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EDITORIAL

Reaching for THE SKY

In this issue, we're turning the spotlight on our students who really did well this semester. At MUIC, we believe that learning is not limited to the four walls of the classroom. We believe that our students can realize their potential not only in their chosen majors but also in extra-curricular activities. It's not just all about grades but accomplishments. Not just following what the textbook says but proving your worth. Not just about completing the assigned task, but competing to the best of your abilities.

Also in this issue we feature MUIC's 32nd anniversary with the highlight being the unveiling of more facilities that would make university learning more productive. We also get to talk to our exchange students—both inbound and outbound.

And last but not the least, KaleidoScope now sports some cool changes in its look. Happy reading!

HOW TO Chart Your Own Career



What's next after graduation? Definitely you have to be proactive when it comes to starting your career.

To help students get an early start, Mahidol University International College invited Ms. Thiraya Thiranakanat, COO and Co-founder of CareerVisa, and her team to guide students on how to chart their budding career.

"Career Design Workshop," held on January 24, 2018 at the Seminar Room, was attended by 3rd year and 4th year Business Administration students.

During the seminar, they were asked various critical questions in the areas of skills, people, working conditions, lifestyles, and values. This allowed the students to recognize their long-term potentials and be aware of different possible criteria in making a career decision.



Learning More About "FINTECH"



Mahidol University International College prepares its students to be part of the cutting-edge technology and industry. This is why the Office of Student Affairs and Business Administration Division jointly organized a seminar on financial technology dubbed "FinTech Incubator

for Robot Trading" on March 9, 2018 at Aditayathorn Building.

Financial technology or "fintech" refers to the use of innovative technology in the delivery of financial services. More than 100 students attended the event and learned much from the resource speakers.

3 Keys to SUCCESS in the THAI HOTEL INDUSTRY

Kaleidoscope recently asked a successful alumna, Ms. Samornpun Somnam, for tips in succeeding in the Thai hotel industry. Ms. Samornpun is one of the founders of Keemala, the multi-awarded boutique resort in Phuket. In 2017 alone, Keemala bagged at least 10 regional and global awards attesting to its successful management. The latest feather in its cap was being adjudged the Global Winner in the Luxury Romantic Villa category in the World Luxury Hotel Awards 2017.



Ms. Samornpun, who manages the hotel's sales and marketing, attributes her successful career in the tourism and hospitality management industry to her education at Mahidol University International College (MUIC). Graduating in 2010 with a degree in Travel Industry Management, Ms. Samornpun said she developed her self-confidence and stronger people skills in MUIC.

These are Ms. Samornpun's tips:

Be Passionate in what you do.

You have to find out what you love about this industry in order to motivate and challenge yourself. Otherwise, every working day will have very little meaning for you.

Work hard, work smart, and always be open to learning.

If you want to achieve your goal you will have to go for it and put your best effort in it no matter how long it will take or how difficult it will be. Never ever think that you are better than others and never stop learning.

Treat others the way you want to be treated.

It is impossible for you to work solo without any support from others in your team, especially when you are in top position. To be a great leader in any business, a high IQ and high EQ are very essential.



WINNERS Take All



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

Kamolporn Ittisurasing
 Thanatcha Vichienkalayarat
 Rosemary Gosteli Dela Cruz
 Suthida Chang
 Suchanuch Piriyasatit
 Wanutcha Lorpaiboon
 Arthitaya Rusmintratip
 Suchanun Piriyasatit
 Pongsawut Naknual
 Sawarin Sodsangsook

Sweet Taste of Success

The recently held Food Innopolis Innovation Contest was meant to tap the talents of Thai students in coming up with new ways of presenting and packaging Thai food products.

Though this is the first time for the team of Ms. Thanatcha Vichienkalayarat and Ms. Kamolporn Ittisurasing, two Food Science and Technology students from Mahidol University International College (MUIC), to enter a contest, they handily beat 73 other teams from other universities all over Thailand with their entry called "Original Sensation," a rice pop and Thai chicken green curry spread they dubbed as "Dip the Dish."

Aside from the Grand Prize, they also bagged two other prizes, "Best Presentation Award" and 1st Prize in "Original Sensation Theme," earning them a total cash prize of 110,000 Baht.

Asked how they came up with their concoction, here is what they said: "The inspiration came from Western chips and dips. We would like to add more Thai-ness into it, so we used jasmine rice pop with Thai green curry spread."

