Faculty of Religious Studies hosts clinical and pastoral care intensive courses

For the next two weeks, the Faculty of Religious Studies is holding intensive courses for RELP 476 Pastoral Care Counseling with Clinical Practicum and Clinical Pastoral Care A & B at the Fellowship Hall.

From the 38 students enrolled, two of them are Clinical Pastoral Education students, seven are Master of Christian Ministry students and the rest are undergraduate students.

Dr Chor-Kiat Sim and Chaplain Chester H Damron from the USA are guest lecturers for these courses.

Four Theology alumni at Muak Lek campus

Asia-Pacific International University delightedly welcomes four Theology alumni who return to campus to take their Master of Christian Ministry under Griggs University, USA. They are Lysoniel Juji Lamam, Rison Sodundu, Delkenz Anak David and Terry Valten Simon. They come from Sabah and Sarawak, Malaysia.

Welcoming new director for AIU Language School, Vietnam branch

Dr Oktavian Mantiri, Graduate Studies program

Asia-Pacific International University is spreading its wings to Vietnam through the plan of opening a Language School in Ho Chi Minh city. A newly appointed Director for the language school, Mr Garth Hibbert (a British national), wife Mrs Tineke Hibbert and their son Robert visited AIU for a few weeks when they were on their way to the States for home leave after serving at an Adventist academy in Sri Lanka. A scouting trip to Vietnam was made in December by a team from AIU together with the Hibberts to inspect possible places to set up the school.

Under the umbrella of this language school, the Master of Education TESOL extension program will also be offered and is expected to be the draw card. The other, and perhaps the most important purpose of this language school, is to help spread the Good News message to the Vietnamese people through language studies. During the short meeting with the Vietnam Adventist Mission, the President, Secretary and Director for the Ministerial Department welcomed the idea and are willing to offer necessary assistance. Let’s remember this project in our prayers.

Mr Garth and Mrs Tineke Hibbert (third and second from left) with AIU administrators and Vietnam Adventist Mission officers.
Mission trip: Science students head out to a Sarawak longhouse in Borneo over the Christmas break  

Dr John Perumal, Faculty of Science

About ten students along with two faculty members from the Faculty of Science at AIU flew to Malaysia on the 23rd of December 2010 for a mission trip. The first night was spent at the Petaling Jaya English SDA church in Kuala Lumpur and the group had the opportunity to go around and see the beautiful city of Kuala Lumpur. On Christmas Eve, the group flew to Kuching and presented a Christmas program at the Kuching English SDA church. On Christmas day, the group was able to participate in a Malaysian tradition known as “open house” where people visit different houses of church members, having fellowship and eating together.

On the next day at around 6 am, the group got into 3 vehicles and headed on a long road trip to Julau village longhouse, a 6 to 8 hour drive from Kuching. Along the way the group stopped at Bunga village to visit a former student (Candee Josiah) and had breakfast at her house. Then for lunch the group was invited to one of the science students’ house (Ruddy) at Bandar Sri Aman.

The main objective of the trip was to spend time with the villagers, share different health messages with them, and to get an opportunity to experience life in a long house. The students spent time with the villagers, helped with some chores, played with the children, and also picked wild vegetables for cooking. This was a good experience and everyone learned a lot. Evening meetings were held at three different longhouses where health lectures were given followed by question-answer times. In the mornings there were health clinics set up where the villages came by to get their blood pressure checked followed by health counseling.

Overall it was a very worthwhile trip; talk to any of the students that went and you will get a picture of the trip. On the way back from Julau to Kuching the group stopped at the Semokgok to see Orang-utans, an endangered species of apes. After arriving in Kuching the group went on a day trip to Bako National Park to see the Proboscis Monkey.

A good trip it was, the experiences and memories are something everyone will remember forever. It was a wonderful way to end our year and gave everyone the encouragement to begin another year.

Snapshot! Science Camp at Khao Yai

More than forty people participated in the Faculty of Science camp at Khao Yai National Park from January 7 to 9.
A Trip to the Bangkok Post  ■ Dawood George Shamon

Students and teachers of ENGL 301 and ENGL 3301 News Writing.

Where does your newspaper come from? The two News Writing classes ENGL 301 and ENGL 3301 of about 27 students, along with their teachers Acharn Daron Loo and Nola Tudu visited the Bangkok Post in Klong Toey, Bangkok last Thursday, January 6 to find out just that.

We arrived at the Bangkok Post building at 10 am ready to explore the place. After we waited for few minutes in the lobby, we were directed to a room where a video presentation on the history of the Bangkok Post was shown to us. We were told how the Bangkok Post developed, starting with its first issue on August 1st 1946 with a circulation of 500 copies to a circulation of 75,000 issues at the present. Its founders were former US Navy Commander Alexander “Mac” MacDonald and his Thai companion Prasit Lulitanond.

We learned that the news stories are written from a reporter covering it, a photographer providing pictures, the sub-editor rewriting it, the layout person organizing the layout, and then the final editor(s) who decide what goes in the paper before sending it for printing.

