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MoU Signed to Develop English Skills

Dr Piyada Wattanasan, President of St Theresa International College, signed the Memorandum of Understanding agreement with the directors of 9 schools from the Ongkharak District, Nakhon Nayok province. The signing ceremony was held in the STIC Maria Theresa Meeting Room on November 6, 2013. Witnessing the signing ceremony were Dr Chaipat Wattanasan, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Ajarn Photjana Piyapakornchai, Director of Policy and Planning Office as well as college and school staff.

STIC President Dr Piyada said St Theresa International College (STIC) is proud to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding and cooperation with the schools. STIC accepted the dual aim 7 week project of cooperation and partnered with the schools to promote education and training. The schools will develop an educational system in which STIC will train English teachers to develop English skills for schools, which will, in turn, enhance teacher prospects to further their studies.

Dr Piyada graciously presided over the MoU Signing ceremony. It began with a video presentation introducing STIC, STIC executives. Asst Prof Dr Poonsook Kitratporn, Dean of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, commented on the significance of MOU signing. President Dr Piyada delivered her speech, and was followed by Ajarn Wasinee Mukdokmai, the Head of Ongkharak School Unity Group.

The MoU agreement aims to train school teachers under the project titled, Strengthening Academic Capacity for School Teachers in Ongkharak District, Nakhon Nayok, which is scheduled for 6 November – 18 December 2013 every Wednesday, from 15:30-17:00 at the College, Main Campus. The participants are 18 English school teachers of the 9-schools called “Ongkharak Unity Group”. The training schedule is as follows:





	Title/Activities	Participants	Facilitators	Time/Date	Notes
1	MOU signing ceremony - between STIC and 7 schools; two other schools have already signed the MOU - to be signed by President and all heads of 7 schools - official launch of Teacher Training Project	- all heads of 9 schools - president, VP & deans	- AjarnYongyut	15:00 Hrs, 6 Nov 2013	- at Maria Theresa Room - MOU prepared - Coffee - show STIC VDO - info about TT training
2	Lesson Plan (first day of training) - how to write Lesson Plan / objectives/ exercises/ how to manage time - Pre-test	School teachers	Ajarn Emelyn	15:30- 17:00 13 Nov	- Training Portfolio (all docs used in the program) - Pre-test
3	Classroom Management / Teacher Posture in Class/ Managing physical learning environment	School teachers	Ajarn Jureca	15:30- 17:00 11 Dec	
4	Creating Effective Teaching Media /Material - useful websites for resources/ picture & caption development/ bulletin board creativity	School teachers	Ajarn Rey	15:30- 17:00 27 Nov	
5	Teaching Reading Comprehension / How to increase ONET scores of students/ Reading habit/ Extensive reading	School teachers	Ajarn Yongyut	15:30- 17:00 4 Dec	
6	Teacher's techniques of giving command& asking questions in classroom/ the art of questioning	School teachers	Ajarn Emelyn	15:30- 17:00 20 Nov	
7	Test Writing - feedback& revision - Post-test - Ending ceremony & certificate presentation (by President)	School teachers	Dr. Rose/ STIC President	15:30- 17:00 18 Dec	- Certificates - Post-test - Coffee

Commencement Ceremony Day Postponed until December 2, 2013

This year's Graduation Day ceremony, which is being organized by St Theresa International College (STIC) for Academic Year 2012 Graduates, will be held in December 2 with the rehearsal for the ceremony to be on November 30, according to the Organizing Committee.

STIC's Committee on Graduation Day ceremony met for the fourth time this week in preparation for the upcoming commencement ceremony for new graduates.

During the latest meeting, Mr. Suwat Banjatammatorn, STIC Vice President for Administrative Affairs and Organizing Committee Chairman said this year's Graduation's ceremony was originally scheduled to take place on November 14, from 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. at the new STIC Auditorium.

"However; due to a slight delay in construction work and interior decoration of our new STIC Auditorium, we postponed the ceremony. We are sorry for any inconveniences caused by the postponement" he said.



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



The 'Moodle Website' being Introduced as a Communication Channel for KM and Learning

Knowledge Management (KM) Committee Members on October 14 met for the second time this year at St. Theresa International College (STIC)'s Maria Theresa Meeting Room to further discuss the on-going KM strategy and goals which need to be continuously and urgently implemented.

Co-advised by STIC President, Dr. Piyada Wattanasan and Dr. Chaipat Wattanasan, Vice President for Academic Affairs, the committee members - led by Ajarn Potchana Piyapakornchai, Director of the Policy and Planning Office and the KM Committee Chairperson, discussed, shared and exchanged some ideas on the KM Plan for operations this year. The members also considered and talked about a development plan for the Information Technology (IT) system to be applied for this knowledge management project. And then, The "Moodle website" was introduced as a communication channel for learning.

