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M4U Opening Day

On 1 February 2022, Mae Fah Luang University led by the Global Relations Division organised “M4U Opening Day”, the opening ceremony of M for U, both onsite and online via live streaming.

Vice President of Mae Fah Luang University, Assoc.Prof.Dr. Nantana Gajaseni stated that **M for U (M4U) stands for Mae Fah Luang University for all of you.** It was established to be a one-stop service place for all students and lecturers. MFU aims to utilise human resources, data management and information technology to constantly and effectively improve the continuous processes of student services and to make the operation more efficient. Therefore, M for U has brought together staff members from several related divisions including Registrar Division, Global Relations Division, Student Development Affairs Division, Placement and Co-operative Education Division and Finance and Accounting Division to provide services in one place.



“One Place Best Service”

The President, Assoc.Prof.Dr. Chayaporn Wattanasiri expressed in the **Now and Next** talk that MFU has goals with strong commitment and responsibility for educating the students to be equipped with the up-to-date knowledge, future-ready skills, and positive attitudes. Only in-class teaching and learning may not fully achieve goals, so it is important for the university to support extra-curriculum and non-academic activities. The President added that the University will put all available resources for keeping the excellent quality of modern teaching and learning, strengthening international recognition and improving campus life and services to meet the high standard that University has always endeavour to maintain.

M for U offers a space called “**Networking space**” for students and lecturers to engage in self-study, meaningful conversations, the exchange of ideas, workshop sessions and internationalisation at home activities for encouraging international and Thai students to mingle with each other as well as develop cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

This M for U was definitely one of the best facilities for MFU students to share ideas, perform, work with others and open up opportunities for collaboration.



M for U is located on 2nd floor of M-Square Building, Mae Fah Luang University

Opening Hours:
Networking Space opens every day from 08.00 am – 10.00 pm
Office Zone opens only on Monday to Friday: 08.00 am – 4.00 pm



MFU COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Academic Year 2019 & 2020

Mae Fah Luang University had the great honour of receiving Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, who, on behalf of His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun, presided over MFU's commencement ceremony for the Academic Year 2019 on 14 February 2022, and for the Academic Year 2020 on 28 February 2022 at the C4 Princess Mother Auditorium.



Academic Year 2019

The commencement for Academic Year 2019 marked the graduation of MFU's 18th class of students and also the School of Integrative Medicine's and the School of Dentistry's first batch of graduates.

In total, 3,252 graduates attended the degree presentation ceremony. This year, MFU presented an Honorary Doctorate in Public Health to Emeritus Professor Somsri Pausawasdi, M.D. in recognition of her contributions in anesthesiology. The University also presented the Golden Tung award to Lt. General Emeritus Professor Nopadol Wora-Urai, M.D. in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the School of Medicine and the University as the Founding Dean of the School of Medicine.



See more pictures of the MFU Commencement Ceremony at



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Academic Year 2020

The commencement for Academic Year 2020 marked the graduation of MFU's 19th class of students. In total, 3,034 Bachelor's degree, Master's degree and Doctoral degree graduates were eligible to attend the degree presentation ceremony.

This year, MFU presented an Honorary Doctorate in Dentistry to Adjunct Professor Thanpuying Petchara Techakampuch in recognition of her outstanding contributions in the development of dental innovation and oral healthcare system in Thailand. Moreover, Mr. Wuttichai Saelee, the second blind student in Thailand who used Chinese Braille books and materials as the main medium of studying and learning and a graduate from the Bachelor of Arts Programme in Chinese Language and Culture, the School of Sinology attended the commencement ceremony along with other graduates.



Nantaporn Gonram

The First Blind Graduate from Teaching Chinese Language Programme Who Contributed to the Publication of Thailand's First Chinese Braille Textbook

Ms. Nantaporn Gonram is the first blind student in Thailand to graduate from the Bachelor of Education Programme in Teaching Chinese Language. During her study, she used Chinese Braille books and materials as the main medium of studying and learning. Her goal is to be a teacher and develop a Chinese language curriculum for the school for the blind. Now, she is working as an assistant teacher at the Bangkok School for the Blind in Bangkok.