Mover and Shaker

It was Ms. Rosemary Gosteli Dela Cruz's first time to attend a Model United Nations conference, and it proved to be a memorable experience. At the end of the UN4MUN Southeast Asia Conference 2018 held on January 17-20, 2018 at the Centara Grand and Bangkok Convention Center in Bangkok, she received the Diplomacy Award and the Best Position Paper Award based on her performance.

Ms. Dela Cruz, who majors in Intercultural Studies and Languages, was assigned to play the role of a delegate of China in the United Nations Security Council, representing China's views on some given issues. The activity's goal was to draft successfully a resolution as well as complete press elements, press statements, and a presidential statement.

She credited "all the group work we do in our classes. I can definitely say MUIC has helped in teaching me how to work well with people," she said.

The Peacemaker

Ms. Suthida Chang is a 3rd year student in the Intercultural Studies and Languages program specializing in the Ethics, Philosophy and Economics concentration (EPE) who always attends international student conferences whenever she has a chance.

At the 5th Model Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Spinoff held in Singapore recently, Ms. Suthida received the Best Delegation Award for her distinguished diplomatic and conflict resolution skills. She was as well commended for having delivered the best intervention speech. She took on the role of head of the French delegation in the socio-cultural and educational pillar.

"The multi-disciplinary curriculum here in MUIC definitely exposes me to a wide range of topics that help me to build up a background for international relations and contemporary issues. The critical thinking skills that I gain from my program definitely also help me to analyze arguments and improve my rhetorical skills. Moreover, I believe that the exposure to the international community in MUIC — professors and exchange students — allows me to adapt to different environments to work with different people," she said.



Young Inventors

What better way to use IT than to solve environmental problems. And Mahidol University's "Invent for the Planet" contest tapped its talented students to come up with scientific solutions.

The "IC the Future" team comprising Ms. Suchanuch Piriyasatit and Ms. Suchanun Piriyasatit—twin sisters who are both taking up Computer Science—Ms. Wanutcha Lorpaiboon, a Chemistry major, and Ms. Arthitaya Rusmintratip, a Finance student, won the 1st Prize with its entry "WaterBout You." It is a computer app that measures water usage in buildings and households.

On the other hand, the "BIN48" team with Ms. Sawarin Sodsangsook and Mr. Pongsawut Naknual, who are both Computer Science students, won 2nd Prize for its entry "Remote Monitoring of Waste Build-up."

"The app we created monitors the water used in bathrooms, kitchens or the garden to know where water is being used the most. Then we compare each household to one another. We read a study that if households compare their water usage they would be more motivated to use less," Ms. Suchanuch from "IC the Future" team explained.

Asked what gave them the edge in the competition, "IC the Future" said, "We thought out of the box and did not stick to obvious solutions."

Exchange Studies

MUIC =

+ Fun



Ms. Anna DeGrauw is a 20-year-old student majoring in Political Science and Global Studies and minoring in American Public Policy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA.

Asked why she chose to have her exchange studies at Mahidol University International College (MUIC), she said she was interested in learning about the politics of Southeast Asia. "So far, I've been able to apply what I learn inside of the classroom to the realities I see in daily life here."

At MUIC, it's not just about studies but there are moments of fun and recreation as well. After several months' stay at the Salaya campus, here are Anna's favorites:

"My top 3 things about MUIC is the delicious food in the canteens, the student organizations, and the small coffee shops across campus. My favorite hangout place at the campus is the College of Music. While walking along the boardwalks, I would listen to students playing musical instruments. It's a nice break from class!

"In Salaya, I have enjoyed biking to the lotus garden. I was once paddling through lily pads and watching the sunset with other Mahidol students, and moments like this would be impossible to recreate anywhere else!"



Mr. Liam Greinke hails from Australia where he majors in Law and Business (Accounting) at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT). He is fortunate to have his exchange studies be part of the Colombo Plan scholarship grant he had received.

Though Australia is just several hours away by plane, Thailand is quite a new experience for Liam. "I observed that the Thai people are very friendly and accommodating. It's also very hot like home, which makes me feel more comfortable. There's so much to do in Thailand and there's so little time."

He is also impressed with MUIC's "incredible facilities and very talented educators."

And his most memorable experience so far? "Definitely, it's going to Muay Thai class," he said. "It was great to try a new sport over here in Thailand."

