

MAE FAH LUANG UNIVERSITY



Mae Fah Luang University
Chiang Rai



*Message from the President
(Dr.Vanchai Sirichana)*

Mae Fah Luang University (MFLU) was established in 1998 in accordance with the University Act. The university has aimed to offer education of international standards while nurturing a closely knitted community of scholars and researchers.

Mae Fah Luang University will not only serve as a regional and national university but also provide educational services to people from neighboring countries in the Greater Mekong Subregion and Southeast Asia as a whole.

Furthermore, Thai culture and arts are integrated as an important dimension of this intellectual community so as to produce graduates who are well equipped with proper knowledge and skills as well as wisdom and ethics, enabling them to be leaders of tomorrow.

In addition to the emphasis placed on information technology, foreign languages, namely English and Chinese are stressed. All the languages of our neighboring countries will be in focus as well.



The Foundation-Stone Laying
Ceremony of MFLU
office building on May 2,2000

Location

Local Chiang Rai people have donated the land where MFLU was established. It is situated at the foothill of Doi Ngam Mountain, covering approximately 1,998 acres. There are two other prospective campus sites in Mae Lao and Mae Suay District, with 1,023 and 289 acres respectively.

Objectives

Mae Fah Luang University was established to fulfill the following objectives:

1. To carry on HRH the Princess Mother's determination for long term, environmentally sound development to enhance the quality of life of the people of Thailand



The Foundation-Stone Laying
Ceremony of Chinese Language
and Culture Center on
December 9,2000

2. To produce outstanding graduates and conduct useful research for the benefit of the nation.

3. To respond to the need for an institution of higher education in the upper northern area of the country

4. To serve as a center for higher education for the GMS countries.

5. To be a vibrant and intellectually challenging university capable of meeting international standards.

6. To provide academic services for the community.

7. To promote Thai arts and culture.

8. To exert the efforts on preservation of the environment.



Background

MFLU was founded in 1998, in Chiang Rai, the northernmost province of Thailand, in response to the need of the people to commemorate HRH the Princess Mother. It also serves as a permanent reminder of HRH's inspirations and gracious contribution to improve the well-being of all the Thai citizens.

MFLU aims to enhance the educational and economic development of the upper northern area in Thailand. The university will also serve as a center of higher education for the Great Mekong Subregion (GMS), covering Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, and Yunan Province (Southern China).



The University Construction

The Royal Thai Government has allocated funding totaling 2,325 million baht (US\$ 61.2 million) to cover the costs of construction, infrastructure system, and other developmental costs. All buildings will have been completed by the year 2003 at which time the university will be able to provide education to 10,000 students.



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Admission into the university is based upon the following two systems:

1. Quota System The university allocates 50 percent of its seats, including the special projects (for talented students, for example), to students from 17 provinces in the northern region under the quota system.

2. Entrance Examination System Half of the overall number of the students enrolled are from all over Thailand who successfully pass the standardized university Entrance Examination. The university hopes to accept international students from our neighboring countries in the near future.



Provisional Study Program for each school in year 2002

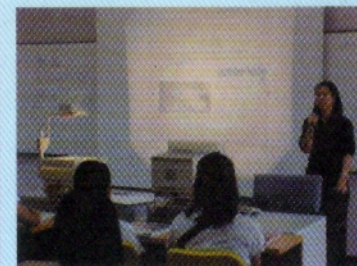
The Academic Year

The academic year starts in early June and is divided into two semesters. The second semester begins in mid November and ends in late March. Students are required to take a minimum of 130 credits through their four years of study, including a practicum course at the end of their senior year. Most of the lectures are conducted in English, so students need basic English skills in order to facilitate their learning and to become independent learners.

Study Programs in the Academic Year 2002

In the year 2002, MFLU will recruit 844 new students studying in 11 programs as follows:

1. School of Liberal Arts / Bachelor degree in English Language; 70 students max.
2. School of Sciences / Bachelor degree in Biotechnology; 36 students max.
3. School of Management Sciences / Bachelor degrees in Tourism Management, Business Administration, Accounting, and Economics; 490 students max. (70, 140, 140, and 140 respectively).
4. School of Information Technology / Bachelor degree in Information Technology, and Computer Science; 140 students max. (70 and 70 respectively) / Bachelor degree in Computer Engineering, Communication Information and Technology (36 and 36 respectively).
5. School of Agroindustry / Bachelor degree in Food Technology; 36 students max.



Mae Fah Luang University Accommodation

Accommodation

MFLU provides on campus dormitories for its students. These offer a safe environment and convenience for the students.



28 m² bedroom



Dormitory



General Atmosphere

Students make friends, study, and learn about themselves and others. MFLU community support the living and learning environment of the campus.



Education Facility Supports

Science Laboratory

The different purposes of science laboratories are ready to support and facilitate learners to learn not only basic science but also hands-on practice.



Computer Laboratory

Computer services are available for all the staff and students. Moreover, the Intensive Training Courses are held frequently to respond to the need of the province in order to develop computer literacy and heighten specific computer skills for people in the localities for maximum utilization of the networks and the Internet.



Library

The library offers services on numerous educational resources from printed and electronic media to audio and visual aids as well as teaching and learning materials.



Thai Arts and Culture

Promoting Thai Arts and culture is one of the important missions of Mae Fah Luang University. Since the Thai Cultural Club was established, it has been assisting and carrying the main goals actively, for example, involvement and participation of students and faculty in some special cultural events, training courses on Thai local traditional dances and music offered by experts, etc.



MAE FAH LUANG UNIVERSITY MASTER PLAN

