



## NEW YEAR COUNTDOWNS AROUND THE WORLD

As the clock struck midnight on December 31, 2024, Thailand once again delivered an unforgettable New Year's Eve celebration that captivated both local and international audiences. Thousands of spectators, eagerly awaiting the arrival of 2025, were treated to a dazzling night of entertainment, spectacular performances, and a fireworks display that lit up the Bangkok skyline.

### A Night of Entertainment and Excitement

The event, which drew large crowds from all corners of the globe, featured an impressive lineup of performances by both Thai and international artists. Music and dance took center stage as entertainers showcased their talents, energizing the audience with every beat. The crowd erupted into cheers and applause each time their favorite artists took the stage, fueling the excitement that built throughout the night.

The atmosphere was electric as the final moments of 2024

approached, with the anticipation growing palpable. Then, when the clock ticked past midnight, a breathtaking fireworks display erupted into the night sky, filling the air with bursts of color that seemed to dance over Bangkok. The crowd cheered wildly, while many pulled out their phones to capture the magnificent scene, eager to preserve the memory of the moment.

### A Global Celebration

While Thailand's countdown festivities were nothing short of spectacular, they were part of a global tradition of ringing in the new year with grand celebrations. In New York City, despite heavy rain, crowds gathered in Times Square to witness the iconic ball drop, undeterred by the weather. Down under in Sydney, the famous Harbor Bridge was illuminated with a brilliant fireworks show that thrilled spectators across the bay. In Dubai, the Burj Khalifa became the centerpiece of a dazzling fireworks display, captivating viewers from around the world.

Across the globe, major cities spared no effort in delivering extraordinary countdown celebrations. From Asia to the Americas, and the Middle East to Oceania, New Year's Eve was marked by grand displays of fireworks, music, and joy, with each city adding its unique touch to the global celebration.

### A Memorable Start to 2025

For all who attended Thailand's countdown event, it was an experience that will not soon be forgotten. The combination of world-class performances, stunning fireworks, and the shared excitement of ringing in the new year with thousands of others made the night truly special. Whether in Bangkok, New York, Sydney, or Dubai, the world came together to celebrate the arrival of 2025, with each city offering a remarkable experience for its attendees. For those who joined Thailand's vibrant countdown celebration, it was a fitting start to a new year full of promise and possibilities.





## YOUNG ACHIEVER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL HONORED WITH OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD

On January 8, 2025, I had the privilege of attending a distinguished ceremony held at the Government House, where the Ministry of Education honored a group of outstanding young individuals with the “Outstanding Youth of the Year Award.” The event, held at the Santi Maitri Building, was graced by the presence of the Minister of Education, who presented the awards, and the Prime Minister, who delivered an inspiring speech to the recipients. The gathering was a celebration of youthful excellence, attended by awardees, their families, university professors, and a large contingent of journalists.

### A Moment of Celebration and Inspiration

The atmosphere at the ceremony was charged with a palpable sense of pride and joy. The award recipients, accompanied by their families, radiated happiness and gratitude, clearly moved by the recognition of their extraordinary accomplishments. The presence of the country’s leaders added a sense of gravitas to the occasion, especially as

the Prime Minister delivered words of encouragement, emphasizing the importance of youth as a driving force for positive change in society. The event not only celebrated the achievements of the individual awardees but also served as a collective reminder of the incredible potential of young people across the nation.

### Honored for Dedication and Service

I was deeply humbled to be among the recipients of this prestigious award. My journey to receiving the recognition began in high school when my teachers submitted my achievements to the Ministry of Education. Out of 1,298 candidates, I was ranked 50th, a testament to the hard work I put into both my academic and extracurricular endeavors. My contributions extended beyond the classroom, including active community service and involvement in projects that promoted youth engagement and social development. Along the way, I received unwavering support and guidance from my family and teachers, who encouraged me to continue striving for excellence.

### A Personal Milestone

Stepping onto the stage to accept the award was an emotional moment for me. It was a powerful affirmation that my efforts had been recognized on a national level, a feeling I will never forget. The Prime Minister’s speech that day resonated deeply with me, reinforcing the importance of continuing to evolve as an individual and as a contributing member of society. It was a reminder of the responsibility that comes with such recognition, and I left the ceremony with a renewed commitment to using my skills and experiences to serve the greater good.

