



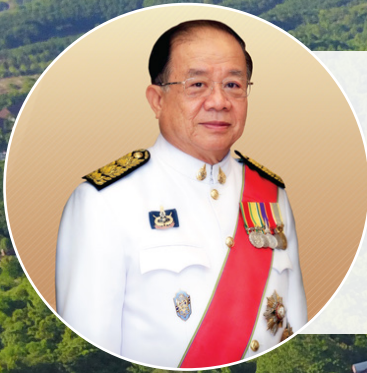
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**New Chairman of the University Council**  
 The Royal Gazette made public the royal command announcing the appointment of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanchai Sirichana as the Chairman of Mae Fah Luang University Council beginning of 15 June 2020.



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# Mae Fah Luang University: International Recognition



**No. 1  
World Ranking**

**Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the World  
For Mycology Category 2017**

The Center of Excellence in Fungal Research achieved a full score and was ranked as the 1<sup>st</sup> out of 1,000 universities worldwide.



**10,000+** strains in culture collection

**800+** publications in international journals

**500+** new species of fungi



**No. 19  
World Ranking**

**Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Asia  
For Plant and Animal Science Category 2019**

**Ranked 1<sup>st</sup>  
in Thailand**

**Ranked 1<sup>st</sup>  
in Asia**

**Ranked 19<sup>th</sup>  
in the World**

**Ranked 166<sup>th</sup> in the World  
For Green University 2019**

**Ranked 9<sup>th</sup>  
in Thailand**

**Ranked 166<sup>th</sup>  
in the World**



**No. 166  
World Ranking**



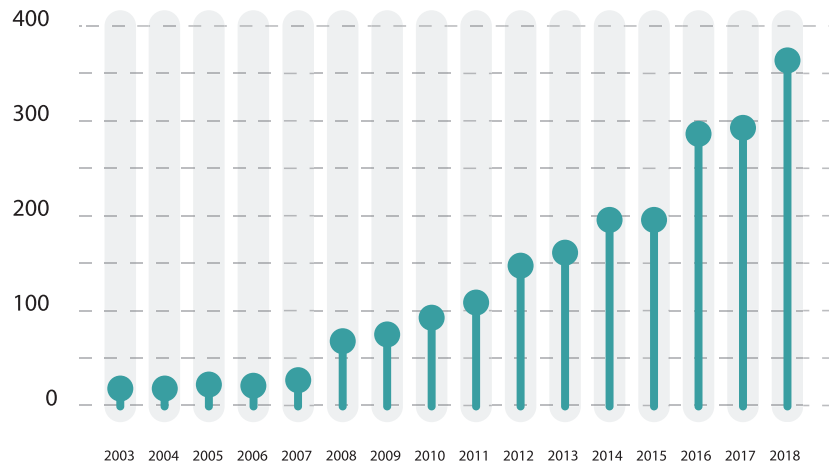
Top 601-800  
World Ranking

Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Thailand  
For Citations and International  
Outlook Categories 2020

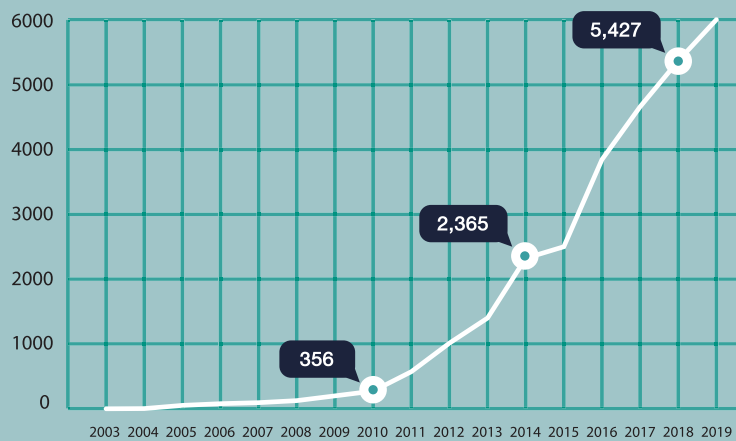
### MFU's scores in five areas

|  |                       |        |
|--|-----------------------|--------|
|  | Teaching              | 14.4   |
|  | Research              | 9.0    |
|  | Citations             | 74.4 ★ |
|  | Industry Income       | 34.5   |
|  | International Outlook | 50.6 ★ |

The Number of Publications Published in the Elsevier's Scopus



The Number of Citations



Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Thailand  
For Life Sciences Subjects 2020

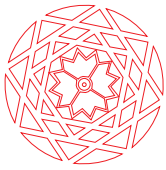
MFU was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> out of 9 Thai universities and ranked in the 251-300 tier out of 821 universities worldwide.

With the score of 96.1, MFU was also ranked 34<sup>th</sup> in the World in the citations category.