During the past years, KM implementation project was hindered because of problems that delayed the working process and actual practical application.



Therefore, this year's active KM Plan is urgently needed to further "Best Practice" for teaching learning methods. The members also deliberated on how to help promote the KM among teachers.

KM is an important process, using more techniques for effective teaching and learning to help develop or upgrade the students potential. The meeting also considered the proposed KM Focus Areas and Plans which will be implemented under the College's strategy and goals. During the latest meeting held on October 14, the members agreed that only two of all four focus areas had been selected for operations. They were Teaching, Learning and Research focus



areas, while the other two focus areas such as the Educational Plan and Administration and the College's staff and personnel development plan were cut off.

The KM Committee members would not only introduce or promote the English speaking campus, but also would help develop students "Critical Thinking", In particular the issue of Critical Thinking will be also applied for further development in each faculty of the College through the KM Teaching Techniques and Learning project.

At the August 22 meeting, the committee convened to brainstorm the plan and considered three of the four KM Focus Areas, more carefully. They were, specifically, Learning and Teaching, Research, Educational Plan and Management, and Working system management for the best practice. At the

meeting, participants focused mainly on the three main areas; Learning and Teaching, Research and Working System Management for the future operational plan.

Additionally, the participants also discussed how to share or exchange knowledge, and various tactics and learning skills of knowledgeable people to help seek the best practice and create a new body of knowledge.

Call for Papers.....

Phitsanu Thepthong, the Foreign Affairs/ International Relations Officer of the President's Offices of St Theresa International College, Thailand is seen here presenting the research study entitled "Key Factors for the Performance Development of Faculty in some Private Higher Education Institutions at the 1st International Scholars Conference.

This research paper conducted by Dr Piyada Wattanasan, Dr Chaipat Wattanasan, and Dr Vichian Puncreobutre of STIC was proudly presented at the Conference hosted by Asia-Pacific International University (AIU) on September 3-4,2013 at the AIU Campus in MuakLek, Saraburi, Thailand, in partnership with Four Southeast Sian Adventist Universities, such as Adventist University of the Philippines, (AUP),Universitas Advent Indonesia (UNAI), and Universitas Klabat,(UNKLAB) Indonesia (Photos by Dr. Vichian Puncreobutre)





STIC Seminar on Catholic Education

On October 2, St Theresa International College held a seminar on “21st Century Learning and Identity of Catholic Education” with guest speaker Rev. Charan Thongpiyaphoom at the STIC Auditorium. The STIC seminar aimed at informing participants as to the Identity of Catholic Education and 21st Century Learning from a Catholic Perspective. About 60 STIC lecturers and staff attended the half -a day seminar.



Article Writing Workshop

On September 30th, ST Theresa International College held a workshop on “Academic Article Writing” with guest speaker Professor Dr Saifil Ali. The workshop aimed at informing participants as to the various forms and protocols of academic article writing. Additionally the 33 lecturers and staff who attended were encouraged to share their experiences to improve their skills.



Workshop on E-learning

Dr Chaipat Wattanasan, Vice President for Academic Affairs was a special speaker at the workshop on “E-learning” which was held by St Theresa International College on September 30. The workshop was held with the aim of informing participants how to access and use Moodle E Learning program for classes / teaching and learning methods as well as the sharing and exchanging of experiences between the speaker and the workshop participants. About 31 lecturers and staff attended the workshop.





St Theresa Games 2013

STIC Sports Day opens at campus stadium

Dr. Theresa Virachanee Phromsuntorn, Vice Chairwoman of STIC Council is seen above hitting a gong, marking the official Opening Ceremony of the Theresa Games 2013 which was held at the St Theresa International College Stadium on September 19. Beside her is Ajarn Suwat Benjathammathorn, STIC Vice President for Administrative Affairs.

Mr Suwat said the STIC Sports Day is traditional fun and games held annually for STIC administrators, faculty members, lecturers, staff and students.

St Theresa International College Sports Day activities, under the new name, “ST Theresa Games this year was bigger and better than ever. This year, there was a variety of 15 sporting events, both field and track.

The Games included football, basketball, volleyball, beach volley ball, sepak takraw, petanque and local games (tug-of-war, running, relay race and so on). There were also contests for the most beautiful parade, best cheering team, and best cheer leaders during the games held at STIC sports field and stadium.

The games organized by the head of the Sports Department, Ajarn Arthasak Sarachaicharun, of the Office of Student Affairs with the purpose of encouraging love, unity, harmony with exercise for health and fitness ,promoting teamwork and launching a campaign of drug addiction awareness.