In that moment, I made a promise to myself: to remain a responsible and exemplary youth, striving to make meaningful contributions to society and helping to create a brighter future for everyone. This award is not just a recognition of past accomplishments, but a motivation to continue pushing boundaries and making a difference in the world.



## ENGLISH ON TOUR WITH ED

*By: Kwanjira Nopburee, Education English, Year 1*

On January 23, 2025, students majoring in Education conducted an enriching English Tour at Ban Chumpol School from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. The event brought together around 50 students from grades 4 to 6, and I was fortunate to join in the fun alongside third-year students.

The children were divided into four groups, rotating through a series of creative activity stations designed to make learning English feel like a game. At one station, they matched English words with school supplies, while

another featured a “Red Light, Green Light” game incorporating action verbs like run, jump, and crawl. The third station allowed the kids to shape Dalgona candies while learning about different shapes, drawing, and coloring. At the final station, they explored various job titles, practicing spelling and pronunciation.

The atmosphere was lively and energetic, with the students fully engaged, eagerly participating, and expressing their enthusiasm for the activities. It was inspiring to witness their confidence as they spoke up, answered questions, and shared their excitement about having more events like this in the future. The day was filled with laughter, learning, and genuine connection—an unforgettable experience that I thoroughly enjoyed!





## FACULTY OF HUSO 3-IN-1 PARTY

On January 10, the St. Christopher Sports Club buzzed with energy as the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences came together to celebrate a vibrant “3-in-1” event marking Christmas, New Year, and Byenior. The event followed the seniors’ final internship presentations and was a much-anticipated gathering for faculty, staff, and students alike.

The celebration kicked off with a heartwarming welcome from the juniors, who greeted their senior peers with sashes and candy garlands, accompanied by loud cheers and applause. The atmosphere was filled with excitement as everyone eagerly anticipated the next phase of the event—

the potluck luncheon. With plates piled high with delicious food, the room became a lively hub of conversation and laughter.

Two seniors were invited to share their thoughts with the crowd, offering reflections on their journey so far. In turn, two lecturers took the stage to express their appreciation for the seniors and their hard work throughout their academic careers. The exchange of heartfelt words added a layer of warmth to the occasion.

A highlight of the day was the highly anticipated gift exchange. The excitement in the air was palpable as attendees eagerly tore open gift boxes and wrappers, each unwrapping their

surprise with wide smiles and plenty of “oohs” and “aahs.” The sound of cameras clicking filled the room as everyone scrambled to capture the joyful moments.

To wrap up the festivities, a series of brief but entertaining games were facilitated, adding a playful spirit to the afternoon and keeping the energy high.

The event was a true celebration of camaraderie and accomplishment, leaving lasting memories for everyone involved. It was a perfect blend of reflection, fun, and togetherness, providing both students and faculty with an opportunity to bond and usher in the new year with gratitude and excitement for the future.



## TRSU JOINS THAILAND ACCOUNTING CHALLENGE

*By: Yuuki Nishizaki, Accounting, Year 2*

On Saturday, January 25th, second-year students of the Faculty of Business Administration at St Teresa International University participated in the Thailand Accounting Challenge, a prestigious event for individuals passionate about and skilled in accounting. Now

in its 11th year, this competition provided an excellent platform for participants to showcase their expertise.

The event was held at the Thailand Federation of Accounting Professions (TFAC). Three participants from TRSU took part:

Mr. Ratchanon Thipyarn

Mr. Yuuki Nishizaki

Miss Sumita Rujimite

We successfully passed the first qualifying round but unfortunately did not make it to the final 30 teams.

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## TRSU JOINED THE WORLD PEC CAMP FOR THE 4TH TIME

The weekend of January 17-19 marked a memorable occasion for participants of the 2025 World Peace Ethics Contest (PEC). Over a hundred students from Assumption University, Sripatum University, Vabis-Tue Duc International College (Vietnam), and St Teresa International University gathered not only to compete but also to forge lasting friendships and create unforgettable memories.

The event kicked off on Friday evening with a symbolic opening ceremony. As buses arrived one by one, participants and lecturers came together to light candles, placing them in the center of the hall as a powerful gesture for world peace. This poignant moment set the tone for the weekend, which would be filled with collaboration, reflection, and learning.