Ms. Gonram stated that when she was applying to the university, she found that Mae Fah Luang University is open for blind students. As her dream was to be a teacher, she was interested in the Teaching Chinese Language programme. Ms. Gonram added that normally the popular programmes for blind students are law and political science, so if she could graduate from the Teaching Chinese Language programme, she would inspire other blind students to choose the different programmes of study.



Ms. Nantaporn Gonram attended the Commencement Ceremony for the Academic Year 2019 on 14 February 2022.

“Don't wait for someone to give us an opportunity, find it and create our success”



Mae Fah Luang University established the **Disability Support Services Center (DSS)** to help and support students with disabilities to achieve their educational goals and live along with other students well. During Ms. Gonram's study, the DSS, the School of Sinology and other supporting divisions cooperated in producing the first Chinese Braille textbook in Thailand and other Chinese braille materials to support her educational process.

Prof. Supakorn Rojananin, M.D. Receives the Mahidol Thayakorn Award 2021 for Outstanding Alumni

Prof. Supakorn Rojananin, M.D., the Dean of the School of Medicine and Acting Director of Mae Fah Luang University Medical Centre Hospital received the **Mahidol Thayakorn Award 2021 for Outstanding Alumni**.

The award was given by the Mahidol University Alumni Association under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King to recognise his professional knowledge, ability, ethical leadership, contribution to society, academic and life achievements gaining national and international recognition.



MFU Lecturer and team Win the Gold Medal in ITEX'2021

The Head of Safe City Innovation Research Team, the School of Health Science, Asst.Prof.Dr. Kowit Nambunmee and his team won the Gold Medal with their work **"DR.EX: Insecticide Exposure Screening Solution"** in the 32nd International Invention, Innovation and Technology Exhibition (ITEX'21) from 13 - 21 December 2021 at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia.

Nursing Lecturers Get Awards in the 3rd Family Talk

two lecturers from the School of Nursing received award plaques in the 3rd Family Talk on Positive Power against Violence in Family organised by the Center for Morality Promotion (Public Organisation) on 29 March 2022 at TK Palace Hotel, Bangkok.

Asst.Prof. Onnalin Singkhon received the award for her research under **Positive Parenting in Family Project: Promotion Model** and Ms. Suphaphan Chansiri received the award for her research under **Healthy Gamers: Prevention and Rehab Model**.



Environmental Health Students Win the Honourable Mention Award in the 2021 APEC YES Challenge

MFU second-year students from the Environmental Health programme, the School of Health Science won the Honourable Mention award in the 2021 APEC YES Challenge on Green Synergy Solution for Green Energy on 24 December 2021 with their proposal entitled **“ZERO-WASTE FROM PINEAPPLE”**.

This virtual contest was organised by the APEC Research Center for Advanced Biohydrogen Technology (ACABT), Taiwan with an objective to invite young entrepreneurs from all over the APEC member economies to present project proposals based on green energy and renewable energy in order to address climate change and social problems as well as promote sustainable awareness.



MFU Students Seize Bronze Medals in Preliminary Round, Region 5 of the 47th National Games

MFU students from the Sports and Health Science programme, the School of Health Science showed the outstanding performances and received Bronze Medals for Ju-Jitsu competition in the Preliminary Round, Region 5 of the 47th National Games held from 14 – 23 January 2022 in Lamphun province. Ms. Chananan Singse claimed two bronze medals in the women’s 49 - 55 kilograms category. Ms. Thunyaluk Somkham won two bronze medals in the women’s 55 - 62 kilograms category. Both students are qualified to represent Northern region to complete in the 47th National Games.

