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Visited MFU Regarding on China-Thailand Relationship and their Economic Collaborations



H.E. Mr. Ning Fukui, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Thailand visited MFU on 29 February 2016. His Excellency delivered the speech regarding on China-Thailand Relationship and their economic collaborations. His Excellency donated as well 200 Chinese books to the Sirindhorn Chinese Language and Culture Centre for beneficial in learning Chinese Language.

During the visits, His Excellency cited in his speech that "Thailand and China have had relations more than a century from people, government through the royal, and

the assistance that China was given to Thailand whether oil crisis and world economic crisis. Both China and Thailand had a biggest trading partner with a retail value of 75,400 million US dollars. In tourism, since 2014, has more than 4.7 million Chinese visitors to Thailand, and the year 2015 has increased to more than 8 million people are also talking about cooperation with Thailand and other policies. Economic development along the Maritime Silk Road including cooperation to build a railway line in Thailand, e-trading system via internet or e-commerce and to clarify the value of the yuan is not a policy softening."

Ibaraki University



Assist. Prof. Dr. Matchima Naradisorn, Acting Dean, School of Agro-Industry and MFU Vice President, welcomed the delegation from Ibaraki University, Japan, are Dr. Tatsuo Sato, Chairman of International Committee of College of Agriculture, Dr. Takeshi Okubo, Chairperson of Faculty Renovation, Dr. Sadahisa Kato, International Strategy Coordinator, Office of International, and Assist. Prof. Dr. Sakagami Nobuo, AIMS Programme Coordinator, College of Agriculture Strategy and Affairs, discussed the project “ASEAN International Mobility for Students (AIMS) Programme”, and academic collaborations in food technology on 3 March 2016.

H.E. Mr. Fu Xuezhang



H.E. Mr. Fu Xuezhang, Former Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Thailand, and delegation visited MFU on 18 April 2016, discussed on the business of health tourism that becoming the global trend, and how MFU and Chiang Rai could involve into this area.

MFU Congratulates the 95th Founding Anniversary of Xiamen University



On the occasion of the 95th anniversary of the founding of Xiamen University, Fujian, the People's Republic of China, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanchai Sirichana, MFU President, and the MFU executive team members were invited to participate in the 95th Anniversary Ceremony and the “21st Century Maritime Silk Road” University Presidents Forum at Xiamen University on 5 - 6 April 2016.

During the 95th Anniversary Ceremony, MFU jointly with Xiamen University organised the MFU Day Exhibition to exhibit MFU activities photographs for Xiamen University executive, faculties, and students. MFU Vice President had an honour to introduce MFU, followed by highlight of the day, the cultural performances from Xiamen University's student also MFU's students of School of Sinology with appreciation in cooperation between two respective institutions and two cultural exchanges that have been bonded over years of collaborations namely, Chinese language and culture education, Traditional Chinese Medicine and so forth.

63 Presidents of universities and Deans, as well as Directors of Confucius Institute attended the forum for discussion on the topic about the construction of Confucius Institute, internationalisation of higher education and the adaptability of civilisation between countries along the “One Belt, On Road Policy” area. Prof. Zhu Chongshi, President of Xiamen University mentioned that the internationalisation of education cannot work well without the element of Confucius Institutes.

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GROOMING YOU FOR THE FUTURE