Thesis Exhibition 2013

The Montfort del Rosario School of Architecture and Design organized its annual Thesis Exhibition 2013 under the slogan “Living in the City” from Friday to Tuesday, 31 May - 4 June 2013, for the Graduating Class of 2012 (AR 12) of the five-year Bachelor Degree Programs in Architecture and Interior Architecture. This public exhibition was held at Siam Cement Group (SCG) Experience Co. Ltd., Building H, Crystal Design Center (CDC), Praditmanutham Road (along the Ekamai-Ram Indra highway), Klong Chan, Bang Kapi, Bangkok. The opening ceremony was on Friday, 31 May 2013, at 3 p.m.

Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, Rector Magnificus of Assumption University (AU), visited the thesis exhibition and was introduced to the thesis projects of the graduating students by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nitchan Pleumarom, Dean of the Montfort del Rosario School of Architecture and Design.

The exhibition theme this year was “2 Π R” which metaphorically links the circumference of a circle to the cycle of life as written in the Thesis Book of the graduating students: “When circumference is mentioned, it repeatedly refers to infinity; metaphorically compared to the wedding rings representing endless love, the beginning and the ending of entirety. In our perspective, circumference is reflecting the clock’s time; with both beginning and ending at the same point resembling endless possibility. At the point of our graduation is also the beginning of profession journey, the unwritten chapter of our life.”

The Thesis Book of the Thesis Exhibition 2013 was made as a collection of the models and designs of the thesis projects of the AR12 students. The results of unforgettable one-year thesis experience are summarized so that the essence of every project is shown on a separate page as a combination of a thesis abstract and a set of supportive graphical illustrations. The Thesis Book has two sections: architectural projects and interior architectural projects. It is accessible at <http://download1510.mediafire.com/0xyqxxr8jrg/3odt9tgm39aduc/2piR_by_synz13.pdf>.

Architect Forum

During the first day of the Thesis Exhibition 2013 at SCG Experience, CDC, Bangkok, an Architect Forum under the slogan “The End and the Beginning”, being synonymous with the exhibition theme “2 Π R”, was held on Friday, 31 May 2013, at 4 p.m. The keynote speakers were:

Mr. Nontawat Charoenchasri, Design Director, Ductstore the Design Guru Co., Ltd.; and
Mr. Nattapol Suphawong, Director / Co-founder, INT2 Studio Co., Ltd.

The AR12 students had a wonderful opportunity to converse with their peers and learn about their professional experience.

AU Freshy Day & Night 2013: AU Princess 2013

AU Freshy Day & Night 2013 was held at John Paul II Sports Center, Suvarnabhumi Campus, Assumption University, on Monday, 8 July 2013, from noon till 10:30 p.m. This joyful event is organized every year to give a warm welcome to the new students at the beginning of the academic year and to establish a strong bond between freshmen and seniors from all schools.
Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, Rector Magnificus of Assumption University, addresses the graduating students during the Thesis Exhibition 2013.

Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nitichan Pleumarom, Dean of Montfort del Rosario School of Architecture and Design, examine the colorful posters of the graduating students.

Instructors and students from Montfort del Rosario School of Architecture and Design happily pose for memorable photos during the Thesis Exhibition 2013.

The Rector Magnificus of Assumption University, Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, presided over AU Freshy Day & Night 2013 and presented the prizes to the winners of the freshmen contest AU Prince and Princess 2013. He was accompanied by Rev. Bro. Dr. Amnuay Yoonprayong, Vice Rector for Moral Development Education, administrators and faculty members who also participated in all activities. This year, AU Princess 2013 with the popular vote is Ms. Natasha Josephine Blake, Montfort del Rosario School of
Architecture and Design. Ms. Natasha also received a gift voucher valued at 40,000 Baht from Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran. Congratulations!


Ms. Natasha Josephine Blake, Montfort del Rosario School of Architecture and Design, is AU Princess 2013 with the popular vote of AU Freshy Day & Night 2013.

Honorable Appointment

Being involved with helping different committees sometimes, Dr. Churdchai Cheowtirakul has been appointed by the Parliament of Thailand to the committee in charge of legal improvement in the field related to Labor, Science and Technology. The main task is to correct and set up the law related to said field in accordance with the AEC 2015 Agreement of the ASEAN Economic Community. With this appointment, Dr. Churdchai will also be able to use forefront information gathered during his work for the parliament to assist Assumption University in becoming one of the leading universities in ASEAN.

Research Grants

The School of Biotechnology obtained various grants for the total amount of 1,210,000 Baht from the government and private sectors to support its research works during academic year 2013. Dr. Viyada Kunathamian and Ms. Suchawadee Wirathikowit obtained 65,000 Baht from Nomjitt Incorporation Co., Ltd. Dr. Patchanee Yasurin obtained 525,000 Baht from the Sirindhorn International Thai-German Graduate School of Engineering (TGGS), King Mongkut’s University of Technology North Bangkok; the Thailand Research Fund; and the Institute for the Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology (IPST). Dr. Tatsaporn Todhanakasem and Dr. Tatsawan Tipvarakarnkoon obtained 180,000 Baht each from the Thailand Research Fund. Dr. Tatsawan also obtained 260,000 Baht from Tannarakong AEC (Thailand) Co., Ltd. The school has been successful in promoting research and has achieved international renown for its biotechnology research efforts. It is expected that more research grants will be obtained in the near future from both the public and private sectors.

