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## Long Live His Majesty the King and Happy Fathers' Day to everyone!

St Theresa International College (STIC) joined with all the rest of the Kingdom of Thailand in humbly giving our loyal greetings and best wishes to His Majesty the King on December 5. This celebration was the auspicious occasion of the 86th Royal Anniversary of the birth of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej the Great, the longest reigning monarch in the world today.

Dr Theresa Virachanee Phromsunthorn, Vice Chairperson of STIC Council, also paid homage with offerings to the portrait of His Majesty King Bumibol Adulyadej. The ceremony and celebrations to mark his birthday were held on December 4 at the College.



## Merry Christmas 2013 and a Happy New Year 2014

To everyone a very Merry Christmas. May your life be filled with love, compassion, tolerance, peace and happiness. Merry Christmas!

St Theresa International College wishes all the faculty members, staff, students, parents and alumni a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year. May the new year bring you and your loved ones much joy and many blessings!

This year the festive season celebrations along with Christmas carols started off when a sister of Phra Wisuthiwong School from Klong 12 Lam Luk Ka in Pathum Thani province



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brought some students to visit St Theresa International College. They came to offer Christmas blessings in the spirit of Christmas! The group is pictured here: The visitors also presented a basket of gifts to Dr Theresa Virachanee Phromsunthorn, the Vice Chairwoman of STIC Council at the STIC Chapel on December 17, 2013.

## IQAN: “Together IQAN Achieve Excellence”

St Theresa International College President Dr Piyada Wattanasan, second from the right, (picture above) is seen delivering her welcoming remarks to participants at the meeting of the International Quality Assurance Network (IQAN). This network consists of Stamford International University, Rangsit University, Asia Pacific International University and St Theresa International College. They met and discussed collaborative work at the third IQAN meeting held in the STIC Maria Theresa Meeting Room on December 1, 2013. Seated on Dr Piyada’s left, is Dr Chaipat Wattanasan, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and to her right, is Dr Vichian Puncreobutr, the Director of Academic Affairs.



## Research Presentation



Phitsanu Thepthong, on behalf of Dr Vichian Puncreobutr the Director of Academic Affairs at St Theresa International College, is seen presenting a paper entitled “The Development of a Health Promotion Center as a New Tourism Product to support the ASEAN Economic Community : A Case Study of a Health Promotion Center in Saraburi”. The presentation was

part of the program of the Fifth International Conference on Language and Communication “Innovative Inquiries and Emerging Paradigms in Language, Media and Communication”. The conference was held at the Graduate School of Language and Communication (GSLC), at the National Institute of Development Administration, Bangkok, Thailand on December 12-13, 2013.

The ICLC 2013 officially welcomed the more than 160 presenters to both Bangkok and to the Conference. The presenters included academics from many different countries. There were representatives from each of the following countries: India, Iran, Philippines, Thailand, Israel, Nigeria, Libya, Oman, UK, Taiwan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Iraq, UAE, USA, Turkey, Bangladesh, China, Singapore, Japan, Australia, Egypt, and Canada.

“It is shaping up to be a big conference! To everyone a big thank you for attending and showing your interest.” says ICLC co-chairperson Dr. Jesse.



## International Conference

The 7th International Academic Research Conference on “Sustainable Local Development towards ASEAN Community” was held on December 6, at the ICIT 2-3 Conference Rooms, ICIT Building, International College, Uttaradit Rajabhat University, Uttaradit, Thailand.

The Conference was a collaboration of various higher education institutions in co-operation with the Humanities and Social Sciences Academic Research Network. This time, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of Uttaradit Rajabhat University hosted the Conference. The conference was aimed to prepare participants for the institution of the ASEAN Community and for the related social changes at a local level.

This academic seminar was organized under the framework of local development in order to:

1. To provide a forum for academic projects and research presentations both nationally and internationally,

- 2. To exchange and present senior advisors’ visions,
- 3. To support and build academic research networks within academic institutions both in Thailand and overseas.
- 4. To publish academic projects and research both nationally and internationally.

Pictured here are the STIC researchers, lecturers and staff who attended the conference.



## Goodbye Seniors 2013

On November 30, 2013, the STIC Faculty of Business Administration held a “Bye Nior” Party at the STIC Auditorium. The party was for the new graduates and the faculty students.

At the party, flowers and gifts were given to all the new graduates.

Then followed singing which included the College Emblem Song along with an audio-visual presentation, the turnover of the Key of Responsibility, acceptance of the Challenge and Response, and finally having a special lunch together.

Pictured here is the Faculty of Business Administration’s Students President Montri Jaronboon presenting a winning prize, from the lucky draw, to Boom, one of this year’s graduate students. Looking on is Ajam Alfredo C. Espejo of the BBA Committee.





### Graduation Day 2013 ceremony

His Excellency the Archbishop Msgr. Paul Tschang In Nam, who is the Apostolic Nuncio to Thailand graciously presided over this year's STIC Commencement Ceremony. The ceremony which was being held for the Academic Year 2012 took place in the new auditorium.

Both Master's and Bachelor degrees were conferred on graduates. 189 graduates received Bachelor degrees and 29 graduates received Master's degrees. The degree presentation ceremony was held on December 2, 2013.



### SEMINAR ON EDUCATIONAL REFORM STRATEGIES

By Prof Dr Rosario Alberto



A seminar on "Educational Reform Strategies" was held on November 16, 2013 at the Surawong campus of STIC. It was attended by the students, alumni and lecturers of the Master of Education (M.Ed) program. The guest speaker was Dr. Sunny Gabinete, Dean of the Faculty of Teacher Education, St. Paul University, Philippines. The focus of the seminar was the implementation of the K-12 program by the Philippine Department of Education which entails the institutionalization of kindergarten and the addition of two (2) or more years of high school in the basic education cycle. It should be noted that in comparison with other ASEAN



countries, the Philippines stands out as one that offers only ten (10) years of basic education.