MFU Alumni and Students Awarded 1.5 Million Baht from the Youth Startup Fund 2021

MFU alumni and students from the School of Science, the School of Management, the School of Liberal Arts and the School of Law were awarded 1.5 million baht per project from the Youth Startup Fund 2021 for supporting their projects **“Growth Revolution: increasing crop cultivation using a computer-controlled temporary immersion bioreactor system”** and **“MinersCaps: nano calcium and vitamin d supplements for promoting bone health”**.



MFU and PSU Sign MoU for Cooperation: A First Step towards the North-South University Network



On 17 March 2022, the signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between **Mae Fah Luang University** and **Prince of Songkla University** was held at the Southern Thailand Science Park, Prince of Songkla University Hatyai Campus.

The MoU was signed by President of Mae Fah Luang University, Assoc.Prof.Dr. Chayaporn Wattanasiri; Asst.Prof.Dr. Niwat Keawpradub, President of Prince of Songkla University; Assoc.Prof.Dr. Nantana Gajaseni, Vice President of Mae Fah Luang University; and Asst.Prof.Dr. Thakerng Wongsirichot, Vice President for International Affairs, Prince of Songkla University. The purpose of this MoU is to provide framework of cooperation in knowledge management, an exchange of knowledge and experience about administrative tasks between two universities in order to improve the efficiency of research management, graduate studies, teaching and learning, student development, human resource management, planning and development, budget, income, quality assurance, and community engagement.



Moreover, there was the signing ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Faculty of Agro-Industry, Prince of Songkla University and the School of Agro-Industry, Mae Fah Luang University signed by Assoc.Prof.Dr. Saroat Rawdkuen, Dean of the School of Agro-Industry and Assoc.Prof.Dr. Wirote Youravong, Dean of the Faculty of Agro-Industry. This MoU is expected to promote and support an exchange of lecturers, researchers and students as well as academic activities which will contribute to the advancement of teaching and learning, agro-industrial research, sustainable organisational management and students' skills.

Furthermore, during the meeting between executive from two universities, Mae Fah Luang University and Prince of Songkla University planned to establish the **North-South University Network (NSU Net)** serving as a platform for leaders of universities located in the Northern and Southern Thailand to strengthen relationships, exchange knowledge and best practices in the new normal in education, promote academic collaboration and move research and innovation forward together. MFU and PSU will be the main coordinator of this network.



MFU, ONWR, Myanmar and China Join to Implement Research Project for Transboundary Water Resources Management

On 25 February 2022, Mae Fah Luang University and the Office of Natural Water Resources (ONWR), Thailand co-hosted the regional consultation conference on transboundary water resource management, and final report launching on the research project titled **“Joint Assessment of Thailand and Myanmar on Flood and Drought for Transboundary Water Resources Management”** at Le Méridien Chiang Rai Resort. The conference was presided over by the Secretary-General of the Office of Natural Water Resources, Dr.Surasri Kidtimonton; the President of Mae Fah Luang University, Assoc.Prof.Dr. Chayaporn Wattanasiri; the Counsellor and Director of Political Section of the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China, Mr. Ge Tang; the Deputy Director, Mekong-Lancang Cooperation National Coordination Unit of Myanmar, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Htuann Naung.



A Visit from the Thailand International Cooperation Agency : Discussion for Further Collaboration

On 24 February 2022, the President of MFU, Assoc.Prof.Dr. Chayaporn Wattanasiri and MFU executives warmly welcomed the delegates from Thailand International Cooperation Agency led by the Director-General, Mrs. Ureerat Chareontoh. The purposes of this visit were to strengthen relations and discuss further academic cooperation for scholarships under the **Thailand International Postgraduate Programme (TIPP)** and **the Annual International Training Courses (AITC) 2023 – 2025**.



