



Welcome to Mae Fah Luang University

Welcome all students to Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand. It is the fastest growing university, well known for the high quality of teaching research services and facilities. Mae Fah Luang University excels in various academic areas, creating qualified graduates and human resources for the country and the region. It is also a source of research with the capability of applying that knowledge to benefit the society and industrial/business sectors through cooperation with related agencies. At the same time, the university retains its national identity through education and development of the national arts and culture.

I hope you will be proud to study at MFU. We are the University of Opportunity; none will be left out of the university because of poverty or financial need. MFU has fine facilities and a strong infrastructure for living and learning—an international dormitory, state-of-the-art classrooms and technology, a free transportation service that can take the students anywhere on campus, banks, markets, restaurants, a campus bookstore, internet access, a health garden, a sports complex, as well as a wide array of student activities, both academic and social.

While MFU uses English as its medium of instruction in all programs, do not be discouraged, for your language skills will increase rapidly as you use them. I am confident that if you are attentive and responsible in your study, you will succeed and pass your courses. Always remember that even when things are challenging and difficult, where there's a will, there's always a way. So I encourage you to be diligent and hard-working students, and you will achieve excellence.

As for the freshmen, wherever you come from, you are now the newest part of the MFU family. Please be assured that you are studying at an institution of the highest academic quality. During your time here, you will not only accomplish your academic and professional goals, but you will also become a good human-being who can go into the world to serve others and live happily in a multi-cultural, global environment. This is your time—you have the freedom to create, to explore, and do what you want to do. It is your time to fly like a bird with your own wings—you can fly as far and as high as you want!

Once again, we welcome you all to Mae Fah Luang University. I know that you will be happy to live and learn at MFU, the University in the Park, the University of Opportunity, the World University, the University where one will discover Education for Peace, Education for all.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanchai Sirichana
the President of Mae Fah Luang University



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Welcome International students to Mae Fah Luang University



Welcome international students to Mae Fah Luang University: the University of Opportunity, a World University, and the University in the Park: the best place to live and learn. As academic year 2009 begins, we warmly welcome 120 international students from 6 countries. I am confident that in a few days, all of you will adapt to life here, and I wish that you will all be happy to live and study here. We hope that the buddy for each new international student will take care of you, and help and guide you to know more about MFU and to make you feel at home.

For your studying, MFU has a Self Access Center that you can use to test your English proficiency, and a Library and Educational Media Center with many kinds of books in varieties of languages such as English, Chinese, French, Japanese, Thai and others. Furthermore, we have a bank, a post office and international call services. MFU also has the Living and Learning Support Center; a one stop service that includes information about extending visas, admissions, dealing with foreign embassies in Thailand, and counseling for any issue not only in studying, but also family and personal problems. So, you can be assured that you will not be alone and feel at home when you are in our campus.

MFU has prepared a study tour for international students to the important sites and tourists spots in Chiang Rai and neighboring provinces. This is study outside the classroom where you can learn Thai culture, wisdom, and the unique lifestyle of Northern Thai people. Moreover, you can learn more about Chiang Rai province from this newsletter or from your senior international and Thai students as well as a wide array of international activities.

If you need more information please contact Division of International Affairs at Tel. 053-916-024 or 026, or email address at inter@mfu.ac.th. We are here to serve you and to make sure that your life here will be comfortable and successful.

Again welcome to Mae Fah Luang University. I wish you all successful in your study, and that you will be a asset to your community, society and the world when you go back. Have a successful, enjoyable and meaningful stay. With all the best!

Assoc. Prof. Nareewan Chintakanond
Vice President



New Advisor to the President on Foreign Affairs



Mr. Domdej Bunnag was recently appointed the Advisor to the President on Foreign Affairs. He graduated with B.A. (Law) from Thammasart University, Thailand, M.A. (Public and International Affairs) from University of Pittsburgh, USA. His foreign service career spanned over 32 years. He served important posts as follow;

- Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Thailand to Republic of South Africa (2005-2008)
- Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Thailand to Norway (2002-2004)
- Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Thailand to Israel (1999-2001)
- Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Thailand to the Kingdom of Cambodia (1995-1998)
- Consul- General, Royal Thai Consulate –General, Osaka, Japan (1991-1994)
- Director, Americans Division, Department of Political Affairs (1990)
- Director, Southeast Asia Division, Department of Political Affairs (1988)

After his retirement from foreign service since October 2008, he has been teaching law at the School of Law, Mae Fah Luang University. Apart from his teaching assignment, he advises the President on foreign affairs and liases MFU and foreign missions in Thailand and abroad also international organizations.





