Asia-Pacific International University President Emerita, Dr Siriporn Tantipoonwinai reunites with her dear friend, Chaplain Chester H Damron last week. The two friends last met in 1961 when Chaplain Chester traveled to Muak Lek with a group from Thailand Adventist Mission to scout a location for a college then. Dr Siriporn expressed her happiness to see Chaplain Chester after 50 years. "It is a historical moment indeed," she added.

Chaplain Chester is teaching an intensive course at the Faculty of Religious Studies of Muak Lek campus.

Congratulations to the contest winners and participants of the Drug Awareness Week competition!

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Tran Thanh Thuy Tien for Poster and Powerpoint (English). Jingyi Fu and Bui Tan Hung for Video Clip.
The Hmong club wants to invite everyone to join the Hmong New Year celebration on campus from Saturday night, January 22 to Sunday, January 23.

Hmong New Year Customs

Hmong New Year is celebrated with great fun and festivity. People generally look forward to the day with enthusiasm and spiritual fervor. The Hmong New Year is a time of rest from harvest and work and a time for Hmong people to start new lives and beginnings. It is generally observed over a period of days with large family gatherings and live music.

The most unique feature of the New Year is celebrating it with one and all in the community. The Hmong people regard the New Year as a significant part of their lives as it fulfills their wishes. They will wear new clothes during the New Year. For the Hmong Christians, they will not include the religious practices, however they just celebrate the occasion with their friends and family. People will also play Hmong games such as the traditional wooden top “tujlub” and a ball-tossing game “pov-pob.” The Hmong New Year is a good time for young people to find their partner in “pov pob”.

-- From the Hmong Club

Peaceful time at the beach is what everyone would look for in the middle of a stressful semester. Our department was privileged to have the chance to go for a camp in Hua Hin on Friday, January 14.

We left campus at 10:30 am, and after a few stops on the way, we reached Suanson Pradiphat resort at 5 pm just as planned. Dinner was waiting for us, followed by vespers service by Gabby Galgao entitled “Unity in Diversity”. We had fun Bible games after the service and then headed to bed after a walk along the beach.

Saturday was an eventful day; after breakfast, we had our Sabbath School discussion by the beach. Each group chose a representative to share with others what the group had discussed. Then Mr Naltan Lampadan concluded the service, introducing the idea of having a positive outlook in life and making a conscious choice to be happy no matter what the circumstances. We had a great meal for lunch and then took a short rest to enjoy the water.

In the afternoon we climbed to Khao Takiab temple to see the beautiful view of Hua Hin beach and city. Then we headed back to close the Sabbath at sundown, but the day was not over yet. The guys enjoyed playing beach football for a while and then jumped into the sea where everyone was enjoying themselves.

When the night came, night markets were the places to visit, so we went to Hua Hin night market & Cicada night market. After a long day we were exhausted but nevertheless had a wonderful time.

Sunday was a free morning for us; some went to enjoy the sea for one last time and some needed more sleep to recover from the previous day. At 10 am we left the resort. We made two stops; first at Plearnwan classic market for sight-seeing and second for lunch. Finally we headed back to Muak Lek.

Students had positive comments about the camp; some said it was a memorable one.

We would like to thank all the club members and the sponsors who made this event possible and we are looking forward to many more camps to come.
The Theology club had a monthly potluck party on the evening of Sunday, January 16. About 50 people gathered at the Fellowship Hall for the event.

All Theology students always look forward to the party because it is a good time to have fellowship and delicious food! This time, we had visitors who made the gathering more delightful; four Theology alumni from Malaysia who came to take the Pastoral Care and Counseling class, Mrs Julia Zhu and her family, Dr Chor-Kiat Sim and Chaplain Chester H Damron from the USA who are teaching the intensive classes.

As usual, we started the gathering with singing praises to God. After that, Dr. Wann Fanwar gave us a short message according to Hosea. Then, we had a special and traditional prayer for the two couples who recently engaged; Greg and Kitty, and Robin and Raenelle.

All of us were satisfied and the party revived us to face another week of school. It was a good time for us to reconnect with one another and all of us are happy.
**Upcoming Events**

**The Seekers** The guest speaker is Pastor Terry, a Theology alumni from Sarawak, Malaysia
Date & time: Friday, January 21, After vespers
Venue: Fellowship Hall

**Youth in Worship: Questa** Organized by the Education & Psychology department
Date & time: Saturday, January 22, 5 pm
Venue: Church

**Hmong New Year** All are invited! More information coming soon.
Date: Saturday, January 22 – Sunday, January 23

**Open House** Everyone is invited!
Date: Sunday, January 23, 3 – 5 pm
Venue: Solomon & Elijah Halls

**Guitar Concert** Visiting musicians from Mahidol University. All are invited!
Date: Sunday, January 23, 7 pm
Venue: Kiti-Tasanee Auditorium

**Poetry Evening** Come and revive the beauty of literature!
Date: Thursday, January 27, 7 – 9 pm
Venue: Kiti-Tasanee Auditorium

*If you'd like to participate in this event, please send your name and a copy of your poem (and its translation if it's not in English) to lak_love_pepsi@yahoo.com before Monday, January 24.

**8th 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, 8 am
Venue: Football Field

**Cultural Night** AIU is celebrating diversity! If your country is interested to join, please contact Mr Richard before January 30.
Dates: Sunday, February 6, 7 pm
Venue: Kiti-Tasanee Auditorium

**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

**Campus Calendar**

**JANUARY 20, THURSDAY**
Meeting for 8th SC Sports Competition, 7:30 pm, SC building.

**JANUARY 21, FRIDAY**
Vespers, 7 pm, Auditorium
The Seekers featuring Pastor Terry from Malaysia, After vespers, Fellowship Hall

**JANUARY 22, SATURDAY**
Combined Sabbath Service -- Church SS lesson study, 9:30 am,
SS program, 10:30 am, Divine Service, 11 am
Youth in Worship (AY): Questa by Education & Psychology department,
5 pm, Church

**JANUARY 23, SUNDAY**
Open House, 3 - 5 pm, Solomon & Elijah Halls
Guitar Concert, 7 pm, Auditorium

**JANUARY 24, MONDAY**
English placement test for ESL program only, 8 am - 11 am

**JANUARY 25, TUESDAY**
ESL Term III program registration

**JANUARY 26, WEDNESDAY**
ESL Term III classes begin
Campus Family Groups, 7 pm, Various locations

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