Top 251-300  
World Ranking





Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Thailand  
For Emerging Economies University Rankings 2020

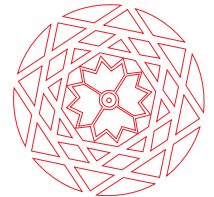
Ranked  
3<sup>rd</sup>  
in Thailand

Ranked  
145<sup>th</sup>  
in the World



Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Thailand  
For SDG 5: Gender Equality 2020

Overall score: 9<sup>th</sup> in Thailand  
and 401-600 group in World ranking



Ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in Thailand  
For SCImago Institutions Rankings (SIR) 2020

Ranked  
8<sup>th</sup>  
in Thailand

Ranked  
268<sup>th</sup>  
in Asia

Ranked  
734<sup>th</sup>  
in the World

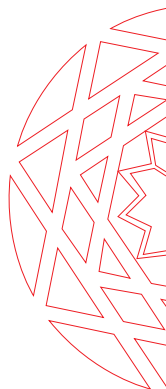


Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Thailand  
For Asia University Rankings 2020

Ranked  
2<sup>nd</sup>  
in Thailand

Ranked  
8<sup>th</sup>  
in ASEAN

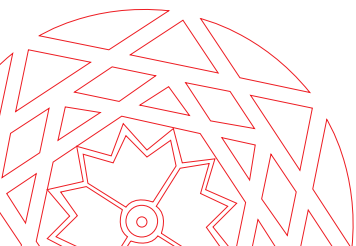
Ranked  
134<sup>th</sup>  
in Asia



Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Thailand  
For Young University Rankings 2020

Ranked  
1<sup>st</sup>  
in Thailand

Ranked in the  
151-200  
group in the World





## MFU Community Engagement: From Research for Better Living Communities in Thailand

With the determination to fulfill HRH Princess Srinagarindra's intention of developing people and promoting healthcare, Mae Fah Luang University has committed itself to providing academic and healthcare services for the community by engaging students and

staff in several University Social Responsibilities (USR) activities in order to improve the quality of life of the people not only in the nation, but also in regions.

Therefore, there are several cases to share as follows:

### I. MFU Cooperates with AIS in Setting up PM2.5 Monitoring Devices in Chiang Rai

To monitor and cope with PM2.5 pollution problem in Chiang Rai province, the Center of Excellence in AI and Emerging Technologies (AIE), the School of Information Technology in collaboration with the Advanced Info Service Public Company Limited (AIS) have developed "M-Care", a PM2.5 measuring device using the Narrowband IoT (NB-IoT) and DEVIO NB-SHIELD I.





## II. Collaboration with University of Michigan for Electronic Waste Management

On 14-17 December 2019, Asst. Prof. Dr. Kowit Nambunmee, a lecturer from the Occupational Health and Safety programme, the School of Health Science, MFU and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Richard Nietzel from the School of Public Health, University of Michigan, USA visited Khok Sa-at, Khong Chai District, Kalasin province, Thailand to do research on the appropriate and effective health and safety management for e-waste recycling workers.



## III. Medical and Dental Services for Chiang Rai People

On 13 January 2020, School of Integrative Medicine, MFU and the Princess Mother's dental service project joined the Princess Mother's Medical Volunteer Foundation to provide medical and dental services for the general public at the Queen Sirikit 72<sup>nd</sup> Jubilee Sport Arena, MFU.

## IV. Cooperation with the Office of the National Water Resources for Transboundary Water Resources Management

On 27 January 2020, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chayaporn Wattanasiri, President of Mae Fah Luang University and Dr. Somkiat Prajamwong, the Secretary-General of the Office of the National Water Resources signed MoU for the joint assessment of Thailand and Myanmar on flood and drought for transboundary water resources management project which is allocated 10 million baht (2,450,000 CNY) from the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund, P.R. China.











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## MFU Commencement Ceremony for Academic Year 2018

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On 26 February 2020, MFU had the great honour of receiving Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, on behalf of His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun, presided over MFU's commencement ceremony for the Academic Year 2018 at the C4 Princess Mother Auditorium, MFU.

This year's commencement marked the 17<sup>th</sup> graduation of MFU and also celebrated the first batch of graduates from the School of Medicine. In total, there were 2,816 Thai and 105 international graduates.

This year, MFU presented an Honorary Doctorate in Social Sciences to Somdet Phra Maha Rajjamangalamuni (Thongchai Dhammadhajo), a member of Sangha Supreme Council and the Assistant Abbot of Wat Traimit Withayaram Worawihan, and an Honorary Doctorate in International Relations to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanchai Sirichana, the Founding President of Mae Fah Luang University.







## New Species of Auricularia Discovered by MFU Researchers

A new species of Auricularia (locally called Hed Hoo Noo) "*Auricularia thailandica*" has been discovered by Professor Dr. Kevin David Hyde, Director of the Center of Excellence in Fungal Research (CEFR) at Mae Fah Luang University and his researcher team.

Moreover, Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn has bestowed the official name of this new species to be "Musikarat." The Auricularia species is edible and can be grown commercially.

Therefore, the Center of Excellence in Fungal Research is planning to introduce prototype and offer workshop on mushroom cultivation for Thai farmers.