MFU International student won the Best Poster Presentation from the research titled “Relationships between CO₂ Assimilation, Dry Matter and Carbon Sequestration of *Jatropha curcas* L.”



On April 7-9, 2009, Mr. Bram Hadiwijaya, an international graduate student in Biotechnology, from the School of Science, and Dr. Pongmanee Thongbai, a Lecturer from the School of Science, Mae Fah Luang University, won the Best Poster Presentation in the International Conference on the Occasion of the 4th Cycle Celebration of King Mongkut's University of Technology (KMUTT) “Sustainable Development to Save the Earth: Technologies and Strategies Vision 2050 (SDSE 2008)” at Millennium Hilton Bangkok Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.

Organized by KMUTT and supported by National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), Commission on Higher Education (CHE), National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT), the Ministry of Energy and the Petroleum Authority of Thailand (PTT), the conference covered a range of topics in science, technology and engineering, addressing past achievement and projected the vision of technologies and strategies in terms of sustainable development concerns in the future world. Among the international distinguished delegates were H.E. Dr. Khunying Kalaya Sophonpanich, Minister of Science and Technology, and Professor Hideki Shirakawa, 2000 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, who delivered the Keynote lectures.

On this occasion, Mr. Bram Hadiwijaya, international master student and Dr. Pongmanee Thongbai, a lecturer from the School of Science, Mae Fah Luang University, were awarded the Best Poster Presentation from their research titled “Relationship between CO₂ Assimilation Dry Matter and Carbon Sequestration of *Jatropha curcas* L.” Mr. Bram Hadiwijaya is a master student from Indonesia funded by the Indonesian Government Scholarship under the academic cooperation.



Inter' News

MFU has produced its graduates in Assistant Nurse to serve the public



The School of Nursing, Mae Fah Luang University held a commencement ceremony on April 28, 2009 in the Mae Sai Room, Office of the President. Twenty-three students received their diplomas in Assistant Nurse.

MFU President, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanchai Sirichana, spoke at the commencement: “MFU aims to produce quality assistant nurse graduates who are mindful to serve and to take care of their patients as their family. Most important, the MFU assistant nurses must make sacrifice, and perform their duties with a high consciousness of morality.”

MFU administrators, faculty, and all graduate’s parents participated in this ceremony.



MFU held a commencement ceremony for the 2nd group of Health Science Diploma graduates

The School of Health Science, Mae Fah Luang University held a commencement ceremony on March 12, 2009 in the Chiang Sean Room, Office of the President. Fifty-three students received their diplomas in Health Science.

MFU President, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanchai Sirichana, spoke at the commencement: “I hope you will enjoy success in your future career and contribute to our societies.”



Inter' Events



With the cooperation with IRASEC (Research Institute on Contemporary Southeast Asia), the French-Upper Mekong Sub-region Academic Cooperation Centre launched the seminar on “Mekong Studies at Crossed Glances” from the February 25-26, 2009 at Mae Fah Luang University. This seminar is an opportunity for experts and specialists whose research focuses on the GMS Region.

Over 100 participants came to expand their vision to elevate to new heights of excellence. The opening speech was given by Mr. Maurice Siveton; Regional Counselor for Cooperation to Southeast Asian Pacific of the French Embassy in Thailand and he also received the honourable participants: Lieutenant-Colonel Erwan Charles; the Attache of the Defence, and Mr. Philippe Leclerc; Second Secretary of the French Embassy.