Saturday began with a morning exercise session that gave participants a chance to interact and mingle with fellow attendees. The day continued with an orientation on meal responsibilities, ensuring smooth coordination for the group's dining needs. Lectures, meditation sessions, group discussions, and collaborative projects filled the rest of the day, offering participants valuable insights into the themes of the contest. As night fell, the group participated in a clean-up activity—tidying their beds, toilets, and the examination hall—followed by a brief meditation session to promote calmness and reflection before bedtime.

Sunday brought a more serious atmosphere, coupled with a touch of sadness as the event neared its conclusion. After an engaging outdoor bubble activity, participants retreated to their rooms to prepare for the exam. Dressed in their university uniforms, they spent nearly two hours completing the test, marking the culmination of their hard work and dedication over the weekend. As the exam concluded, the mood lightened once again, with participants exchanging smiles and

reminiscing about the moments captured throughout the event.

The final lunch provided one last opportunity for bonding before everyone headed home. Many participants exchanged social media contacts, eager to stay in touch and continue the friendships they had formed. Others took time to snap a few final photos, preserving the memories they had made during the three-day event.

Here are some insights from students of St Teresa International University about their experience at the camp:

*During the camp, I really enjoyed the activities. I also missed the salad—it was really delicious! I made a lot of new friends while I was there. (Jatuporn Phettae, English for Business Communication, Year 1)*

*During the camp, I was really excited to meet new friends from other universities. I gained valuable experiences and lessons as well. If I have the opportunity, I'd love to go back again. And I have to say, I really missed the salad—it was so delicious! (Bootyaporn Temasmur, English for Business Communication, Year 1)*

*I'm really happy I had the chance to join the World Peace Camp. I loved the food, especially the salad—it was so fresh and delicious! I also learned a lot from the book Family Day by Day, which helped me better understand family relationships. I enjoyed talking with friends from different schools; they were friendly and talkative, and we worked well together. Overall, I had a great experience at the camp. If I have the opportunity, I would love to join this activity again. (Keeratikarn Rueangkla, English for Business Communication, Year 1)*

*Joining the World Peace Ethics Camp was an unforgettable experience for me. I had the opportunity to improve my English skills in a fun and interactive way. I also made new friends who shared my interest in learning English. We supported each*

*other during the activities and had an amazing time together. The camp instructors were friendly and inspiring, which gave me the confidence to speak English without worrying about making mistakes. This camp not only enhanced my language skills but also boosted my confidence and motivation to keep improving. If I get the chance next year, I would love to join again. And I really miss their breakfast! (Methika Chaithatthanapol, English for Business Communication, Year 1)*

*I'm really happy I had the chance to join WPC. I miss the bananas at the camp so much! I enjoyed talking with new friends from other universities—they were incredibly friendly! The lesson from Family Day By Day also gave me valuable insights and was a great experience. I'd love to join the camp again next time! And yes, I really miss those bananas! (Kantinan Dokmai, English for Business Communication, Year 1)*

*It was a once in a lifetime chance and an unforgettable experience. I made a lot of memories and new friends there. (Phyo Wai Htet, Aeronautics, Year 1)*

*The camp was a peaceful and refreshing experience that allowed me to feel more relaxed and focused. I also had the opportunity to make new friends and enjoy quality time with them. Overall, it was a wonderful experience that enhanced both my mental well-being and my social connections. (Min Khant, Aeronautics, Year 1)*

*I am writing to share my experiences and observations from the recent meditation camp in Prachin Buri. The event encouraged us to embrace mindfulness and self-discovery. This camp provided a valuable opportunity to explore the numerous benefits of meditation. I am grateful for your encouragement to participate—it was truly an enriching experience. (Arkar Min Hein, Aeronautics, Year 1)*





## HUSO SHARES ENGLISH LANGUAGE KNOWLEDGE TO THE COMMUNITY

*By: Methika Chaithatthanapol and Thansiri Kongkaket, English for Business Communication, Year 1*

The English Language Sharing Event, organized by the Department of English for Business Communication within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, took place on January 30, 2025, at Banchawakyoa School in Banna District, Nakhon Nayok Province. This lively and engaging event provided elementary students with the opportunity to learn and practice English in a fun and interactive setting.

The event kicked off with a TikTok dance activity led by first-year

students, which energized the children and set an enthusiastic tone for the rest of the day. Following the dance, the students participated in a storytelling activity. They began by learning new vocabulary, then watched the story twice. Afterward, they answered three simple questions designed to help them think critically and enhance their understanding of the story.