Among the items on his bucket list that he wants to tick are a bike tour of Bangkok and a hike up Doi Inthanon in Chiang Mai province. "I'd also like to visit as many of the islands as I can while I'm here."

Going

DEUTSCH



Going to Germany was not new to **Ms. Pakpitchaya Niyomsirivanich**, a senior Intercultural Studies and Languages student. "I was an exchange student in Germany for one year when I was in high school, and I saw this opportunity to go back there," she said.

So what made her come back? "I wanted to experience more international exposure and improve my German at the same time," she said.

Ms. Pakpitchaya chose to study in the University of Konstanz for five months, enrolling in several language and social science courses. As an exchange student she met "a diverse group of people, living in a beautiful city, doing things in different ways. All of these expand one's horizon, which is essential for working in a global environment."

What impressed Synno about the Germans were their waste segregation practices and sense of punctuality. "For example, in glass recycling, I was surprised to see not only one container for glasses. In fact, there were three types: colorless glass, green glass, and brown glass. Additionally, punctuality was very important for them."

For Ms. Daochula Prueksachatpaisal, a 23-year-old International Business major, chose to study in Mannheim University for seven months last year because it offered a good selection of business administration courses. The university is located in central Germany, a good starting place to explore the country and the continent.

Everyone in the university spoke English though Ms. Daochula still took a course in German language to help her in her everyday communication. Her German professors and classmates were also warm and supportive. "During my first week, there were several events that both German and international students attended. That's why I got to know my classmates before classes started."

The most memorable experience was sharing a flat with four other German students. "We had so many shared experiences like cooking, watching movies, going to parties, and doing sports together," she said.

"I learned how to adapt myself into a new environment, developed my self-confidence, and broadened my knowledge and skills in a top university. It was also the best opportunity to see the world. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience," she said.



MUIC's *New* FACILITIES on 32nd Year



A year after Mahidol University International College's (MUIC) newest building—Aditayathorn Building—was inaugurated by its namesake, Princess Aditayathorn Mahidol, MUIC in celebrating its 32nd anniversary, unveiled on March 26, 2018, four new facilities that enhance its continuing adherence to academic excellence.

CHARINYARASAMI HALL

3rd Floor | Floor area: 299 sq.m.

At the heart of Aditayathorn Building is Charinyarasami Hall. It is situated in an island-like structure in the center of the new building's 3rd floor. Its name derived from a combination of the current MUIC Dean's name

and those of previous deans' and directors', Charinyarasami Hall is a multipurpose venue where various college events like meetings, ceremonies, and others can be held.

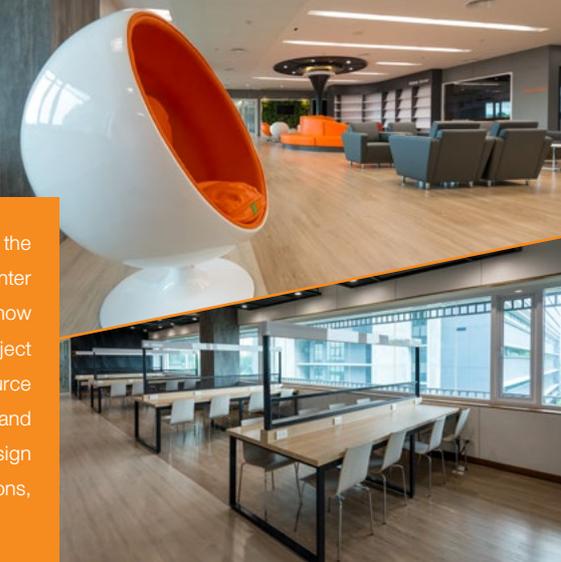


CO-WORKING SPACE

3rd Floor | Floor area: 820 sq.m.

The Co-working Space is the newest place in the campus for researching, writing, and even chilling. The enormous floor area, divided into sectors like the Computer, Study, Relaxation, and Quiet zones, the Multipurpose Rooms, and Alumni Corner, assures every visitor that there is enough space for all.

With MUIC signing an MOU with the Thailand Creative and Design Center (TCDC), the Co-working Space now hosts TCDC's community project called mini-TCDC Link, a resource center that provides students and researchers access to online design databases and TCDC publications, among others.



COMPUTER ROOM

2nd Floor | 87.44 sq.m. each room

(Rooms A221 and A223)

Catering to the information technology needs of students who have classes in Aditayathorn Building, the Computer Room offers a wide working space with 31 computer terminals that are linked to the Internet.



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