Following the video we had the institute’s Human Resource Development supervisor Khun Kowit Rachiwong tell us more interesting details about the deadline for news submission for the Bangkok Post, which is at midnight and sometimes stretches to 1 to 2 am depending on the story. He also mentioned the colors used for printing are red, blue, yellow, and black, and all the ink used is from soybeans. He stated too that they are the first press to produce a 3D paper in Thailand.

After the presentation we were taken to see the office where all the reporters, photographers, and editors work. Everyone works about 36 to 40 hours a week and they choose their own holidays. But not everyone works in the office, some even work from home. We proceeded to BIC (Bangkok Information Center), the library where they keep their records in hard copies until they changed to digital data in the year 2000. The library is open to public users to search for information with a charge of 350 Baht per hour; pictures are sold as well.

The last stop was the final stage called “Traffic Control;” it is the stage where the news is finalized and sent to print. If there are any mistakes in the paper, the Traffic Control sends it back to the sub-editors and the layout people for correction.

We left the building at 12 noon, stopped for lunch at 1 pm then headed back to campus. We didn’t manage to go to the printing house in Bang Na because of time limits, but we learned that they use German Printers and they produce 75,000 copies of 34 pages of Bangkok Post a day. We reached our campus at about 4 pm.

This was a unique experience for most students. Ning, a senior student commented, “This has been a very fulfilling experience for me. - Chia Han Ning

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Upcoming Events

Closing ceremony of the Drug Awareness Week Contest prizes will be awarded during this event.
Date & time: Thursday, January 13, 7 pm
Venue: Auditorium

Open House: Solomon & Elijah Halls All are invited!
Date & time: Sunday, December 23, 3 - 5 pm
Venue: Solomon & Elijah Halls

National SC Sports Competition Universities in Thailand will be sending their Student Council representatives to participate in this nation-wide Sports competition. Come and support your University! People in charge: Mr Tirat Somphan and the Student Council team
Date & time: Sunday, January 30
Venue: Football Field

SC Election for 2011-2012
Date & time: Monday, February 7
Venue: Auditorium

Career Day All graduands and interested students are invited to attend this event!
Date & time: Tuesday, February 8, 10 am - 2 pm
Venue: Auditorium

Announcements

Announcement from the Office of Admissions & Records The Second Semester 2010-2011 Final Examination Schedule (Draft 2) is now posted on the notice boards of Office of Admissions & Records. Students, please check the timetable carefully for clashes and/or related problems.

If you have a timetabling clash please report it to the Registrar’s Office before Friday, January 14, 2011. Students should not make end of semester travel bookings on the basis of this timetable draft.

A final version of the timetable will be posted on Monday, January 17, 2011

* Summer 2011 Course offerings has been posted on the notice boards of Office of Admissions & Records

Class field trip of Business department Friday, January 14 to Lion Corporation & Thai President Food Ltd at Sriracha district, Choburi province.

Mr Kritpoom Thanomjinda
Ms Mameeret Karnito
Ms Yupa Seloe
Ms Wallika Workeererepasan
Ms Vilawan Sarma
Mr Somkid Penj
Mr Srischo Sankie
Mr Yoraphan Miskathan
Ms Wijayman Larad
Ms Kanjana Sarung
Ms Butsaba Wanowrgwuanit
Ms Rushada Chazrpnant
Ms Wiwa Karamart
Ms Siprapa Wanukajomgut
Ms Oraphun Macantha
Ms Patchanda Sarapan

Ms Pakuan Samsung
Mr Adkon Songpr承办wattanakul
Ms Yosmin Kamkaw
Mrs Barmongkha Photyhou
Ms Patcharin Kumnerd
Mr Achut Winyosungp
Ms Narfun Singthong
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Ms Nootara Sarehe
Ms Chayani Pongsawang
Mr Loopp Sarew
Ms Wararrn Tavnino
Ms Weerpong Sarew
Ms Ruangrit Rittiniphop
Ms Hitchare Thanyaboonpong
Ms Supharnisa insectlaik

Campus Calendar

JANUARY 13, THURSDAY
ESL Term II Break
Closing ceremony of Drug Awareness Week, 7 pm, Auditorium.

JANUARY 14, FRIDAY
Vespers, 7 pm, Auditorium
The Seekers, After vespers, Fellowship Hall

JANUARY 15, SATURDAY
Combined Sabbath Service -- Church
SS lesson study, 9:30 am, SS program, 10:30 am, Divine Service: Ron Takeuchi, 11 am
Youth in Worship (AY), 5 pm, Church

JANUARY 17, MONDAY
Final version of the Second Semester 2010-2011 Schedule will be posted at the notice board of Office of Admissions & Records

JANUARY 19, WEDNESDAY
Chapel: “Sense of Belonging” by Pastor Johnny Wong, 10 am, Auditorium
Campus Family Groups, 7 pm, Various locations

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