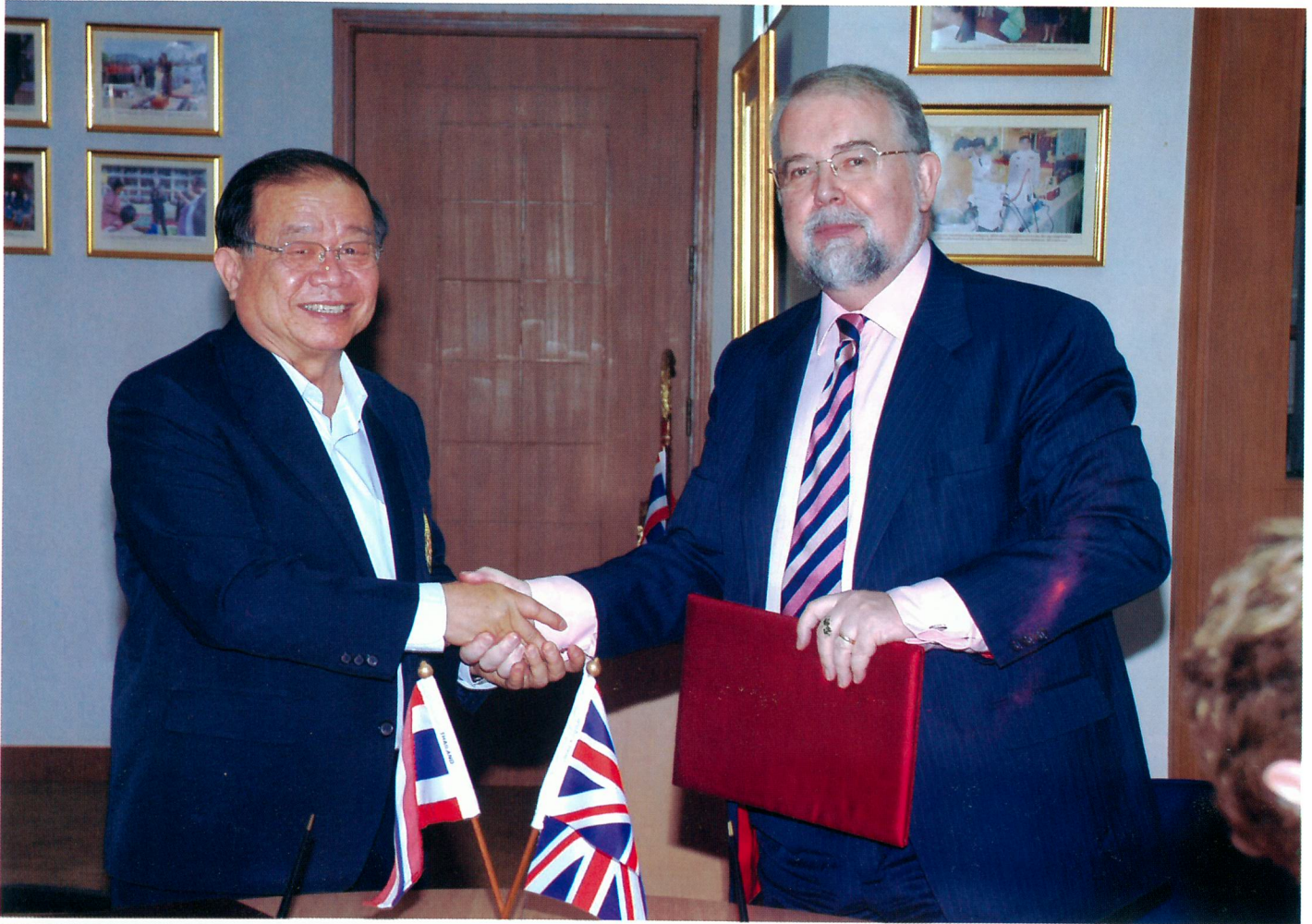
Academic Seminar on “On the Road from Chiang Khong to Luang Prabang: the Inventory at Mae Fah Luang University

On the 28th of January 2009 the French-Upper Mekong Sub-region Academic Cooperation Centre organized the social seminar on the title “On the Road from Chiang Khong to Luang Prabang: the inventory.”

The seminar is to investigate the extent of information accumulated from the voyage. This genre of inventory has drawn from studying of various issues including; politics, economics, society, language, and culture.



International Visitors (March – May 2009)



On March 3, 2009, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanchai Sirichana, President, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ted Tesprateep, Vice President, Assoc. Prof. Nareewan Chintakanond, Vice President, Prof. Dr. Siriwat Wongsiri, Dean, School of Science, warmly welcomed Prof. Michael Brown, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive together with another three members from Liverpool John Moores University to Mae Fah Luang University

On this occasion, Mae Fah Luang University and Liverpool John Moores University from the United Kingdom, signed the Memorandum Of Understanding on academic cooperation at the Reception Room, Office of the President. This will encourage closer academic ties between Mae Fah Luang University and Liverpool John Moores University in order to explore further collaboration including the establishment of exchange programs and collaborations in areas of interest that benefit both institutions.



International Visitors (March – May 2009)



On March 23, 2009, a German Academic Delegation including members from Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg was warmly received by the Vice President, Assoc. Prof. Nareewan Chintakanond, the Advisor to the President, Prof. Dr. John Keith Syers, as well as by the Dean and Lecturers from the School of Information Technology.