# MFU Young University Leaders Project (MFU-YUL 2020)



To strengthen management skills for MFU executives, the “MFU Young University Leaders Project” has been organized by Global Relations Division (GRD) on 9 January - 25 May 2020 at Mae Fah Luang University.

The four-month programme has been initiated to help 27 young executive members from 13 Schools prepare for leadership roles by coaching them develop knowledge and skills in strategically planning, university policies and regulations, leadership, human



resources development, and internationalization.

This programme is divided into four parts; 1) workshop training, 2) study visit, 3) group work, and 4) group work presentation. During the interactive group work, participants have an abundance of opportunities to exchange their perspectives and work together towards new projects or strategies to develop practical solutions that are suitable for promoting an efficient university administration and improving academic management.



# Awards

17 January 2020  
Dean, School of Health Science

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rachanee Sunsern was chosen for the “Person of the Year 2020” award to mark her achievement in the Management and Organizational Development category by the Thai Awards Committee.



2-6 February 2020  
Lecturer, School of Medicine

Mr. Arnon Jumlongkul, M.D. received the Invention Award for his work called “Robotic Autopsy Saw” in the Thailand Inventors’ Day 2020 held by the National Research Council of Thailand.



6-7 June 2020  
Students, School of Information Technology

Mr. Tanyawut Chaloepong, Mr. Pasit Yooto and Mr. Nawin Denduang won the first prize with an award of 120,000 baht for their “Pet Guard” application in the Tech Startup Entrepreneurs Camp at Rangsit University, Bangkok.





# Student Activities



## 2-6 December 2019 Thai-China Youth Exchange Programme

10 MFU students had an opportunity to exchange perspective and gain a better understanding in various aspects of China especially culture and economic with Chinese students at Yunnan Minzu University, P.R. China.



## 11 December 2019 Study Abroad in Germany

MFU students and lecturers attended the “Scholarship & Study abroad by DAAD Thailand”, the event was held at MFU with an up-to-date information about research funding and study abroad opportunities in Germany.



## 21-22 February 2020 Student Exchange Activity

10 MFU students and 10 Rikkyo University students learned and enhanced a better understanding of Japan's and Thailand's cultural and economic aspects through a special lecture on the overview of business and economics.



# MFU's COVID-19 Support Measures for Everyone



## Students

### » Online Learning



### » MFU Free Internet

(Unlimited net at speed 4 Mbps for 3 months)



### » Universal Health Coverage Scheme at Public Hospitals in Thailand



### » Tuition Fee Extension

### » Over 500 Scholarships

### » International Student Support

- Global Relations Division

### » 50% Refund

- Public Facility Fee (semester 2/2019)
- On-campus Dormitory Fee (semester 2/2019)

### » Free of Charge

- How to Live and Learn on Campus 2020 Fee (Undergraduate Level: Student ID 63x xxxx xxx)
- Damage Insurance Fee (Undergraduate Level: Student ID 63x xxxx xxx)
- Late Registration Fee (for current students)

### » Monthly Payment

- Public Facility Fee for semester 1/2020 & 2/2020 (for all students when come back to MFU)

### » 10% Reduction

- Tuition Fee for semester 1/2020 and 2/2020

### » 50% Reduction

- Intensive English Course Fee (Undergraduate Level: Student ID 63x xxxx xxx)
- Intensive Chinese Course Fee (Undergraduate Level: Student ID 63x xxxx xxx)







## General Public

- » **Medical Treatment**
  - MFU Medical Center Hospital
  - School of Medicine

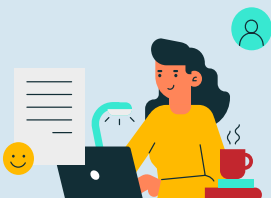


- » **Community Consultation**
  - School of Nursing
  - MFU Wellness Center



- » **COVID-19 Situation Report in 10 languages**
  - School of Social Innovation

- » **Career Development Training**
  - Center of Academic Service



## Teaching



- » **Online Learning Platforms**

- » **Online Learning and Teaching Support Unit**
  - Academic Extension and Development Office



- » **Budget for Online Learning Development**



## Lecturers and Staff

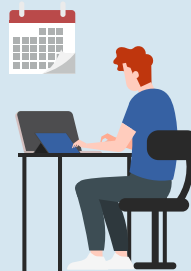
- » **Online Teaching Training**



- » **Work from Home**



- » **Different time slots and staff rotation**



## Others

- » **Rental Waiver for Entrepreneurs**
- » **Disinfection of All Areas**

- » **Food Delivery Service**
  - Ruen Rim Nam Restaurant

- » **D.I.Y. Medical Equipment for Medical Staff**
  - Scientific and Technological Instruments Center
  - Intellectual Property Management and Innovation Development
  - Center of Excellence in AI and Emerging Techs

- » **D.I.Y. Face Masks Tutorial**
  - School of Health Science

- » **Mental Health Hotline**
  - School of Nursing




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