Montfort del Rosario School of Architecture and Design

Brown Games 2013

During 23 March - 13 April 2013, Montfort del Rosario School of Architecture and Design organized student Brown Games 2013 at Suvarnabhumi Campus. The event was attended also by the Dean, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nitichan Pleumarom, and the faculty members. Both students and faculty members wore T-shirts with a stylized image of their logo and the label “Brown”. Under the stimulating beats of Thai drums, the students played basketball, table tennis, tug of war and other games. Different student teams using yellow, green, blue and red ribbons were formed for friendly competitions in a joyful atmosphere. The students cheered up each other and the spontaneous laughter during relaxed conversations was a true sign of team bonding. More information about this memorable event is available at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1020229595357711.1073741825.658990128>.

Final Thesis Presentation

Montfort del Rosario School of Architecture and Design held the final thesis presentations for students from different departments on Saturday, 16 March 2013, at Suvarnabhumi Campus. In a colorful display of posters and architectural models, the students presented the final results of their research efforts for the duration of one academic year. The proposed models and designs were thoroughly examined by the faculty members. A wonderful photo collection of all thesis presentations is accessible at <https://www.facebook.com/hinomaru.bento/media_set?set=a.10200229595357711.1073741825.1087321579>.

Last Orientation

The Last Orientation for graduating students was held on Wednesday, 13 March 2013, at the Mini Theater, Montfort del Rosario School of Architecture and Design, Suvarnabhumi Campus. The event was organized as research training and workshop. The Dean, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nitichan Pleumarom, and the faculty members discussed research methods and shared creative ideas with the students.

School of Biotechnology

Visitors from Indonesia

The School of Biotechnology welcomed a group of visiting faculty members and students from the Faculty of Agricultural Technology, Soegijapranata Catholic University (UNIKA), Semarang, Indonesia, on Thursday, 14 March 2013. The visitors were on a six-day trip Bangkok-Pattaya during 13-18 March 2013 under the slogan “Food Tech Goes to Thailand”. Dr. Churdchai Cheowtirakul, Dean of the School of Biotechnology, delivered a welcome speech and introduced the departments, facilities and different degree programs of the school to the visitors. This visit was a part of the collaboration program between the School of Biotechnology, Assumption University of Thailand (AU), and the Department of Food Technology, Soegijapranata Catholic University, Semarang, Indonesia. The visitors had a delicious welcome lunch at “13 Coins” restaurant and also enjoyed a dinner reception at Jasmin Hong Kong restaurant, 4th floor, Times Square Building, Sukhumvit Road.
Dr. Churdchai Cheowtirakul, Dean of the School of Biotechnology, Assumption University of Thailand, delivers a welcome speech to the group of visiting faculty members and students from the Faculty of Agricultural Technology, Soegijapranata Catholic University (UNIKA), Semarang, Indonesia.

The visiting faculty members and students from the Faculty of Agricultural Technology, Soegijapranata Catholic University (UNIKA), Semarang, Indonesia, gather together for a photograph in front of the Hall of Fame, Coronation Building, Hua Mak Campus, Assumption University of Thailand.
The visitors from UNIKA, Semarang, Indonesia, have a delicious welcome lunch at “13 Coins” restaurant, Bangkok.

The visitors from UNIKA enjoy a dinner reception at Jasmin Hong Kong restaurant, 4th floor, Times Square Building, Sukhumvit Road, Bangkok.

Thailand Chapter, University of California, Davis Alumni Club

Dr. Churdchai Cheowtirakul, Dean of the School of Biotechnology, was elected as President of the Thailand Chapter, University of California, Davis Alumni Club, in February 2013. The School of Biotechnology has a good relationship and collaboration in areas of research, visiting professors and exchange students with the University of California, Davis, CA, USA, for a long time. The school has five instructors who are alumni of the University of California, Davis.

Election Day and UC Davis reunion dinner take place at Jasmin Hong Kong restaurant, 4th floor, Times Square Building, Sukhumvit Road, Bangkok.
Participation in IEEE SCAP 2013

The School of Engineering participated in the IEEE Student Conference on Senior Capstone Project (IEEE SCAP) on Friday, 29 March 2013. Two student teams attended the conference which was organized by the Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.

Team 1 presented a project entitled “An AU Golf Car: Autonomous Parking System” and the team members were: Mr. Hemmawat Yensuong, Mr. Patompong Sulsaksakul, Mr. Passaporn Rattanasetyith, Ms. Pattanan Detkrut, and Mr. Pasawat Laokhonkha.

Team 2 presented a project entitled “Stability Control of a Self-Driving Bicycle” and the team members were: Mr. Ankur Agrawal, Mr. Krittamate Jirundorn, Ms. Tidarat Punyachai, and Mr. Samuel Hussain Mogakolodi.

Dr. Narong Aphiratsakun was the advisor of both teams. The conference was a great opportunity for the AU engineering students to explore opportunities and establish connections with other universities. The purposes of the conference were to encourage the teamwork among engineering students, to learn from the projects of other students, and to present engineering work in an academic way. Team 1 received a 4th runner-up prize from this conference.

