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Commencement Ceremony Organized for Academic Year 2012 Graduates

On Wednesday, September 25, St. Theresa International College's Committee on Graduation's Day ceremony met for the third time in preparation for the upcoming commencement ceremony for new graduates.

Mr. Suwat Banjatammatorn, STIC Vice President for Administrative Affairs and Organizing Committee Chairman said this year's Graduation's ceremony is scheduled to take place on November 14, from 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. at the new STIC Auditorium. The rehearsal for the ceremony will be held on November 12, from 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

This year's commencement (degree presentation ceremony) will be graciously presided over by His Excellency Archbishop Msgr. Paul Tschang InNam, Apostolic Nuncio to Thailand.

Mr. Suwat added that at the commencement ceremony, degrees will be conferred on 250 graduates. (About 210 Bachelor degree graduates and 40 Master's degree graduates).



File photo: Last year's Commencement Ceremony held for Academic Year 2011 graduates at STIC Auditorium

STIC Council Meeting 2013



STIC Council Members Meeting No 3/2013 held at Maria Theresa Meeting Room on September 12, 2013

Assoc Prof Dr Sagol Jariyavidhyanon, seated 3rd left, Chairman of St. Theresa International College Council graciously presided over the Council Members Meeting No. 3/2013 on September 12, 2013 at Maria Theresa Meeting Room. The members discussed many issues including the approval of the curriculum of the Doctor of Education in Educational Administration, the Bachelor degree of Science in Air Traffic Control, as well as course subjects and descriptions for the new B. Ed program in English 2013.

In addition, the candidates for

Graduation's Day for academic year 2012 were approved, and the reports on the implementation of Risk Management Plan 2012, and internal quality assurance and self-assessment report for academic year 2012 were discussed.

Assoc Prof Dr Sagol gained invaluable extensive work experience as Dean of Faculty of Social Development, Director of Research Affairs Office, Director of Graduate Studies Development Office, Vice President for Academic Affairs as well as Dean of Social Development and Environment at the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA). He also sits on the Rajabhat University of Nakhonsi Thammarat's Academic Council.

With the Council Chairman, are Dr. Piyada Wattanasan, the President of St. Theresa International College, Prof. Dr. Paitoon Sinlarat, Vice President for Research of Thurakit

Bandhit University, Dr. Theresa Virachanee Phromsunton, the Managing Director of St. Theresa Professional Development Co., Ltd., and the Vice Chairperson of STIC Council, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Manyat Ruchiwit, the Director of East Asia Studies Institute, Thammasat University, Rangsit Campus Center, Mr. Tan Yew Sing, the Group President of Inti College, Malaysia and Group CEO of Inti Universal Holdings BERHAD.

Standing from left, are Dr. Chaipat Wattanasan, the Vice President of STIC for Academic Affairs and Acting Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration, Dr. Komol Vongsrisart, the medical doctor in Pediatric Medicine at Bamrungraj Hospital, Bangkok, Ms. Vipa Pengsa-iium, the Dean of Faculty of Nursing Science of St. Theresa International College, Mrs. Pornpenn Bhromsunton, the Vice President of Inter Guard Group (Thailand) Co., Ltd., and Mr. Suwat Banjatammatorn, Vice President for Administrative Affairs.

MoU Signed to Develop STIC Sportsmen Skills



Photo shows: Dr Theresa Virachanee Phromsuntorn, (center), STIC Council Vice Chairperson signed and exchanged the MoU agreement with Natheepat Namngernpat, (2nd left) of Just Play Sports Management Asia Co., Ltd. at the signing ceremony which was held at the STIC Maria Theresa Meeting Room on September 18, 2013. Witnessing at the signing ceremony were

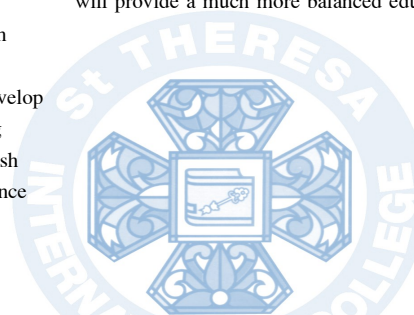
Mr Suwat Banjatammatorn, STIC Vice President for Administrative Affairs, 2nd right, and Dr. Chaipat Wattanasan, (right), Vice President for Academic Affairs and Roi-Et United Academy representative (far left).

St Theresa International College (STIC) is proud to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding as well as to cooperate on the 10-year project with Just Play Sports Management Asia Co., Ltd. STIC accepted the dual aim 10- year project of cooperation and partnered with Roi Et United Academy to promote education and training in two main ways:

Primarily, the private company will develop an educational system with STIC providing English teachers to train and develop English skills for sportsmen. Secondly, it will enhance

players prospects to go abroad to play as professionals overseas. Meanwhile, the Just Play Sports Management Asia Co., Ltd will also help develop sports skills for STIC sports students, particularly the football players. The Roi Et United Army and Just Play Sports Management Asia Co., Ltd. will present their football players associated with STIC at the Thailand University Games.