The 3rd International Conference on Decision Aid Sciences and Applications (DASA'22)

On 23 – 25 March 2022, the School of Management, the Business Excellence and Logistics Research Centre (BE-Logist) and the Office of Border Economy and Logistics Study (OBELS), Mae Fah Luang University in partnership with College of Business Administration University of Bahrain and NEOMA Business School organised the 2022 International Conference on **Decision Aid Sciences and Applications (DASA'22)** both online and onsite at Pradudeang 1 Room, General Sampao Chusri (E4) Building.





A Lunch Meeting with the Consul General of Japan in Chiang Mai

On 9 February 2022, the Consul General of Japan in Chiang Mai, Mr. Hiroshi Matsumoto hosted a lunch meeting with the President of Mae Fah Luang University, Assoc.Prof.Dr. Chayaporn Wattanasiri and MFU executives at Le Méridien Chiang Rai Resort.

Moreover, the MFU President and the Consul General further discussed the academic cooperation in terms of Japanese language teaching, volunteer Japanese teachers, exchange of students, internship programmes in Japan and educational consultants for studying in Japan.

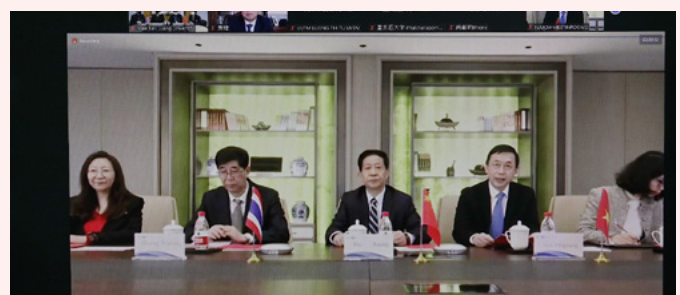


A Visit from the United Nations Development Programme: Cooperation for Achieving the SDGs

On 7 March 2022, Assistant to the President, Asst.Prof.Dr. Chutammat Niwat warmly welcomed the delegates from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Office of the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC), and Thailand Policy Lab led by UNDP Resident Representative to Thailand, Mr. Renaud Meyer; Senior Advisor of NESDC, Mr. Suriyon Thunkijanukij; and Head of Thailand Policy Lab, Ms. Nitasmai Ransaeava who visited Mae Fah Luang University.

MFU Joins the 2nd Jiangsu Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Day

On 2 April 2022, Assoc.Prof.Dr .Chayaporn Wattanasiri, President of Mae Fah Luang University; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nantana Gajasen and Vice President of Mae Fah Luang University participated in the 2nd Jiangsu Mekong-Lancang Cooperation (MLC) Day, a side event of the 5th Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Week which was organised by the Foreign Affairs Office of Jiangsu Provincial People’s Government and Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine via online platform.



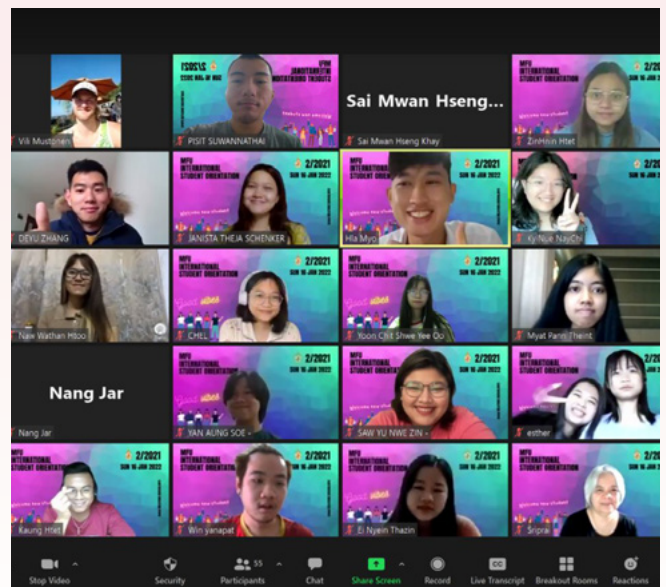
Online Orientation 2/2021: A Warm Welcome to Our New Members

On 16 January 2022, the Global Relations Division (GRD) held the online international student orientation 2/2021 from 09.00 - 12:00 hrs. via zoom meeting programme in order to help new students smoothly adjust to new learning and living environment.