Forever Home

On Sunday, 17 February 2013, the Engineering Student Council organized a memorial meeting “Forever Home” at Hua Mak Campus before the scheduled relocation of the School of Engineering to Suvarnabhumi Campus. Both students and instructors enjoyed the recreational activities and took photographs together on the special occasion of having their last classes at Hua Mak Campus. Engineering alumni starting from student ID 36xxxx also attended the meeting and joined the current students having admission numbers up to the latest student ID 55xxxx. All participants were very happy to meet each other and intend to keep the precious memories about their engineering family forever.
Senior Recognition Day 2013

The School of Nursing Science celebrated the Songkran Festival 2013 on Wednesday, 10 April 2013, at the Dean’s office located on the second floor of M Building, Hua Mak Campus. Being a part of the Thai Lanna culture, the traditional water pouring ceremony which is called “Rod Nam Dam Hua” was performed in order to pay sincere respect to the Dean, Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinlumprasert. The faculty members and students poured scented water over her hands and then the Dean gave them blessings for good health, happiness and prosperity.

The Convocation Day for the Graduating Nurses Class of 2012

On Saturday, 16 March 2013, the School of Nursing Science organized the Convocation Day for the graduating nurses class of 2012 at Salle d’Expo, Hua Mak Campus. This was actually a last orientation which was arranged for the nursing graduates as a final step in helping them to achieve a high nursing competence before commencing their professional careers.

Twenty-two graduating nurses participated in this activity which started with the delivery of an academic address by Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinlumprasert, Dean of the School of Nursing Science, and an opening remark by Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, Rector Magnificus of Assumption University, followed by Pledge of Loyalty by Ms. Tanpimon Piansang, the representative of the nursing graduates. A subsequent discussion entitled “The Successful Tips: How to Overcome Challenges and Scale Up” was initiated by AU nursing alumni representative, Mrs. Siriphan Charuchinda, Bangkok Hospital, for sharing her experience on how to build a successful career in nursing.

On this special occasion, four graduating nurses were awarded, as follows:

1. Ms. Tanpimon Piansang, Nurses Association of Thailand Awardee;
2. Ms. Sasi Sawangwong, Academic Excellence Awardee;
3. Mr. Sitthikon Mongkhammee, Exceptional Performance and Amiability Awardee; and
Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, Rector Magnificus of Assumption University, Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinlumprasert, Dean of the School of Nursing Science, and 22 nursing graduates pose for a beautiful photograph during the Convocation Day on Saturday, 16 March 2013.

The Dean of the School of Nursing Science adorns the black strip on the nursing cap of each one of the 22 nursing graduates and gives them the nursing pin during the Convocation Day for the Graduating Nurses Class of 2012.

AU nursing alumni representative, Mrs. Siriphan Charuchinda, Bangkok Hospital, initiates a discussion entitled “How to Overcome Challenges and Scale Up?” to share her experience on how to build a successful career in nursing.
The graduating nurses class of 2012 listen attentively to the speakers during the Convocation Day on Saturday, 16 March 2013.

Each one of the four awarded graduating nurses receives a flower bouquet from Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinlumprasert.

Preceptorship Training

In the second semester of academic year 2012, the School of Nursing Science organized Preceptorship Training for Nursing Practicum for new faculty members as well as experienced registered nurses from affiliated hospitals who would like to be AU preceptors. This project aimed to train qualified nursing staff from affiliated hospitals to be efficient AU preceptors, to enhance the quality of nursing supervision, and to maintain the standard 1:8 ratio of instructor/preceptor to student in the healthcare setting. The training had two phases including pedagogy training phase and English training phase. The pedagogy training phase was completed during 27 February - 2 March 2013 at Hua Mak Campus. Subsequently, the English training phase was organized every Saturday for five consecutive weeks. Thirty nurses attended the training and enjoyed the entire training program.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinlumprasert, Dean, School of Nursing Science, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Siriporn Kumpalikit, representative of the Thailand Nursing and Midwifery Council, faculty members and participants happily smile in front of the camera during the Preceptorship Training for Nursing Practicum.
Step Out of the Shadow: Stand Firm as a Leader

A seminar on the theme “Step Out of the Shadow: Stand Firm as a Leader” was organized on Friday, 8 February 2013, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., in the Hall of Fame, Coronation Building, Hua Mak Campus. There was a panel discussion in the morning, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m., on the topic “Do Nurses Exercise Their Power and Leadership: The Social Point of View?” In the afternoon, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., there was also a discussion on the topic “Stand Firm as a Leader: What Nurses Can Do to Make a Difference?”

