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Message from the President



Dr. Vanchai Sirichana

Mae Fah Luang University has now completed five years of operation and has already sent its first group of graduates into the community. The University is fulfilling its aim of offering education of an international standard while nurturing a growing, closely knit community of scholars and researchers.

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

Thai culture and arts are integrated as an important dimension of our intellectual community to ensure that graduates are equipped, not only with the knowledge and skill, but also the wisdom and ethics to enable them to become the leaders of tomorrow.

In addition emphasis is placed on information technology and foreign languages, including English and Chinese, and the languages of our near neighbors.

Background

Mae Fah Luang University (MFLU) was established under Royal Charter in September 1998, as a public autonomous university with full financial support from the Royal Thai Government. The establishment of the university was in response to the needs of people in the north of Thailand and to commemorate the gracious contribution of the King's mother to the people of the northern region. Mae Fah Luang University as a public university is fully accredited by the Ministry of Education of Thailand and has close collaboration with other leading educational organizations.

Location

MFLU is strategically located in Chiang Rai, the northernmost province of Thailand and is part of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) which covers Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and Yunnan Province (Southern China).

Vision

MFLU is as a center of educational excellence offers a wide range of university courses that meet international standards. It aims to excel in selected academic areas, enhancing the quality of graduates and human resources both for the country and the region. MFLU aims to be a wellspring of original research and an archive of knowledge for the region. As a center of learning and research, it aims to benefit the community, private sector and local industry through synergetic cooperation with external agencies. MFLU also seeks to preserve and promote national arts and culture with a focus on both the national identity and the regional social and cultural environment.

Objectives

In order to achieve its vision, MFLU has strong determination and objectives as follow:

1. To be an institution of higher education fulfilling the wishes of the King's mother to promote all aspects of social environment and the enhancement of the quality of life and human resources in the region;
2. To provide higher education and research opportunities in response to the needs of the country and the region;
3. To become the pre-eminent educational organization and a center of academic research for the Greater Mekong Subregion;
4. To contribute to the promotion of higher levels of skills and competencies for the country as a whole and the region in particular;
5. To become a repository for knowledge indigenous to the Greater Mekong Subregion and to promote its dissemination

Education System

MFLU has adopted a dual semester system for all its academic programs. The first semester is from June to September while the second semester runs from October to February. The University intakes new students and offers credit transfers for both semesters across all schools.



Study Programs Offered

MFLU offers programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels and English is the medium of instruction for nearly all disciplines.

Undergraduate Programs

School of Liberal Arts

- English Language
- Chinese Language

School of Information Technology

- Information Technology
- Computer Sciences
- Computer Engineering
- Information and Communication Technology

School of Management

- Accounting
- Economics
- Business Administration
- Tourism Management

School of Agro-industry

- Food Technology
- Postharvest Technology and Package

School of Sciences

- Biotechnology

School of Law

- Law

Graduate Programs

School of Sciences

- Materials Science
- Ceramic Industrial Technology
- Biotechnology
- Biological Science
- Applied Chemistry
- Computational Science

School of Management

- Business Administration

School of Liberal Arts

- Education Management
- Public Administration

Doctorate Programs

- Biotechnology
- Materials Science



Resources

The Center for Information Technology Services (CITS)

This Center offers all IT related services for academic purposes, research works, administration and every other aspect of the university's operations. The Center manages the university's communication network. It works in close cooperation with the School of Information Technology, providing software training programs and support for both internal and external personnel.

Computer System

The university computer system employs a high speed network. Within the campus, it is possible to set up high speed network groups of computers to work with the internet and intranet service.

In the educational area, the university provides a wireless network to serve instructors and students not only in the classroom but anywhere within the campus.

Internet / Intranet System

MFLU makes use of an Uninet network which has been established to serve all universities with 1 Mbps speed over a leased line with an extra reserve system through an additional leased line connected to the ISP with a speed of 128 Kbps. In addition, teleconference facilities connected to the Uninet serves tele-education and conference needs.

The Center for Learning Resources and Educational Media

The Center offers a full range of library services and educational resources including books, journals and periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, rare books, government publications, AV materials (CD-ROM, cassette tapes, diskettes, video and slides). Access to computers and electronic databases from the Thai Library Integrated System and subscription services are also available. The center is fully equipped with an automated library system version of VTLS. There is also a Self-access Learning Center. Online database terminals, internet access terminals, single and group multimedia rooms, group study rooms, a mini theater and wireless-internet access points are also provided.

The Center offers lending services, inter-library loan facilities and on-line catalogues. Facilities are provided for individual and tutorial room instruction by users on request and include training programs for staff and students.



The Center for Scientific and Technological Equipment

In response to the university's needs and public services the center is fully equipped with sophisticated equipment to serve as a center of scientific laboratory based research. For undergraduate programs, there are specialized laboratories for biological sciences, microbiology, chemistry, physics, information technology, food technology, post harvest and packaging, while biotechnology science, materials sciences and ceramics are provided for the graduate programs.

In addition, advanced scientific equipment including a Scanning Electron Microscope, Fourier Infrared-Raman Spectrophotometer and High Performance Liquid Chromatography are available for testing and analytical services, not only for the university's activities, but also for the wider community.



Accommodation

Dormitories are provided on campus for students in need of accommodation. In addition to the basic facilities, accessible internet cable is also available. Living on campus gives students an opportunity to socialize with local and foreign students and enjoy student activities. In addition, a sports complex is provided on campus in response to our commitment to the health of our students.

At Glance

The university campus is located in a picturesque mountainous environment, surrounded by rich green vegetation. The campus promotes the concept a *"university in the park."* More than 20,000 trees and many other types of flora have been planted; the campus is set amidst extensive gardens. The buildings and grounds have been aesthetically designed to reflect the culture of northern Thailand and to blend in with the local environment. The whole campus reflects the university's commitment to promote a healthy natural environment and to encourage sound environmental practices.



The Sirindhorn Chinese Language and Cultural Center

The Sirindhorn Chinese Language and Cultural Center was established as a gift to the Thai people from the Government of the People's Republic of China to commemorate the centenary anniversary of the birth of the King's mother and to mark the long-standing, cordial and strong relationship of China and Thailand. With royal permission, HRH Mahachakri Sirindhorn graciously permitted the center to be named the "Sirindhorn Chinese Language and Cultural Center". The center aims to be a focus for Chinese language education and cultural exchange both for Thailand and the other GMS countries.

The center has received financial support from the Government of China and the Royal Thai Government and has close academic cooperation with leading Chinese Universities. The center offers a program in Chinese language and promotes cultural exchanges at different levels.