From this discussion, the German Academic Delegation and MFU agreed to have collaborative projects and study programs detailed as follows:

1. Collaborative Research Projects which include Logistics, Robotics, Education Science, and Drying processes.
2. Study programs include in credit transferring for master programs, research internships in Germany and double degrees in master of science.

On the other hand, Prof. Dr. Dietrich Ziems suggests that students in Logistics program from Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg might be interested in visiting MFU to study some modules at MFU to broaden their educational background and to give them an interesting international experience.



MFU Up & Away



MFU executive administrators led by the President, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanchai Sirichana, the Vice President, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ted Tesprateep, the Dean from the School of Nursing, Assoc. Prof. Supranee Athaseri, visited IBARAKI Council of senior citizen welfare service, in Japan, from March 17-18, 2009.

MFU executive administrators led by the President, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanchai Sirichana, the Vice President, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chuta Manusphaibool, Dean from the School of Management, lecturers from the School of Management and School of Liberal Arts visited Massy University, in New Zealand, from April 8-9, 2009.



MFU Up & Away

From March 15-20, 2009, School of Anti-Aging and Regenerative Medicine led by Thumthiwat Nararatwanchai, M.D., Ph. D., Dean, School of Anti-Aging Regenerative Medicine, Sawarin Ruckbua, M.D., Pongsiri Koonngam, M.D., and Mart Maiprasert, M.D., together with students in Dermatology program, master degree paid a visit to Juntendo University, Japan including the Dermatology Department, Research Center.

The MFU delegations were welcomed by Prof. Hideoki Ogawa, the President and CEO of Juntendo University, Prof. Y. Suga, Head of Department of Dermatology, and Prof. Y. Araki.

During the visit, the MFU delegations paid a visit to the KAO Corporation. The MFU delegations saw the company's cosmetic products and packaging, and also visited the Japanese cosmetic museum.



School Issue



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About the School

The School of Information Technology offers high-end, unique, multi-dimensional, full-time Bachelor and Master Programs in Information Technology. By observing current Information Technology and advanced research, all programs have been designed, developed and delivered by active practitioners and experienced academics.

Self development skills of students in a variety of aspects such as leadership, creation of well being and foreign language fluency are promoted by all programs. "Additionally there are supplementary activities, such as games and sports, promoting the balanced development skills of students required by the Information Technology industry worldwide." Gp. Capt. Dr. Thongchai Yooyativong, Dean, School of Information Technology added. "

Academic Programs

The school of Information Technology offers seven programmes as follows:

1. Bachelor of Science (Computer Science)
2. Bachelor of Science (Software Engineering)
3. Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Engineering)
4. Bachelor of Science (Management of Information Technology)
5. Bachelor of Science (Multimedia Technology and Animation)
6. Bachelor of Engineering (Information and Communication Engineering)
7. Master of Science (Strategic Management Information System)



Say Hi MFU

What's MFU in your mind?



“MFU is a University in the Park, It’s something like the appropriate fertilizer that helps the flowers blooming to be, not only the perfect scent, but also the charming and attractive one.”

By Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ted Tesprateep, Vice President

“Mae Fah Luang University is a very peaceful place to study. In these 11 years, it is developing very fast. We can see a lot of improvements here. MFU is the International University. There are both Thai and foreign professors who are experts in academic. Because of the good atmosphere and resources, MFU attracts a lot of international students. I hope MFU will reach its goal in the near future.”

By Yuan Fang, Lecturer(Chinese)



“It is a place of higher educational learning located in a peaceful, beautiful and pristine environment and yet inhabited by an intellectual community. Students are thus nurtured in their spiritual and Intellectual growth by both the peacefulness, beauty and purity of their environment, and by the intellectual stimulation flowing from and between their educators peers.”

By Paul Doyon, Lecturer (English / Japanese)



Say hi from International Student



Hello, I am Tribikram Thapa. I am a Nepalese citizen and look forward to studying in Physical Therapy, School of Health Science. The serene and pristine beauty of the University has been a feast for my eyes and the presence of such tranquility has made me even more keen to further my education here. I am very excited to be studying in such a prestigious university and very much looking forward to new endeavors and experiences.



Hello, I am Keith Edward. I come from California in the United States of America. I am interested in Multimedia Technology and Animation, School of Information Technology.

I am excited to take part in learning at this university and look forward to studying here as well.



I will do my best to study.



