Thinking Factory

On 13 July 2007, the AU School of Architecture (AAU), Central World Co. Ltd., and B2S Co. Ltd. co-organized a design exhibition, “Thinking Factory,” at the Forum Zone of the Central World. Rev. Bro. Prathip M. Komolmas, Khun Bhudsaba Jirathiwat and Mr. Dean Thomson joined together to commence the event. The exhibition was held from 13 to 18 July 2007. Its objectives were to promote AAU Architecture Thesis Projects of Class 2006 as well as to launch “B2S Young Creative Design Contest.

Architecture students from King Mongkut Institute of Technology at Lat Krabang (KMITL) and Rangsit University also participated in the contest to create ideas for everyday shopping helper. Spectators were invited to join other family fun activities such as Vertical Peak, Young Architect (5-10 yrs. old).

ACAU 2007 Workshop

The School of Architecture, Assumption University (AAU), has participated as a representative from Thailand in the Asian Coalition of Architecture & Urbanism (ACAU 2007) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, during 1-10 July 2007.

The objectives of ACAU are the expansion network of academic establishments and amelioration of knowledge and experiences of Architecture and Urbanism shared by Asia’s metropolises.

The ACAU 2007 workshop was held for a third consecutive year since the first ACAU 2005 in Seoul, Korea. The ACAU participating institutions were:

- School of Architecture, Assumption University, Bangkok, Thailand;
- School of Architecture and Architectural Engineering, University of Seoul, Korea;
- Faculty of Architecture, University of Hong Kong;
- School of Design and Environment, National University of Singapore;

Paper presentation (L) and group photograph of the participants of ACAU Workshop (R)
College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tong Ji University, Shanghai, China;
College of Planning and Design, National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan;
Faculty of Built Environment, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The Workshop's theme this year was: "Making Global Cities - Linkages and Identity." The idea of a global city was generated from the realization that the Asian metropolises are being increasingly influenced by globalization trends in the form of multicultural exchanges, greater individual access to cultural diversity, increasing travel and tourism, greater immigration and the formation of universal values.

There were 2 program tracks during the workshop: a student's studio and a paper presentation by a lecturer from each country. AAU students had studied and analyzed the city of Kuala Lumpur and had collaborated with other students during the student's studio. The AAU students are listed below:

- Ms. Nuntaka Rungsangthiwalorn
- Ms. Pimpan Tatiwechakul
- Mr. Thanakorn Wongphadungtham
- Mr. Verarit Veranondh
- Mr. Sa-Shine
- Mr. Songtao Sirinakarin
- Mr. Victor John
- Mr. Prueksakorn Kornudom

A. Prin Jhearmaneechotechit presented a paper entitled, "Floating Markets, the Tide of Amphibious Identity," which emphasizes on the Floating Markets as the inherent evidence of the Central Plain of Thailand and the Thai identity. A. Kraipol Jayanatra was a studio master during the workshop.

The School of Architecture, Assumption University, will be the host of ACAU 2008.

The 24th Interior Boutique Show

The Department of Interior Architecture of the School of Architecture, Assumption University, displayed a booth at the "Interior in Trend 2007 Exhibition" of the 24th Interior Boutique Show at the Royal Paragon Hall, Siam Paragon, Bangkok, during 20-23 September 2007.

"Interior in Trend 2007," which is supported by the Interior Architecture and Interior Design Academic Council of Thailand (IAIDAC) provided spaces for Interior Design Companies and Interior Architecture/Interior Design Institutes in Thailand. The purposes of the exhibition in the Academic Zone were to present students' works in terms of the innovative ideas and the design practicalities to the public, and also to encourage the students from all Interior Design Institutes in Thailand to have an opportunity to participate in the activities and the workshop during the exhibition.

For this current year, the ABAC School of Architecture's exhibition was focused on the "Library-idea" which is aimed at sharing knowledge broadly and fostering the society's knowledge contributions to the public as a whole.
Male Volleyball competition, Universiade

This year Thailand was proudly the host of the summer Universiade 2007 in Bangkok during 8-18 August 2007. Students from the Faculty of Biotechnology also participated in hosting the Volleyball competition on 11 August 2007. The games took place at John Paul II Sports Center, Suvarnabhumi Campus, Assumption University. The students formed the cheering team for the competitions between Poland and Taiwan, USA and Japan, and the last match between Germany and Sweden.

BES Wine Competition

The Faculty of Biotechnology, Assumption University, in cooperation with Bangkok Exhibition Services (BES) organized the Food & Beverage Association of Thailand (FBAT) Wine International Challenge 2007 on 5 September 2007. This international wine competition was part of the 15th International Food and Hospitality Show (IFHS) held at the Paragon Hall, Pathum Wan, Bangkok, during 5-8 September 2007. On this occasion, the junior and senior students from the Faculty of Biotechnology got a chance to organize and investigate the international wine tasting events.