All STIC lecturers, staff and students were categorized into four groups of colors from Blue, Green, Yellow, and Red for the sports games or competitions.



Alumni: Homecoming

STIC President Dr Piyada Wattanasan, centre, was on hand to welcome back Nursing Science Faculty alumni who visited the St Theresa International College recently to give interviews with the International Quality Assurance Committee. The two alumni, Miss Sumonta Mangmee, and Mr Kritsanapop Sirikaew, who were the first-batch alumni (2011) visited the College on September 3, 2013. Both visitors currently work as nurses for the Krung Siam St Carlos Hospital in Pakplee.





KM Committee Members Meeting

The STIC KM Committee Members discuss the KM Operational Plan for Academic Year 2013 On August 22, 2013 The STIC 's Knowledge Management Committee meeting was held at the Maria Theresa Meeting Room with the aim to conclude the Knowledge Management (KM) work plan for the academic year 2012, and to briefly outlined ideas about KM plan following STIC's strategies and objectives for future activities for KM plan in the academic year 2013.

The meeting was led by Chairperson Ms Phojana Piyapakornchai and Vice Chairperson Asst. Prof. Dr. Poonsook Kitratkorn and advised by Co-chairs Dr. Piyada Wattanasan, STIC President and Dr. Chapat Wattanasan, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The committee members included Mr Phitsanu Thepthong of the Office of President, Mrs Pailin Nichachotisarit of Faculty of Nursing Science, Ms Wanvisa Saisanan na Ayuthaya of Faculty of Public Health, and Mrs. Suppatchaya Salittanawat of the Academic Affairs Office

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Related report: Project to teach business students systematic and critical thinking skills recently, the Faculty of Business Administration, St Theresa International College, organized a Knowledge Management (KM) project to develop techniques and skills in teaching students to think systematically.



On February 15, 2013, the Faculty of Business Administration led by Acting Dean Dr Chaipat Wattanasan together with faculty lecturers, implemented the KM project in order to gain more knowledge and skills in technique development for teaching students

The Faculty applied the teaching model based on student-centered learning. By using and creating more incentives for the learning process, and incorporating various motivation methods as well as engendering a conducive learning atmosphere in the classroom so that the students could develop their own thinking systematically and effectively analyze lessons and concepts on their own.

This KM project was also designed to help support students to express their opinions through participating in the learning process and interacting using various learning media, materials and tools. In addition, the Faculty of Business Administration and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences jointly held an exchange program, discussion and activities for learning development on February 20, 2013 to create more integrated "Knowledge Sharing". The program proceeded as follows:

Strategies for teaching students to develop systematic and critical thinking skills:

1. Synthesize the conceptual knowledge to design learning activities which would engage and stimulate the students to learn to think critically as enthusiastic and active learners.



2. Use various teaching methods to stimulate and guide critical thinking such as Question Techniques, Inquiry Methods, Problem-based Learning etc.
3. Give the students time, opportunity and encouragement to think and explore various ways of thinking before they respond.
4. Design assessment/examination questions that emphasize and promote thinking.
5. Implement the steps followed by the lesson plan and monitor the effectiveness.
6. Evaluate the students to see if they demonstrate thinking skills.
7. Evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of teaching thinking for further

Airline Business Alumna Tells STIC Students Her Great Experience!

On August 28, 2013 STIC students in BBA Airlines Business had a chance to hear Ms Natthakarn Buranakiti, centre, who graduated with a BBA in Airline Business (2009-2012). This latest STIC alumna shared her success story and great experiences with some 30 students which were taught and directed by Dr Malee Dhamasiri, Head of the Airline Business Department, Faculty of Business Administration, STIC.

Currently, Ms Natthakarn works for King Power as Duty Free Representative at Suvarnabhumi International Airport.



STIC Prince & Princess 2013 Winners!

STIC Council Vice Chairperson Dr Theresa Virachanee Phromsunthorn, right, is seen presenting the sash, winning cup, and awards to the Prince and Princess 2013 winners during the final round of the STIC contest held on August 23, 2103 at the STIC Auditorium.

Prince and Princess 2013 Winners were the representative from Hotel & Logistic Department.

This event called FRESHY NIGHT 2013 provided an opportunity for freshmen students from different faculty showed off their talents. One of the highlights of the event was the search for prince & princess 2013.

Prince & Princess event is not a mere beauty contest. It's a promotional campaign for a drug free and smoking free STIC College. Therefore, it is held with the aim to develop social awareness among students through the pictures in which they have to interpret.





STIC Alumnus Tells Students Her Success

On August 9, 2013 STIC students had the chance to hear Khun Ann or Ms Sararat (Kansiripak) Muangnoycharoen, an STIC alumnus, share her success story and great experiences with some 20 students at the STIC.