Furthermore, by exchanging students between the two institutions and jointly organizing sports management training and coaching, this program will provide a much more balanced education.



“Challenging Education for Future Change”



On September 14, Prof. Dr. Rosario Alberto, right, was requested to present a certificate of participation to one of the presenters from Udonthani University.

The organizers were happy that St Theresa management had a representative at the 6th International Conference on Educational Research (ICER 2013) held at Khon Khaen University, Thailand from September 12 – 14, 2013. The theme of the conference was “Challenging Education for Future Changes”.

The participants in the conference were from different countries which included among others, United States, Germany, Australia, Hong Kong, Philippines, Indonesia and Japan.

Moreover, Ms. Elena Fominyk (Russian) and Ms. Mary Rose Alberto (Filipino) graduate students of St. Theresa International College in the Master of Education (M. Ed.) in Educational Administration program also successfully presented their theses from September

12 – 14, 2013, at the 6th International Conference on Educational Research (ICER 2013) at Khon Khaen University, Thai-



STIC Capping Ceremony and Nightingale’s Lamping 2013



St Theresa International College’s Faculty of Nursing Science on September 13 organized the STIC Nurse Capping Ceremony and Nightingale’s Lamping for 89 second-year nursing students at

STIC Auditorium to show recognition of the value of nursing and to encourage a positive attitude towards the nursing profession that integrates ethics with the principles and concepts of nursing. The ceremony was attended by Dr Theresa Virachanee Phromsuntorn, Vice Chairperson of STIC Council, Dr Piyada Wattanasan, President of St Theresa International College, Dr Chaipat Wattanasan, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Ajarn Vipa Pengsaum, Dean of Faculty of Nursing Science, Ajarn Kingkaew Saengphaew of Faculty of Nursing Science, and guests.

Focus on Conducting Research

St Theresa International College (STIC) organized a training seminar on “Research Topic Development” on September 11 at STIC Administrative Building Room 301. The goal of this seminar was to develop STIC lecturers’ skills in writing “Quality

Research Topics” that could be further developed as articles and published in research journals. Guest speakers on research topics at the seminar were Dr TaNat Titiworat, School Director and Principal of the Demonstration School of Thepsatri Rajabhat University, Lopburi, Dr Supoj Kerdsuwan, and Asst Prof Dr Saneh Sookheha, former Vice President of Thepsatri Rajabhat University.



ONESQA Evaluate St Theresa International College



St Theresa International College (STIC) was evaluated by the internal quality assurance committee of higher education from September 2-3, at STIC Main campus in Ongkharak District, Nakhon Nayok province.

The committee agreed that STIC follows the policy and meets the requirements of the Office for National Education Standards and Quality Assessment this year, 2013. After the two-day evaluation meeting STIC was rated "GOOD" for overall performance in higher education.

Other appointed committee members included Ajarn Damrong Sattayawakul, Group Captain Dr Thanaporn Yaemsuda, Ajarn Patcharaphan Chaisang, and Asst Prof Somdee Anantpatiwej of STIC as secretary. The evaluation committee was set up and led by Dr. Sa-nguanpong Chuanchom, of the Vongchavalitkul University.

"We Teach Who We Are!" Reflective and Transformative Pedagogy

By Prof. Dr. Rosario P. Alberto

Reflective and transformative pedagogy is an innovative perspective on the teaching learning process. In terms of philosophy, it is student-centered and truth-driven. Basically it focuses on the relationship in the classroom between the Teacher, the Learner and the Truth (subject matter). It is the Learner, not the Teacher, who is ultimately responsible for learning. The Learner should be doing most of the work. The Teacher plays an important role in promoting learning but not by being the "main attraction".

The Teacher should have empathy and empowerment which means that s/he should care for students and help them feel responsible for their learning. Experiences in the classroom should be designed to motivate students and help them learn. The teacher should have expertise and enthusiasm so as to inspire students to learn and love the subject matter. For teachers to be effective they should engage students in reflection. Reflection is an act of "uncoverage". Typically, teachers cover

the subject matter; in reflection, they help the students uncover the underlying insights. Insights are not facts but inferences from facts. They are made up of the concepts, principles and theories that weave many facts into revealing and useful patterns. They involve prioritizing ideas that enable us to make sense of past lessons, ask deeper questions and create new knowledge. Through this process, transformation takes place.

Prof. Dr. Rosario P. Alberto, Dean of the Graduate School, STIC presented "We teach who we are!" paper to teachers at STIC on August 28 at Room 301.