Visiting Students from Vietnam and Exchange Students from Indonesia

Seven visiting students from Saigon Technology University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, came to the School of Biotechnology for a three-month internship from April to June 2013.

In addition, four exchange students, Mr. Alvin Arienata Hartanto, Mr. Vincent Kevin Tejo, Mr. Edo Sanjaya, and Ms. Debby Natalie Scassapalle, from the Department of Food Technology, Faculty of Agricultural Technology, Soegijapranata Catholic University, Semarang, Indonesia, visited the School of Biotechnology in accordance with a collaboration agreement. The four students also came for a three-month internship.

Each student worked on a research project under the supervision of faculty members. This was a very good opportunity to strengthen the collaboration of the school with the aforesaid two universities and for the Thai students to work with international students.

Co-Hosting the Annual Faculty Seminar 2013

The School of Biotechnology and the Montfort del Rosario School of Architecture and Design had the wonderful opportunity to organize together the Annual Faculty Seminar 2013. The seminar was held on Tuesday morning, 21 May 2013, at John XXIII Conference Center, Suvarnabhumi Campus. The seminar was devoted to AU’s Branding in the ASEAN

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Mr. Jean-Marc Marcel Dautrey was a guest speaker on the topic “Moving with the Times: Assumption University and the 2015 ASEAN Economic Community”. In the afternoon, there was a compulsory workshop in every school and the faculty members had discussions on positioning themselves in the ASEAN community.

Dr. Churdchai Cheowtirakul gives a warm welcome to the Indonesian students.

The visiting students from Saigon Technology University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, learn about Thai culture and enjoy the Songkran festival (Thai New Year celebration) with Thai friends.

The Indonesian students, accompanied by Thai students, are ready for a Bangkok adventure.

The Indonesian students have a welcome dinner at the Nathong restaurant in Bangkok.

Faculty members meet to discuss the organization of the Annual Faculty Seminar 2013.
Meeting with Prospective Students and Their Parents

On Sunday, 28 April 2013, the School of Biotechnology arranged an orientation for new students and their parents. The orientation started at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Churdchaei Cheowrirakul, Dean of the School of Biotechnology, gave a welcome speech. Then an introduction to the school programs, curricula and activities was presented by Dr. Patchanee Yasurin. After that, the Chairperson of the Department of Food Technology, Dr. Aussama Soonrunnarudungsri, and the Deputy Chairperson of the Department of Agro-Industry, Dr. Tatsaporn Todhanakasem, also gave short welcome speeches.

On this occasion, the students were introduced to several activities in the biology laboratory including Barr body observation, microorganisms observation and tissue culture. The parents attended a questions-and-answers session with the chairpersons, and subsequently joined the student activities in the biology laboratory.

Dr. Churdchaei Cheowrirakul, Dean of the School of Biotechnology, gives a welcome speech during the meeting with prospective students and their parents.

Dr. Patchanee Yasurin explains the school programs, curricula and activities.

Dr. Tatsaporn Todhanakasem gives a short welcome speech.
Prospective students and their parents enjoy the activities in the biology laboratory.

**School of Engineering**

**AU Freshy Day & Night 2013: AU Prince 2013**

Despite the very strong competition from all schools in Assumption University (AU), this year both AU Princess and Prince 2013 are chosen from technology-related schools. Together with AU Princess 2013, Ms. Natasha Josephine Blake from the Montfort del Rosario School of Architecture and Design, AU Prince 2013 with the popular vote of AU Freshy Day & Night 2013 is Mr. Suvit Pipattananon from the School of Engineering. Mr. Suvit also received a gift voucher valued at 40,000 Baht from Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran. Congratulations!

**School of Nursing Science**

**The International Nurses Day 2013**

From Monday to Sunday, 6-12 May 2013, the School of Nursing Science held a special board exhibition in the lobby of A-Building, Hua Mak Campus, to commemorate Florence Nightingale, “The Lady with the Lamp”. The exhibition theme was “Closing the Gap: Millennium Development Goals 8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1”. Three goals, numbered 4, 5 and 6 are specifically related to health, and their achievement is closely linked to the other goals, including those focused on poverty, hunger, gender equality...
and women’s empowerment. In this event, the ribbon was cut and the board exhibition was opened by Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinlumprasert, Dean of the School of Nursing Science. After that, faculty members and nursing students took friendly photos together.

The board exhibition of the International Nurses Day 2013 is ready for the opening ceremony.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinlumprasert cuts the ribbon to open the board exhibition.

A senior student presents a report about the millennium development goals.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinlumprasert examines the collection of posted materials.

The smiles of Asst. Prof. Dr. Nanthaphan Chinlumprasert, faculty members and students light up the lobby of A-Building.
The students from the School of Science and Technology pay respect to their teachers.

School of Science and Technology

Wai Khru Ceremony

The Wai Khru Ceremony for science and technology students, an emotional and heartwarming event, was held in Salle d’Expo, Hua Mak Campus, on Thursday, 27 June 2013, 5-6 p.m.

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 Science, 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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