The 13th Biotechnology Wine Testing Festival 2007

As a tradition for the Faculty of Biotechnology, this year the 13th Biotechnology Wine Testing Festival took place in the evening of 13 September 2007 at the Hall of Fame, C Building, Hua Mak Campus. The event was filled with food, home-made wines and music. This year we were delighted to have Rev. Bro. Anupatt P. Yuttachai who gave an opening speech and opened the sparkling wine which started the joyous evening.
The Engineering Building

During semester 1/2007, the functional structure of the Engineering Building was routinely taken care of. The external facade made of stylish white tiles was cleaned up so that the building looks attractive from a distance as always. In addition, video cameras have been installed at several key locations in order to improve the security and to assist the management in providing better services to the three faculties located in the Engineering Building: the Faculty of Biotechnology, the Faculty of Engineering, and the Faculty of Science and Technology.

The Engineering Building (in the middle between C and Q Buildings) as seen from the nearby InterPlace hotel where a number of international exchange students sometimes reside.

Faculty of Nursing Science

Welcome to Nursing Family Camp

The Nursing Student Committee of the Faculty of Nursing Science organized the project of “Welcome to Nursing Family Camp” during 8-10 July 2007 at the Hatthawut Camp, Sara Buri Province, for 60 freshmen nursing students. There were many activities, such as games, outdoor activities, and “Bai Si” ceremony to serve the purposes of this project, including building up good relationships among nursing students and instructors, promoting unity and networking, learning the methods of successful studying and creating activity for the society. The natural atmosphere and fresh air of Hatthawut Camp made everyone feel like flourishing and all the activities impressed both nursing students and instructors very much.

Advancing Nurse Workforce

To celebrate the auspicious occasion of His Majesty the King’s 80th Birthday Anniversary, the Faculty Development Sub-committee of Nursing Science Faculty, Assumption University, organized the seminar workshop entitled, “Advancing Nurse Workforce: A Neo-Approach and Challenge” on 6 August 2007, at room A.51, Hua Mak Campus.

The program consisted of the presentations on the theme “Advancing Nurse Workforce: Sharing One US Experience” by our distinguished guest, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Patricia Humbles, Director of Nursing Workforce Diversity, Methodist, College of USA, and “Panel Discussion: Critical Issues in Nursing Workforce” by Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinthumprasert, the Dean of Faculty of Nursing Science, Assumption University. Both presentations were very interesting and helped to realize the raising in nursing shortage in both education and service. Therefore, the nursing schools must get involved in finding a solution. Moreover, some issues about the accessibility and sustainability in the nursing workforce and the development of strategies for strengthening the nursing workforce were considered.

In addition, all the faculty members had an opportunity to express their opinions about alternative solutions in reducing the nursing shortage in education and service.

Capping Ceremony

On 10 August 2007, the Student Development Committee of the Faculty of Nursing Science had the great pleasure
to congratulate sophomore nursing students, Class of 2009, during the Capping Ceremony at the AU Auditorium which was decorated with very beautiful flowers.

The ceremony started with opening prayers by Father Mattias Saw San Win. Then Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinlumprasert, the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing Science, introduced the 55 nursing students Class of 2009 ready to receive their nursing caps. Following the capping, Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, President of Assumption University, delivered a keynote address to the nursing students. The ceremony ended up with closing prayers by Father Mattias Saw San Win. After the end of the ceremony, everyone was welcomed to take photographs in front of the hall.

**Blood Donation**

On 2 July 2007, Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, AU President, delivered the keynote address and cut the ribbon at the Opening of Blood Donation Ceremony for the year 2007.

The Nursing Student Committee of the Faculty of Nursing Science, Assumption University, organized the campaign for blood donation in cooperation with the Thai Red Cross Society in honor of His Majesty the King's 80th Birthday Anniversary and to recognize His Majesty's contributions toward health and well being of his subjects. The Nursing Student Committee appreciated the efforts of all the participants: regular donors, new donors, and AU community members; to increase the number of blood units in the national blood bank. This special event will be organized again on 16 November 2007.
Field Trip to Urupong X-rays Center

It was a great opportunity on 31 July 2007, 1.00-3.00 p.m., for 56 sophomore nursing students and four instructors who visited the Urupong X-rays center. It was a special experience that allowed our nursing students to observe the medical imaging techniques by using radiation, ultrasound and magnetic resonance, and to facilitate the nursing students in applying knowledge when looking after the patients during the clinical practicum. We need to thank our wonderful hosts, the staff of the Urupong X-rays center who kindly made all the necessary explanations and demonstrations.