Next, the students played a letter-arranging game. Divided into three teams, they worked together to spell words correctly based on pictures. This activity was a fun way to reinforce vocabulary and spelling skills.

The final activity of the day was a

Jumbled Words game, where students were tasked with identifying and correcting mistakes in sentences. This exercise helped them better understand sentence structure and learn new words.

Each activity was designed to build the students' confidence in using English while fostering teamwork and communication in an enjoyable and supportive environment. The event was full of energy, and the children had a great time learning together.

Overall, the event was a tremendous success, leaving everyone excited and motivated to continue their English language learning journey.



## ED SPECIAL DAY FOR TEACHERS

*By: Kanyaporn Treesapanan, Education Mathematics, Year 1*

On January 16, 2025, the Faculty of Education at St Teresa International University hosted a heartwarming Teacher's Day celebration, a special occasion dedicated to honoring and expressing gratitude to educators for their hard work, commitment, and guidance.

The event began with a simple

yet meaningful ceremony, where students presented garlands to their teachers as a sign of respect and appreciation. The atmosphere was filled with warmth and emotion, as the teachers were recognized for their invaluable contributions.

The celebration also featured a variety of enjoyable activities, including lively dance and singing

performances that brought laughter and joy to all attendees. In addition, a selection of delicious foods—such as fried meatballs, hamburgers, fried chicken, sweet drinks, and snacks—was served, adding to the festive atmosphere. A lucky draw further added excitement and fun, making the event memorable for everyone involved.





## CULTURAL IMMERSION DURING THE TRSU INTERNATIONAL DAY

On January 15, the Joseph-Marie Building at TRSU became a vibrant tapestry of cultures, as students and lecturers came together to celebrate the diversity of nations. The event brought together participants from Italy, Vietnam, China, Laos, Japan, the Philippines, and beyond. Students donned traditional attire from the countries they represented, while meticulously decorated booths brought each nation's unique character to life. In true spirit of cultural exchange, our talented students also prepared a delightful array of authentic dishes, showcasing the rich flavors of each country.

Beyond the costumes, booths, and dishes, the event also featured

captivating cultural performances. Students immersed themselves in their assigned countries, bringing to the stage popular songs and dances that captured the essence of their cultures. It was a lively, colorful display of both talent and tradition.

The occasion was graced by several distinguished guests, including Dr. Piyada Wattanasan, the University President, and Ajarn Suwat Benjathammatorn, the Vice-president for Student Affairs, along with faculty deans, lecturers, and staff members, who were all eager to join in the celebration.

The highlight of the event was the announcement of the winners of the major competitions: Cultural Booth, Cultural Performance, and Best Cultural

Dress. The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences emerged as the overall champion, showcasing excellence across all categories.

The TRSU International Day was a powerful reminder of the beauty of diversity and the strength found in unity. More than just a celebration of culture, it was an opportunity for students to connect with the world beyond the classroom and to prepare for an increasingly interconnected global workforce. The event, full of learning and appreciation, highlighted the importance of embracing and understanding different cultures in shaping a brighter, more inclusive future.







## BA FRESHIES VISIT AOT



*By: Ratchata Ampalop, Aeronautics, Year 1*

On January 11, 2025, during our study visit to Suvarnabhumi Airport, we had the opportunity to explore the airport's museum, where a knowledgeable guide led us through the exhibits. We learned about the history of aviation in Thailand, the design and structure of Suvarnabhumi Airport, and its ongoing development plans. The

guide provided clear and insightful explanations, encouraging us to ask any questions we had along the way. Afterward, we entered the terminal, eager to observe the operational aspects of the airport. The guide showed us various key areas, including the departure halls, baggage handling systems, and regulatory processes. We also visited

the landside and observed the planes on the airside. Additionally, we gained an understanding of the roles of the symbols on taxiways and runways.

This visit was both informative and engaging. The guide answered our questions thoroughly, and we left the experience feeling excited and well-informed.

## TRSU AND BANG SOMBUN SUBDISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION FORGE PARTNERSHIP TO BOOST EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On January 24, 2025, St Teresa International University and the Bang Sombun Subdistrict Administrative Organization formalized a groundbreaking collaboration aimed at enhancing education, academic services, research, cultural preservation, and community development. The partnership was sealed with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), marking the beginning of a promising alliance between the two institutions.