She said that she was happy to visit on homing-coming day, (August 9), to meet with STIC management, lecturers, staff, and students.

She said that when she studied during her first year as a freshman student in the Business English program, she was not really good at English. She began from scratch, however, after that she had adjusted her learning style by using the dictionary as a manual.

“At the beginning, I was very poor in English communication, and I could speak a little bit, not as fluently as I needed to be, it was really very difficult, especially writing in English, and I got low grades. However, when I came to study here, I had to carry on learning more about English,” she added.

She went on to add that she studied English using the ‘worksheets’ provided by the English teachers and then tried again and again to remember more vocabulary so that she can get the most out of the lessons in the classroom.

“I learned to build up language little by little for clearer understanding so I could start writing in English for the Business English subject. Then, I could gain more from the class and answer some questions due to my initial understanding. “ other study methods ‘good’ English learners are watching the foreign English movie, listening to music from radio, and trying to remember new English vocabularies daily, so that I could apply for work in the near future,” she added.

Khun Ann told the students in the classroom that she learned from many things, like from Thai movies, foreign films, and surroundings including location signs, subway stations, government, and state enterprise offices. “Reading more English books, and listening to English music, watching films like Harry Potter for example, and also meeting and talking to foreign friends, is one of the best ways to learn. One of the most important things, is trying to understand clearly English accents.”



Past experiences has shown that there were a large number of students that had to leave the College to study at the other universities because they were really poor at English. It was very difficult for them to learn English and they could not continue studying here, noted Khun Ann, who was also the Thepsirin School alumni.

“When I studied here I met with foreign teachers. Many students complained, especially about those Indian lecturers whose accents they could not understand. It is necessary for students to listen attentively, and tried to understand them,” she remarked.

Khun Ann said she was able to finish studying her course in three and a half years and graduated in 2009. During her study, she also had opportunity to work as an intern at the Embassy of Belgium. That was where she learned about and got well prepared for her further work as a professional.

“With basic knowledge in the field from my Business English degree, I took the opportunity to look for the right job. I think this Business English major is applicable for many jobs at various institutions, like the Embassy of Belgium where English language is used,” she noted.



She submitted her resume to the Embassy of Belgium for consideration and was contacted by the Embassy for an interview. However they would select only one candidate for the internship there.

“Finally, it was announced that they accepted me for the internship there which was a great opportunity for me to learn English through conversation with the foreigners as well as to get to know more about work and people. I was especially excited when I was appointed as a secretary of the British Club,” she continued.

Moreover, she remarked that her experiences at the St Theresa International College, Embassy of Belgium, and British Club, have opened up a lot of career opportunities for her that would otherwise have been unavailable.

“When we work (as an intern) anywhere, we mustn’t ignore or disappear from work, you have to present your work to the next official so that they could continue their important work immediately,” she said. After finishing her internship with Embassy of Belgium, she applied to the Embassy of India



for the position of secretary to the Indian Cultural Center Director, and she was offered the position. Khun Ann or Ms. Sararat (Kansiripak) Muangnoycharoen, now currently works as Assistant of Indian Cultural Embassy of India, Bangkok.

Academic Quiz & Spelling Bee Challenge 2013

The Grand Champion of this year’s STIC Academic Quiz & Spelling Bee Challenge 2013 was the Faculty of Business Administration team, and the team -runners up were Faculty of Nursing Science (2nd place), Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (3rd place), and Faculty of Public Health respectively (4th place).

On November 3, 2013 Dr Chaipat Wattanasan, Vice President for Academic Affairs, of St Theresa International College, presided over the Opening Ceremony of the STIC Academic Quiz & Spelling Bee Challenge 2013, which was organized by Ajarn Dario Mando, Director of Student Affairs at STIC Auditorium.



Business Administration team winners!



Faculty of Nursing Science (2nd place)



Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (3rd place)



Faculty of Public Health respectively (4th place)



STIC to Develop English Skills

Dr Piyada Wattanasan, President of St Theresa International College, on November 13, 2013 graciously presided over the Opening Ceremony of a training course held at Room 306, STIC after signing the MoU agreement in the Maria Theresa Meeting Room on November 6, 2013 with the directors of 9 schools from the Ongkharak District, Nakhon Nayok province.

STIC accepted the dual aim 7-week project of cooperation and partnered with the schools to promote education and training. The schools will develop an educational system in which STIC will train English teachers to develop English skills for schools, which will, in turn, enhance teacher prospects to further their studies.

Asst Prof Dr Poonsook Kitratporn, Dean of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, reported on the significance of the training course. Dr Rosario Alberto and Ajarn Yongyut Khamkhong, also delivered their speech, and was followed by an introduction session.

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