In the second semester of academic year 2021, MFU has welcomed 57 new students from many countries such as China, Finland, Germany, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Korea, Sri Lanka, and the USA.

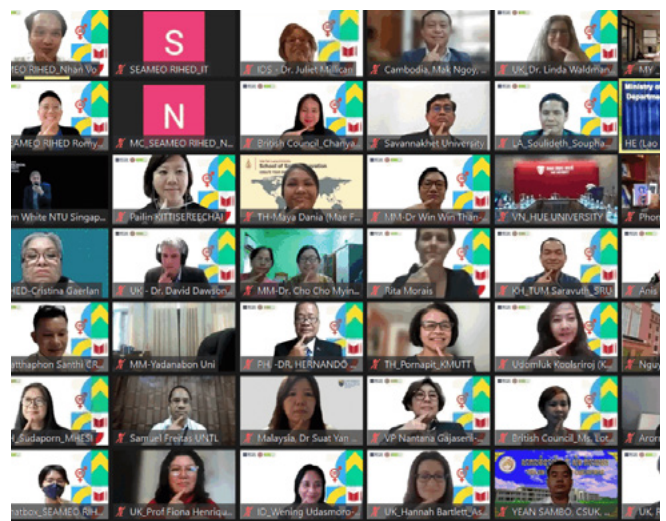
The orientation provided new international students with important information about MFU's services, tips for online learning, how to enter Thailand, visa application, MFU 333 course, health insurance, exchange programme, and scholarships through the presentations from GRD staff and the seniors.

In the welcome speech, Vice President of MFU, Assoc.Prof.Dr. Nantana Gajasesni welcomed all new students and expressed that the University has invested a lot in infrastructure development in order to support the transformation of teaching and learning to **"Blended Learning."** Also, the Vice President added that MFU will help students acquire soft skills that the young generation need and help them become global citizens who are ready to go out and make contribution to society and to their nation.



MFU Vice President Joins "Project Launch and Leadership Forum: Pathway towards Leadership with Gender Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity in Higher Education"

On 7 February 2022, the Vice President of MFU, Assoc.Prof.Dr. Nantana Gajasesni participated in the "Project Launch and Leadership Forum: Pathway towards Leadership with Gender Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity in Higher Education" organised virtually by the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development (SEAMEO RIHED) and the British Council.



MFU Student Invited as a Guest Speaker for a Topic of “the Role and Opportunities for the Students in United Nations”

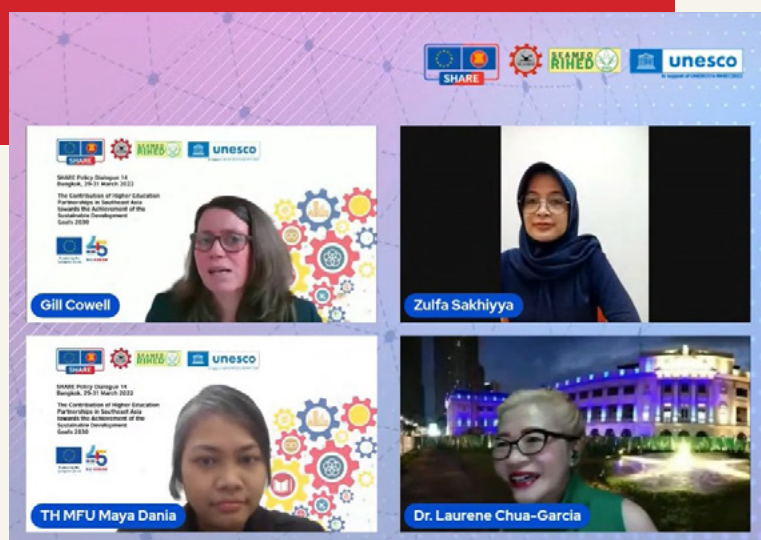
On 27 February 2022, Ms. Kuenzeng Dema, a student from the School of Social Innovation and the Club President of Mae Fah Luang University Model United Nations (MFU MUN) was invited to be a speaker for the virtual international webinar under a topic of **“the Role and Opportunities for the Students in United Nations”**.