Hi, My name is Dylan Jan Hartmann. I am originally from Northern New South Wales in Australia but my family moved to Chiang Mai in the Year 2000 and I have lived in between the two countries since then. I've come to Mae Fah Luang University to finish my Degree in Thai Language and Culture. I'm very interested in Lanna language, history and culture. And that's why Mae Fah Luang University was the best choice for me! I'm very pleased to be here and make many new friends!



I'm Mr. Sai Woon Si, from Myanmar. Once, I have been to visit MFU, and I really like the university atmosphere through the lovely faculties and staff. They are so helpful and give the opportunity for everyone who attends to study here. So, that is why I choose to study Applied Chemistry, School of Science.

I'm Mr. Zhao Fu, from China. I have discovered MFU from the website. MFU is a beautiful place to live and learn. It's so clean and full of green

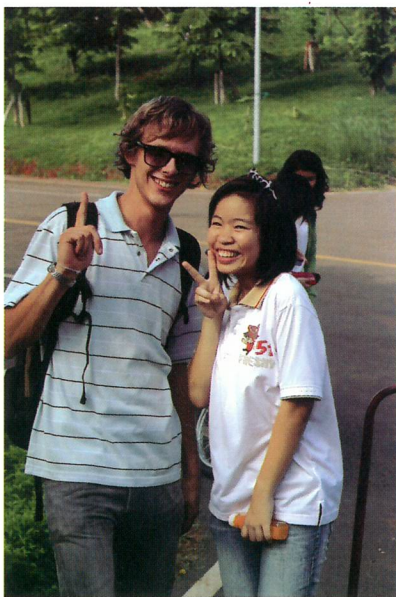
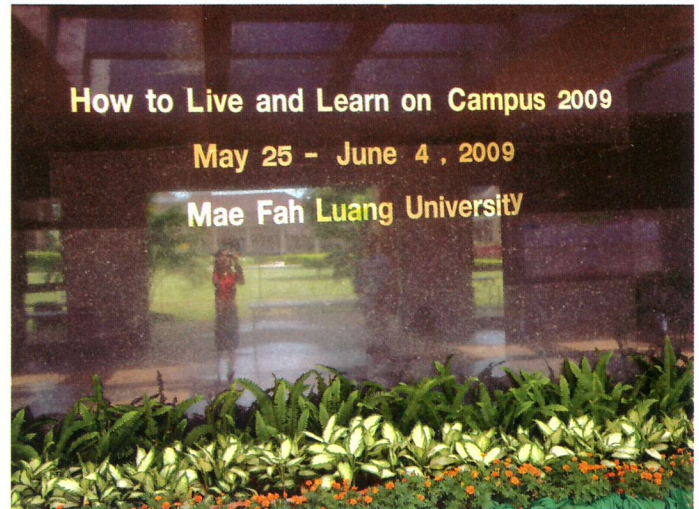


Inter' Student Activity

Mae Fah Luang University held “How to Live and Learn on Campus” during May 25 – June 4, 2009. This activity includes how to live and learn on campus and techniques for developing English language skills.

As always, The School of Liberal Arts also sets up a variety of topics for the new students at MFU, such as “Importance of English”, “Thinking for Success” and “How to live happily”.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ted Tesprateep, Vice President added that “How to Live and Learn on Campus is a special activity where students will be able to use English in a new academic and social environment more confidently, be familiar with an English medium instruction in the classroom, and have a positive attitude for learning English. More importantly this activity can help students in adjusting themselves to living and learning in a university and form unity and develop friendships among themselves.”



Let's go!

Welcome to Chiang Rai Province

About Chiang Rai

Chiang Rai province is the northernmost province of Thailand and is about 829 kilometers from Bangkok. The area covered Chiang Rai province is 11,678 square kilometers or about 7,298, 981 rai. North of Chiang Rai is the Union of Myanmar. On the southern boundary is the province of Phayao and on the eastern boundary is Lao People's Democratic Republic and to the west Chiang Mai province. Much of Chiang Rai province is mountainous with rich valleys in-between. It has a population of about 1.6 million including a substantial number of tribal people from 13 ethnic groups.

Chiang Rai's main products are agriculture, followed by several types of home industries, commerce and other private business enterprises.

The province is divided into 16 districts and 2 sub-districts. These are Muang Chiang Rai, Chiang Saen, Chiang Khong, Mae Chan, Mae Sai, Phan, Thoeng, Mae Sai, Wiang Pa Pao, Pa Daet, Phaya Mengrai, Wiang Kaen, Mae Fah Luang, Khun Tan, Mae Lao, Doi Luang Sub-district and Wiang Chiang Rung Sub-district.