Visitors from the Philippines

On 31 August 2007, the Faculty of Nursing Science, Assumption University, had the great pleasure to welcome a group of administrators and lecturers from the College of Nursing, University of Santo Tomas, the Philippines. In the morning session, Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinlumprasert, the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing Science, presented the opportunity for students to observe the great pleasure to welcome a group of administrators and lecturers from the College of Nursing, University of Santo Tomas, the Philippines. In the morning session, Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinlumprasert, the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing Science, presented the opportunity for students to observe medical imaging techniques by using radiation, ultrasound and magnetic resonance, and to facilitate the nursing students in applying knowledge when looking after the patients during the clinical practicum. We need to thank our wonderful hosts, the staff of the Urupong X-rays center who kindly made all the necessary explanations and demonstrations.

Study Trip of Nursing Students from Singapore

During 11-20 September 2007, three groups of nursing students (30 per group) from the School of Health Science, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore, visited the Faculty of Nursing Science, Assumption University, to participate in a study trip which...
The visitors from the Philippines observe laboratory facility of the Nursing Science Faculty (L)
Dr. Siriporn Poonruksa and A. Patra Phuekphan presented their classroom action research at the Workshop on Research Presentation (R)

consisted of a three-day program. The arrangements of the study trip were conveniently made in order to attend the presentation by the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing Science and to visit Assumption University, both Hua Mak and Suvarnabhumi Campuses, as well as affiliated hospitals, including Samitivej Srinakarin Hospital, Nopparat Rajthannee Hospital and Bhumibol Hospital.

Research Presentation

On 5-7 September 2007, Dr. Siriporn Poonruksa and A. Patra Phuekphan presented their classroom action research on “The Effectiveness Outcomes of Student-Centered Approach Integration in Nursing Leadership and Management Practicum: Case Study in Assumption University Nursing Students” at the 7th Annual SEAAIR Conference. This international seminar took place at Bang Na Campus which was arranged by the South East Asian Association for Institutional Research under the theme of “Sufficiency and Sustainability in Higher Education: An Agenda.”

Graduate School of Psychology

Ethical Challenges in 21st Century Psychology

Kicking off the Fall Seminar Series by the Graduate School of Psychology, Assumption University, we were honored to present a talk on “Ethical Challenges in 21st Century” by Gerald P. Koocher, Ph.D., American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP), Past President of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Koocher is a clinical psychologist, professor and Dean of the School for Health Studies at Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. He was the 2006 President of the American Psychological Association and he is the editor for Ethics & Behavior.

The Seminar was held on Friday, 21 September 2007, at 16.30 hours at the Seminar Room, D. Building, Hua Mak Campus. The topic of this 45-50 minute talk was on ethical challenges on the horizon in the context of the Internet, terrorism, commercialism, etc., followed by questions and answers.

Identifying, Treating and Preventing Pathological Gambling

The Graduate School of Psychology organized another Fall Seminar Lecture Series by inviting Prof. Robert Ladouceur to present a seminar on “Identifying, Treating and Preventing Pathological Gambling” on Monday, 15 October 2007, at 16.00 hours, at the Seminar Room, D. Building, Hua Mak Campus.

Dr. Ladouceur is an expert on pathological gambling and has written extensively (books and articles) about this disorder. He is a clinical psychologist and professor at the School of
Treatment for Chronic Pain: Techniques and Issues

The Graduate School of Psychology organized another Fall Seminar Series by inviting Dr. John D. Gilbert to present a seminar on "Treatment for Chronic Pain: Techniques and Issues" on Tuesday, 6 November 2007 at 16.00 hours, at the Seminar Room, D. Building, Hua Mak Campus.

Dr. Gilbert is a clinical psychologist (and former dentist) with a specialization in the treatment of chronic pain. He is currently a practitioner at the pain management program at St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute in Spokane, Washington, USA.

Senior Project Exhibition

The Faculty of Science and Technology organized a Senior Project Exhibition 1/2007 at the Salle d'Expo on Friday, 12 October 2007. Following a good tradition being established a number of years ago, the Bachelor Degree students from all the departments of the faculty presented the results of their research and development. A Senior Project is created by a team usually consisting of two students. For the uniformity of the senior project presentations, the students were asked to prepare two large posters per senior project. The posters contained the title of the senior project, the names of the students, an abstract, and a summary of the main results obtained throughout the semester. The students were given exhibition space and partitions to show their posters as well as computers for their PowerPoint presentations. Each project was evaluated by the advisor and two committee members who individually evaluated the work of the students after listening to a 30-minute presentation and asking questions about different aspects of the reported results. The exhibition allowed the students to demonstrate the final outcome of their efforts to a broad audience of students and instructors from different departments and the teams were able to share information and ideas among themselves.

S&T students during the Senior Project Exhibition 1/2007 at the Salle d’Expo, Hua Mak Campus