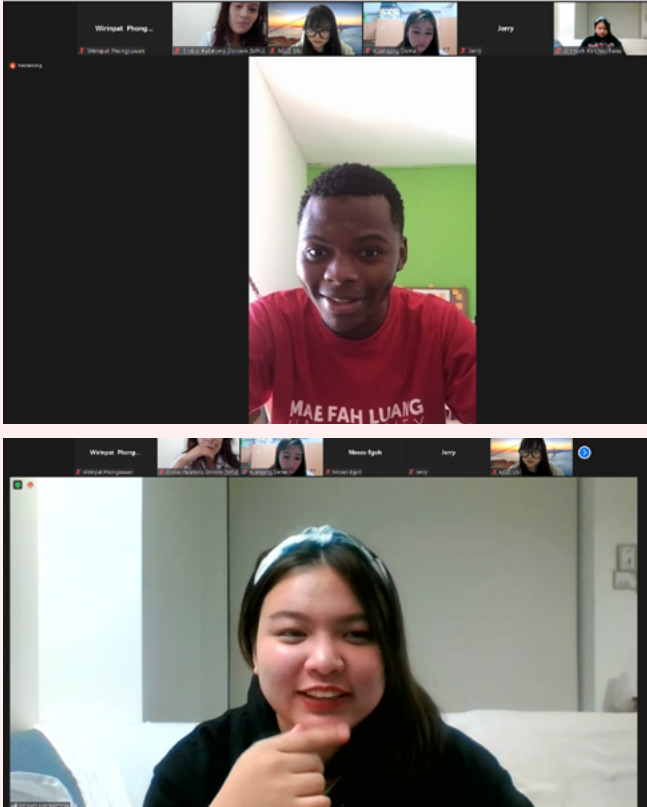


MFU Lecturer Invited to Be a Guest Speaker for SHARE Gender and EDI Research Study

On 30 March 2022, Ms. Maya Dania, a lecturer of International Development Programme, the School of Social Innovation was invited to be one of four panelists for **“SHARE Gender and EDI Research Study”**.

This panel discussion moderated by Ms. Gillian Cowell, Portfolio Lead Gender and Inclusion, British Council brought together Dr. Inaya Rakhmani, Head of Asia Research Centre, University of Indonesia; Dr. Zulfa Sakhiyya, Asia Research Centre, University of Indonesia; and Dr. Laurene Chua-Garcia, Vice President, External Relations and Internationalisation, De La Salle University, The Philippines; and Ms. Maya Dania, Lecturer, International Development Programme, School of Social Innovation, Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand. All panelists expressed their findings and recommendations on how gender, equality, diversity and Inclusion are reflected in higher education system; how higher education can shape gender, equality, diversity and inclusion; and what role of internationalisation and mobility is to contribute to more diversity in higher education system. In her presentation, Ms. Maya Dania concluded that internationalisation and international mobility can shape academic gender in balance and transform it into gender equality for sustainability.





How to Study and Learn Effectively Activity

On 4 February 2022, the Global Relations Division and the International Student Club jointly held the **"How to study and learn effectively"** activity via zoom programme. This activity brought together five Thai and International students to share their ideas and helpful tips for effective studying and learning. During the discussion, speakers suggested effective study strategies including Time management, Growth mindset, Communication issues, Group work, Setting reachable goals, and Having a positive attitude.

Altogether, the activity provided a constructive opportunity for students from different countries and fields of study to share and exchange their study tips which will help other students adapt and apply to their studying and learning plan.