Important Sites and Tourist Spots

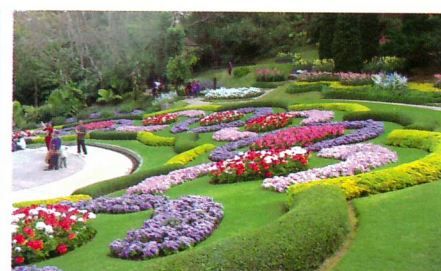
Doi Tung Royal Villa was built with H.R.H. The Princess Mother's private funds; she considered it her first real home in Thailand. H.R.H. The Princess Mother also made it known that without the Doi Tung Development Project, she would not have built a house in the area. She only stayed because she could reforest the land and helped to improve the lives of the local people.

Mae Sai is the northernmost district (amphoe) of Chiang Rai Province in northern Thailand. It is a major border crossing between Thailand and Myanmar, which Asian Highway Network AH2 (Thailand Route 1 or Phahonyothin Road) crossing the Mae Sai River to the town Tachileik in Myanmar. 1 day passes for non-Burma nationals are issued at Burma customs in Tachileik.

The Golden Triangle is one of Asia's two main illicit opium-producing areas. It is an area of around 350,000 square kilometres that overlaps the mountains of four countries of Southeast Asia: Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam, and Thailand. The Golden Triangle also designates the confluence of the Ruak River and the Mekong river, since the term has been appropriated by the Thai tourist industry to describe the nearby junction of Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar.

Baan Karen Ruammit is located at Mae Yao sub-district and can be reached by either car or by long-tail boat. Many people come here for home-stays where you can stay with one of several ethnic groups that can be found in the area. Tourists can also start treks or elephant safaris from this village. Another interesting tourist spot not far from here is the Huai Mae Sai waterfall.

Phucheefah is a popular viewing point where you can watch the sun rise above a sea of fog that settles in the valleys over night. You can be reached by the Chiang Rai to Thoeng Highway (route 1020) and turning left at Ban Pi village.



Upcoming Activity

First Circular of the 9th International Apitherapy Health Care and the International Bee Products Congress & Exposition (IAHB IX)

Conference objective : to improve apitherapy technology and skills, promote exploration and utilization of bee products, conduct international exchange and build a cooperative network of worldwide experts.

Date of the conference : November 11-14, 2009

Venue of the conference : Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand
Asian Apiculture Association (AAA)

Essay : Collect the clinical experiments and basic research of apitherapy health care and bee acupuncture; the development and utilization of bee products; applying experiences of apitherapy on the therapeutic diet, medicine, beauty, and veterinary. Only accept the electronic draft. The deadline is September 10, 2009. Papers should be sent to science@mfu.ac.th.

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Inter' Information

Freshmen Activities 2009

Date/Month/Year	Activities
May 23-24, 2009	President meets the Freshmen's parents
May 25- June 4, 2009	How to Live and Learn on Campus 2009
June 5, 2009	Freshmen Orientation
June 13, 2009	Planting Activity
June 18, 2009	Teacher Gratification Ceremony
June 22, 2009	Yong Power seed
June 27, 2009	Lanna Bai Sri ceremony and Kantoke Dinner (Lanna Dining Style)
July 3, 2009	Freshmen Welcoming (Candle light ceremony)
July 4, 2009	Freshmen Night Party

Editor Note:

Welcome to all of the new international students to MFU and wish all of you the very best in living and learning on campus.

In this issue, we introduce you to our new Advisor to the President on Foreign Affairs and a lecturer at the School of Law, Mr. Domdej Bunnag, a former Thai Ambassador to South Africa. We would like to express our gratitude for his kind contribution.

We also launched the new "Say Hi MFU" and "Say Hi from International student," which give us the opportunity to learn about what people think and why our international students choose MFU as a place to learn.

As always, the "MFU Up & Away" column in this issue opens for the visitors from Liverpool John Moores University, the United Kingdom and the visitors from Germany. The fruitful visits have led to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing and the academic activities incurred within the few months.

We welcome every comment and suggestion and hope that you will enjoy our last issue of the Newsletter this year. Your suggestions, and comments about the International news can be sent to us at inter@mfu.ac.th.

Editor's Tip : If your success is not on your own terms, if it looks good to the world but does not feel good in your heart, it is not success at all. - Anna Quindlen



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