Hence, the introduction of the K-12 program constitutes a massive reform in the educational system in the country.

The core content of the new K-12 curriculum includes communication and literacies; critical thinking and problem solving; creativity and innovation; ethical, moral and spiritual values; life and career competencies; development of self and sense of community; and national and global orientedness. The pedagogical approaches are constructivist, inquiry-based, integrative, collaborative and reflective. The main features are: it is value laden, inquiry-based, flexible, integrative, inclusive, lean but meaty as well as decongested and enriched. The guiding principles behind the new curriculum are: outcomes, standard-based; learner-centered; seamless; developmentally appropriate;



constructivist; comprehensive and systematic monitoring and evaluation system and balanced assessment.

With the implementation of this new educational reform, the Department of Education projects that an enhanced curriculum will decongest academic workload, giving students more time to master competencies and time for extra-curricular activities, thus allowing for their more holistic development.



At the end of the seminar, the participants were given evaluation forms to gauge their reaction. The result of the evaluation showed that the participants, as a whole, rated the content

and presentation as “highly appropriate”, the materials “very useful”, the speaker “excellent”, and the topic “highly relevant.” The over- all evaluation of the seminar was “Excellent”.

## Preparations for opening the new course in Air Traffic Control

Dr Theresa Virachanee Promsuntom, the Vice Chairperson and Mr Suwat Benjatammatom the Vice President for Administrative Affairs at ST Theresa International College and the management team recently met with a working group to prepare a new field of study; namely a Bachelor of Science degree in Air Traffic Control, which is to be offered in the Academic Year 2014.



## STIC Meeting with Bungsan TAO



St Theresa International College (STIC) staff led by Dr. Vichian Puncreobutr, 2nd left, Director of Academic Affairs, Ajarn Arthasak Sarachaicharun, left, of Business Administration Faculty, and Phitsanu Thepthong, right, of STIC Office of the President on November 15 called on the Chairman of Bungsan Tambon Administration Organization (TAO) Mr Somkid Middy at his TAO Office.

The STIC representatives paid a short visit that day to the Bungsan TAO’s Office. They met the Chairman and his staff to discuss a joint project to be launched by STIC and Bungsan TAO. They will jointly work on a project aiming to train flower and ornamental plant growers and other entrepreneurs located at Klong 15. The focus will be on how to use English conversation skills to create more value-added products and services.

This project was initiated by Dr Chaipat Wattanasan, Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration. The project will offer and administer a free course teaching English for marketing and communication for the entrepreneurs. The training course will have the theme, ‘United with Love: A creative caravan Teaching Entrepreneurs in Adversity’ will be held at St Theresa International College as soon as possible. (Photo: Romechalee Lamor)



## A Morals and Ethics Seminar for STIC students



On September 18, 2013, STIC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr Chaipat Wattanasan presided over the Opening Ceremony of the “Morals and Ethics Seminar: Dhamma Studies at the University Level” at the Faculty of Nursing Science building on the STIC campus. This was held under the theme: “Developing STIC students to become individuals who are both ethical and who possess high moral standards”

At the opening the Revered Phra Khru Si Kihissunthorn, the Abbot of Sri Sawas District, Kanchanaburi province gave a sermon to a hundred students attending the Dhamma (teaching of Buddha) session. His teachings referred to moral codes and virtues. Then followed a Question and Answer session about the Buddha’s life, about paying respect to the Buddha, making pledges to observe the Five Holy Percepts, and discussions about morals and ethics. At the conclusion gifts and donations were presented to the monk.

The Dhamma context was facilitated by Ajarn Yungyuth Khamkong.

## Design Your Desire: Balance of Life and Goals

Asst Prof Dr Poonsuk Kitratporn, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Science, presided over the Opening Ceremony of the “Moral and Ethics Training” session which was organized by the Faculty of Humanities

and Social Science along with the Faculty of Business Administration. This training program focusing on “Design Desire” was to help the



first- year students cope with their personal and academic problems. The training session was held at the STIC Auditorium on November 19, 2013. The program content also included the topics such the balance of Goals and Life, Life Crisis management, Love and Friendship, Time management, Reading habits and Meditation.



## The First STIC Research Presentation 2013

St Theresa International College organized the STIC Research Presentation for 2013 in Room 222 on November 28, 2013. Our Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr Chaipat Wattanasan, along with lecturers and researchers attended the presentation session to learn more about how to conduct research.

Pictured here, STIC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr Chaipat Wattanasan is seen presenting a certificate to Ajarn Emelyn F. Galon. Ms Galon was one of the three research presenters during the 1st STIC Research Presentation 2013.







## Toastmasters International

St Theresa International College on September 27, 2013 hosted a weekly Toastmasters Club Meeting DEMO-No. 06 at the Room 106 of Administrative Building, where the club also presented the successful club series with the Toastmasters Educational Program.



The Toastmasters Club meets every Wednesday from 3.00 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Room 106, first floor of the STIC main Building so as to provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.



## Happy Birthday Day to you!

Happy birthday to both Ajarn Alfred C. Espejo (a Filipino national) and to Ajarn Hazanal Rashid Khan (an Indian national) from the Faculty of Business Administration, St Theresa International College. Both of these teachers hosted and celebrated their birthdays together with a lunch party held in the STIC dining room on Nov 21, 2013.