The ceremony, held at St Teresa International University, was attended by key figures including



Asst. Prof. Dr. Vichian Puncreobutr, Vice President for Planning and Research at the university, who extended a warm welcome to Asst. Prof. Dr. Yannakorn Toprayoon, Chief Executive of the Bang Sombun Subdistrict Administrative Organization, and his team. The partnership aims to leverage local resources to promote academic

growth and strengthen cultural heritage, ensuring that both communities benefit from shared knowledge, research, and collaborative efforts. With this MOU, the two institutions are set to work together closely to create long-lasting positive impacts on the region's educational and cultural landscape.



## MORALITY CAMP WITH NURSING FRESHIES



**By: Phuriwat Titipatcharanun,  
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On the morning of Friday, January 24, until 11 a.m., the first-year

students of the Faculty of Nursing Science began the morality camp by listening to Coach Pookie. The coach guided us in building stronger relationships with our peers and taught us about the growth mindset and fixed mindset, which we could apply to our daily lives. In the

afternoon, we attended a Dhamma talk by the monks, where we learned about sin and merit. Later, in the evening, our teacher led us on a walk around the pagoda at Wat Phra Dhammakaya. We

also practiced meditation and received the Eight Precepts.

On the morning of Saturday, January 25, we started the day with prayers, meditation, and exercise. We then listened to a Dhamma talk by the monks on the topic of letting go of defilements. In the afternoon, we reflected on good and bad deeds. In the evening, we discussed the concept of love at first sight, the love of parents, and concluded with evening prayers.

On the final day, January 26, we woke up early for exercise, chanted morning prayers, meditated, and formally ended our commitment to the Eight Precepts. We concluded the camp with a closing ceremony, offered alms to the monks, and then returned home.



## PM 2.5 GETS WORSE, FREE TRAIN AND BUS RIDES FOR DAILY COMMUTERS

As Thailand grapples with dangerously high levels of PM2.5 air pollution, both citizens and government

officials are alarmed by the health risks posed by the fine particulate matter. In the final week of January, Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra took swift action, directing the implementation of measures aimed at reducing PM2.5 levels, particularly in Bangkok and its surrounding areas.

From January 25 to 31, 2025, the Bangkok Mass Transit Authority (BMTA) rolled out a bold initiative: all electric rail lines and buses were made free of charge to encourage public transportation use and reduce the number of vehicles contributing to the pollution. To further ease congestion, the Department of Rail Transport coordinated with electric rail service providers to increase service frequency during peak hours. They also committed to monitoring passenger

traffic at stations, adjusting schedules, and adding more ticket counters or machines as needed to ensure smooth, quick, and safe travel.

PM2.5 refers to dust particles that are 2.5 micrometers or smaller in diameter. Long-term exposure to these particles has been linked to severe chronic health issues, including heart and lung diseases. The main contributors to PM2.5 pollution include traffic emissions, industrial activity, forest fires, and the burning of agricultural waste.

In response to the crisis, many schools have moved to online classes, helping to protect students from prolonged exposure to harmful air quality. The public was also urged to wear masks whenever leaving their homes. The collective efforts of the Thai people reflect a strong determination to tackle the growing threat of PM2.5 pollution. Together, they are taking steps toward reducing its impact and ensuring a healthier future for all.

## WEEKEND TRAINING FOR FUTURE LEADERS

**By: Bootyaporn Temasmur,  
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In the leadership training organized by TRSU Student Affairs Office held on January 11 and 12, the instructor emphasized that a strong leader must make decisive, straightforward decisions and communicate clearly. Leadership involves working with diverse teams, so

a leader must demonstrate emotional control, empathy, and an understanding of their team members' feelings and perspectives. Additionally, a good leader should be flexible, able to adapt to the needs of their team, and inspire and motivate others to excel in their work. Providing continuous support to colleagues is also essential. Importantly, a good leader should never hinder the learning process and must always remain open to new ideas and opportunities for personal growth.

To reinforce these concepts and encourage practical application of

effective leadership, the training included group activities from each department. The instructor assigned the task of mapping out each department's areas of needed change within the university and identifying ways to benefit society. Participants were also tasked with designing potential projects that their departments could implement in the future. Following the group work, each team presented their projects, outlining the needs of their department and the envisioned impact of their proposed initiatives.