Be the Successful Book Author: How to Get Started and Successfully Publish and Beyond

Following an established tradition from previous years, the School of Nursing Science invited Prof. Dr. Lily Stojanovska from Victoria University, Australia, to share her knowledge with the faculty members. A seminar entitled “Be the Successful Book Author: How to Get Started and Successfully Publish and Beyond” was organized on Wednesday, 30 January 2013, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., in room A71, A Building, Hua Mak Campus. The seminar began with the details of her chocolate research, and was followed by the story of her inspiration to develop her own book idea. She passionately shared her own experience as a book author. Twenty-two faculty members attended this seminar and excitedly participated in it. In the end, all of them seemed motivated to write and publish their own books.

Prof. Dr. Lily Stojanovska is delighted to receive a flower decoration from Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinnlumphrasert before to start her presentation in room A71, A Building, Hua Mak Campus.

Prof. Dr. Lily Stojanovska from Victoria University, Australia, is the guest speaker on the topic “Be the Successful Book Author: How to Get Started and Successfully Publish and Beyond”.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinnlumphrasert is a guest speaker during the Preceptorship Training for Nursing Practicum but also engages in practical discussions with the nurses.
Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinlumprasert, Prof. Dr. Lily Stojanovska and the faculty members “Like” the seminar “Be the Successful Book Author: How to Get Started and Successfully Publish and Beyond”.

Blood Donation 2012

The Student Development Committee, School of Nursing Science, and the Thai Red Cross Society organized a blood donation campaign for academic year 2012 on Thursday, 27 December 2012, at Salle d’Expo, Hua Mak Campus. This event was held to celebrate the 80th year of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit’s Birthday Anniversary. Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, Rector Magnificus of Assumption University, Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinlumprasert, Dean of the School of Nursing Science, instructors, staff of the Thai Red Cross Society, and nursing students attended the opening session of the blood donation campaign. Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran was invited to give an opening speech. AU staff, instructors and students whose blood groups were A or AB donated their blood as requested. In total, 51 units of blood groups A and AB were collected.

During a blood donation, the following donor qualifications apply to all donors:
- Age: At least 17 years old;
- Weight: At least 110 pounds (45 kg);
- Diet: A good meal approximately one or two hours before donating blood;
- Drink: Two to three extra glasses of fluid before donating blood;
- Rest: Sufficient sleep at least 6 hours/night; and
- Habit: Avoid smoking on the day before donating blood.

The donors must also have a proper health status:
- Having a good health;
- Not having infectious diseases;
- Not having a menstrual period (for women); and
- Not a subject of ear/body piercing, tattoo or acupuncture during the last 12 months.
Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, Rector Magnificus, Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinlumprasert, Dean of the School of Nursing Science, instructors, staff of the Thai Red Cross Society, and nursing students attend the opening session of the blood donation campaign.

The blood donors fill a required registration form and then undergo pre-donation screening.

School of Science and Technology

Senior Project Exhibition

The undergraduate students of the School of Science and Technology (S&T) presented their Senior Projects during a traditional poster exhibition on Wednesday, 27 March 2013, at Salle d’Expo, Hua Mak Campus. Twelve projects from the five S&T departments participated in the exhibition.

Graduating Students’ Orientation

The School of Science and Technology organized the annual Graduating Students’ Orientation on Monday, 4 February 2013, 16:30-20:30 hrs., at Salle d’Expo Hua Mak Campus. Rev. Bro. Dr. Amnuay Yoonprayong, Vice President for Moral Development Education, and Asst. Prof. Dr. Jirapun Daengdej, Dean of the School of Science and Technology, gave their speeches first, followed by: Mr. Chaiyakorn Aphiwathanokul, Chief Executive Officer, S-Generation Co., Ltd.; representatives from Mono
Group; a representative from the Assumption University Alumni Association (AUAA); Mr. Phatchet Vittayanulak, Senior Software Quality Engineer, CareFusion (San Diego, CA, USA); and Mr. Ratakorn Kamcharoen, Senior Analyst, Berly8 Plus Co., Ltd. The last 30 minutes of the orientation were dedicated to memorable activities and photo taking.

Rev. Bro. Dr. Amnuay Yoonprayong, Vice President for Moral Development Education, gives a blessing speech during the Graduating Students’ Orientation.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Jirapun Daengdej, Dean of the School of Science and Technology, passionately addresses the students who will soon became alumni of the vibrant S&T family.
Listening to entrepreneurs and practitioners surely captures the attention of the students as they are about to follow their chosen career paths.

Students and instructors are happy to stay together a bit longer after the Graduating Students' Orientation.

Call for News

The AU Tech Note cordially invites staff and students in the Montfort del Rosario School of Architecture and Design, the School of Biotechnology, the School of Engineering, the School of Nursing, and the School of Science and Technology to contribute articles for publication in the Newsletter.

What to Contribute?

An illustrative list of any kind of information you would like to see published in AU Tech Note is given below:

- Personal news (new appointments, promotions, fellowships, awards, travel abroad, etc.)
- Reports of special interest groups, industrial visits, recently launched or concluded projects, open house, field works, etc.
- Reports on recently held workshops, seminars, symposia, conferences, etc. Information about forthcoming activities and events, recent publications, etc.
- Results of recently completed projects, patents, newly released products and formulations, experiments and techniques, etc.

We look forward to receiving your input.

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