MFU and Consulate-General of Japan in Chiang Mai Arrange the Ikebana Workshop

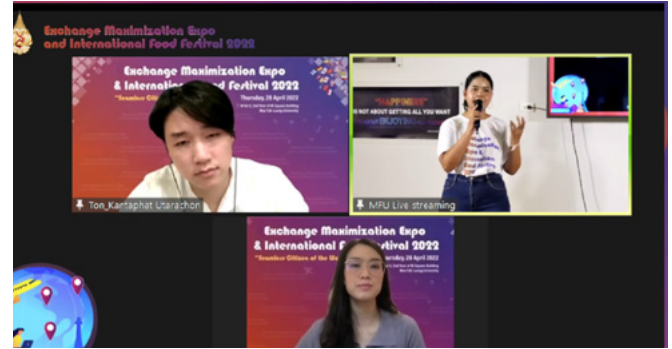
On 21 March 2022, the School of Agro-Industry, Mae Fah Luang University and the Consulate-General of Japan in Chiang Mai jointly organised **the Ikebana Workshop (Japanese Flower Arrangement)** for over 60 participants including the general public and MFU students at Phurahong room, M-square building, Mae Fah Luang University. The workshop was taught by Ms. Poyjairapee Teriyaphirom from Chiang Mai ikebana club.

Asst. Prof. Dr.Chutammat Niwat, Assistant to the President and Mr. Hiromi SHINZEKI, Vice Consul presided over the opening ceremony. In her speech Asst. Prof. Dr.Chutammat Niwat expressed that this workshop was one of the cultural activities between Mae Fah Luang University and the Consulate-General of Japan in Chiang Mai. It was held to not only promote Japanese culture but also offer tips about arrangement techniques and increase happiness among participants.



Exchange Maximization Expo and International Food Festival 2022

On 28 April 2022, the Global Relations Division, the Placement and Cooperative Education Division and MFU International Student Club co-organised “Exchange Maximization Expo and International Food Festival 2022” both online and onsite at M for U, M-square building.



There was a workshop on ‘**Seamless Citizen of the World**’ presented by Ms. Pornpip Kanjananiyot, Special Advisor of SEAMEO Regional Center for Higher Education and Development. This session aimed to raise awareness, promote global citizenship, and encourage the development of 21st century skills among MFU students. In addition, three MFU alumni: Ms. Paticha Onyie (Thailand Pavilion Ambassador at World Expo 2020 Dubai), Mr. Kantaphat Utarachon (Animator at Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc.), Ms. Tanairat Panyakong (Cabin Crew at Emirates Airline) were invited to be special speakers for an experience sharing on a topic of **Cultivate Adaptability and Move Forward! Exploring “Situational Adaptability”, One of the 21st Century Skills** moderated by Mr. Saruntanan Sopanik, lecturer of the School of Management.

Furthermore, there was the International Food Festival that brought together representatives from 8 countries including Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Finland, France, Germany, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Thailand to share their traditional dishes with friends.



In the opening speech, Assoc.Prof.Dr. Nantana Gajasen, Vice President of Mae Fah Luang University expressed that MFU has committed to be a driving force in human resource development of the region and beyond by producing globally competent graduates. Since the establishment in 1998, the University has put a high priority on the internationalised learning environment and later promote the concept of **“Internationalisation at Home”** through different activities such as student mobility. To groom MFU students to work harmoniously with people from different countries and be able to deal with new challenges, MFU has always encouraged students to study abroad to explore international experiences, gain knowledge, develop soft skills and exchange perspectives with friends in different cultural environments around the world as all soft and global skills they acquired during studying abroad are crucial impacts to their future for both personal and professional success.

Altogether, this Exchange Maximization Expo and International Food Festival 2022 successfully inspired MFU students to participate more in student exchange programmes and gave students, lecturers and staff members the motivation to become responsible global citizens and appreciate cultural diversity.





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