About 30 STIC teachers attended the session to listen to her presentation which is based on a seminar on the Ignation Philosophy of Pedagogy that she attended at the Mater Dei School.



Alumni Corner



Mr. Kevin Hadji-Rahim studies overseas

"Thank you St Theresa International College for helping me to become as a well-qualified student," said Kevin Hadji-Rahim, a half-Filipino-half British citizen, who studied Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering (Overseas Degree Program) at St Theresa International College.

Kevin finished his 3rd year at St. Theresa International College and went on to further his studies for a 4th year at the University of East London (UEL) in England, where he transferred his credits after three years with STIC.

Kevin wrote an email in April 2013, to inform Dr. Theresa that he has just graduated the 4th year there with a transcript, showing his excellence in grade points for studying

there. After 3 years with STIC in Thailand plus the 4th at UEL University, London, he graduated early this year 2013. Additionally, he was awarded as "the most outstanding student" with First Class honors.

Highly grateful to St Theresa International College, he sent an Email to Dr. Theresa, saying "Once again thank you St Theresa for teaching me very well and preparing me to gain excellent grade points at my university in London, England."

Dr Theresa, the Vice Chairwoman of the STIC Council in turn thanked him for building up a good reputation and image for STIC.

It's Another Day for Waan's Homecoming!

We would like to say "Congratulations" to Khun Waan!



Khun Waan

On September 3, STIC President Dr Piyada Wattanasan had a chance to welcome back some STIC alumni who visited the St Theresa International College to give interviews with the Internal Quality

Assurance Committee. One of four alumni that day was Ms Premwadee Mongkolnam (nicknamed Waan), who had just landed a new job position as secretary to the Board of Directors for the Head office of Home Pro Center PCL company. "They accepted me quite quickly but they tested me a lot: my personality, English translation, speaking, and writing skills, and I was interviewed by two members of the board of directors. The whole testing process took three hours."

She added that the company is going to open a brand new branch this October. The office is under construction in the Klong Luang area of Pathumthani, opposite Bangkok University. "We also plan to expand and develop new business in Malaysia as well, I will be responsible for working with these two sites." Waan added, "I really hope that my abilities could help promote St Theresa International College and foster trust in our college. I'm really appreciative that I could help STIC in some ways." Previously, Premwadee worked for the Belgium Embassy, Commercial Department (AWEX). After finishing the contract with the Prince Mission, "I am very grateful that STIC sent me for an internship at the Embassy. It was a good opportunity."

STIC Outstanding Student At the Top!!



Miss Thepthida Saenghin

Miss Thepthida Saenghin, 19 years old, a first-year student majoring in Education in English program, in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, got a perfect score on the mid-term quiz of Paragraph Reading held on August 24, 2013.

Before taking the course in the first semester, she studied on the Intensive English Course at the St Theresa International College during summer, after she graduated

Mathayomsueksa, Grade 6, at Nareenukul School in the Ubon Ratchathani province with a GPA of 3.68.

She said, "I found it better using English when learning new subjects," However, to study and improve English, it is useful to be surrounded by English; from reading and writing, to listening and speaking. "Sometimes, we to talk to friends or roommates in English, as well as Ajarns both inside and outside the classroom," She said. "I like English, as it is a bridge connecting studies and job opportunities in the future. Actually, I'd like to be a teacher working anywhere."

Talking about learning techniques, "we have to review, learn new vocabulary items and try to remember them daily. Not only Paragraph Reading in English is important, I also practice the other language skills that we are do not consider so much. I think, listening and speaking skills are still difficult for me to study as we have to re-structure the sentences during conversation.

Sometimes, vocabulary and accents are rather difficult and not clear to understand, and so, when we responded to them, it seemed to be not right." Miss Saenghin studies reading comprehension in English Paragraph Reading with Ajarn Apichij Klongkarnying, who is very good at English.

"Lastly, I would like to tell other students not be afraid of speaking English. Think what it is like to live English daily. Using English should be regarded as our regular activity or our routine", she said. "We must be familiar with it, and if you pay more attention, your English will improve, you'll get better, and better", she noted.

Field Visit to St Theresa International College



A group of 8 Catholic members comprising of Vietnamese, Myanmar, Filipino and Thai on September 19, paid a short visit to the St Theresa International College (STIC) main campus in Ongkharak District, Nakhon Nakhon Nayok province.

The delegates, some of them are bothers from Mahathai and Catholic churches in Bangkok, Thailand, were also introduced to Dr Theresa Virachanee Phromsuntorn, the STIC Council Vice Chairperson, and Ajarn Suwat Banjatamatorn, STIC Vice President for

Administrative Affairs, to get to know more about STIC.

After the meeting, they were invited on an inspection tour of the College facilities to learn more about the college's products and services, so that they could help publicize the college, especially the English teaching and learning methodology implemented at STIC.



