Quality Assurance Assessment Committee conducts internal QA audit of the Faculty of Arts & Humanities, June 29, 2011

On Wednesday, June 29, 2011, the Faculty of Arts & Humanities underwent an internal quality assurance audit. The chair of the Quality Assurance Assessment committee is Associate Professor Puangrat Boonyanurak, VPAA of St Louis College. The Faculty of Arts & Humanities is the first academic department to be assessed at AIU Muak Lek campus. The faculty is delighted to announce that they scored 4.01 out of 5.

ONESQA External Quality Assurance team assess Faculty of Business Administration at Muak Lek campus, June 28, 2011

On Tuesday, June 28, 2011, the Assessor team from the Office of the National Education Standards and Quality Assessment (ONESQA) performed an external quality assurance assessment at the Faculty of Business Administration. The assessors are Major General Dr Orranun Harmroot from Eastern Asia University (middle, seated), Dr Yuvaluck Jiwasidakarn from Payap University (right, seated) and Mr Chakrit Ponathong from Bangkok University (left, seated). The faculty is happy to report that the department scored 4.27 out of 5.
Theology professors attend conference in Pacific Adventist University, Papua New Guinea

Dr Wann Fanwar and Pastor Gerard Bernard of the Faculty of Religious Studies left AIU campus early morning on Monday, June 20, 2011 for Pacific Adventist University (PAU) in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Both were headed there for the inaugural conference of the Melanesian Association of Theological Schools (MATS), which was held June 21 to 24, 2011.

The conference, which was called MATS 2011, was sponsored by the University (PAU) and the Sanitarium. The organizer stated: “It is envisaged that the MATS Conference will become an annual gathering of educators and postgraduate students from the theological schools of Melanesia and the wider Pacific.”

Tim Meadowcroft, an Old Testament scholar from New Zealand, gave the plenary address for MATS 2011. Focused on the idea of ‘God Speaks’, he divided the address into four parts, and presented it in four sessions throughout the conference. It was truly a refreshing presentation of the Scripture.

Eighteen theological papers were presented at the conference by theologians and budding theologians from various denominations. At the end of the sessions, the organizer held a panel discussion of postgraduate theological education in PNG. Pastor Gerard was unexpectedly invited to share his experience with online graduate theological studies.

Dr Fanwar presented a paper entitled “Isaiah’s Song: Liturgical and Missiological Implications.” The paper examines three primary Hebrew words for ‘song’ and ‘singing’—zamar, shir, ranan—in both verbal and nominal forms. The paper concludes that ‘song’ is the most appropriate way of speaking to God (liturgical implication); and (2) ‘Song’ is the most appropriate way of speaking about God (missiological implication).” The participants appreciated the idea very well. They were also very enthused by it, apparently because of its fresh perspective on Isaiah.

Both teachers had the privilege of visiting a few places of interest, including SDA churches on Sabbath afternoon. They also had the chance to visit the birthplace of the Seventh-day Adventist work in PNG. The Vice Chancellor of PAU, who truly has both a pastoral heart and a mission mind, had been very kind to show them around. Apparently, SDAs have been influential in the country.

For Pastor Gerard, this was his first experience attending a theological conference. It was truly a learning experience for him. Indeed, the week at PAU was a very invigorating theological week for Pastor Gerard, not only because of the conference, but also because he had time to have some deep theological conversations with his colleague in the Faculty. No doubt he will certainly attend another theological conference such as this one in the future.

Love is in the Air!

A Week of Emphasis in Relationships: “Healthy Relationships with the Opposite Sex”

The Counseling office has prepared a special program focusing on relationships for the AIU Muak Lek campus!

MONDAY TO THURSDAY
JULY 4 - 7, 2011

Morning worship: 5 married couples will visit each residence hall and share about their love story, the positive steps that they took when dating and how God guided them in their courting experience.

Student Assembly: Mr John and Mrs Paola Bueno will be speaking about respect in a relationship.

Chapel: Pr Ryan Ashlock, Mrs Maribel Booth and Mrs Idalida Luna will share about protection in a relationship.

Campus Family Group: Every faculty and staff leaders will talk about building healthy relationships with their campus family groups.

Thursday Combined Worship: There will be worship, skit, advices, PowerPoint presentations, awards, and more!

We also have a PowerPoint-Poster contest for you to join (see “Announcements” on Page 4 for more information).

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Idalida Luna at iluna@apiu.edu.

Announcement from the Student Administration office
Faculty of Arts & Humanities celebrates God’s faithfulness

On Sunday evening, June 26, 2011, the Faculty of Arts & Humanities gathered at the church dining hall and celebrated God’s faithfulness in their department and lives. This is the second time that the faculty held such a meaningful event.

The department also took the opportunity to celebrate the achievement of their teachers as well as welcoming a new instructor into the department.

Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship and shared testimonials of how God has been faithful in their lives, in good and challenging times.

At the end of the gathering, participants, in pairs, prayed together for one another. A group photo was taken later to commemorate the memorable event.

Faculty of Business Administration Welcome and Integration Party

On Sunday, June 26, 2011, the Faculty of Business Administration hosted an integration party to welcome new students and strengthen the fellowship among International and Thai students.

The faculty dean, Acharn Damrong Sattayawaksakul, had a moving introductory speech where he introduced every faculty member to the new students. Then, the faculty and students were delighted with a “Bamboo Dance” performance courtesy of the Malaysian Club. It was very fun when the new students and teachers were invited to join the dancers while jumping over the moving bamboo sticks. After that, everyone enjoyed a tasty dinner and witnessed a few more English song performances by the International Business Club and Thai cultural dances by the Thai Business Club.

It was great to have around 150 people from the same faculty, sharing and having fun together.

AIU Indoor Games & Movie Night

The AIU Indoor Games and Movie Night on Saturday night, June 25, 2011 turned out to be a success, much to the delight of the social committee.

It started out with a chocolate treat for the first attendees and the games commenced at about 7:45 pm. At first, there was only a small crowd of students and teachers but as the games progressed, the attendance grew to a big, enthusiastic crowd with young and old represented.

Upon interviewing a few attendees, some of their enthusiastic responses were, “That was so much fun! Can’t wait for the next one.” “I really liked the games played tonight.” “I loved the movie. I hope they will show this kind of movie again next time.” The movie viewed was ‘Facing the Giants’.

One participant said with anticipation, “I wonder what is being planned for next Saturday night?” One of our participants in the games expressed that it took her back to the time when she and her husband were dating, and she hopes that the upcoming programs will be just as exciting. As a treat, refreshments were served after the movie.

For the planners, it is quite a challenge when organizing activities for Saturday nights, because very often the attendance is but a handful. This success has therefore encouraged the organizers and they in turn have decided to make the upcoming events to be just as enjoyable and fun for everyone.
Weekly Events

The Seeker Title: Can You Do It?
Date & time: Friday, July 1, After vespers
Venue: Fellowship hall

AY Channel 7 Title: News@5
Date & time: Saturday, July 2, 5 pm
Venue: Church

Upcoming Events

A Week of Emphasis in Relationships Organized by the Student Administration.
Date: Monday - Thursday, July 4 - 7
Venue: Kiti-Tasanee auditorium

Bangkok Career Expo 2011 Official media: Bangkok Post
Date & Time: Friday - Saturday, July 8-9 from 10 am - 8 pm
Venue: Queen Sirikit National Convention Center @ Grand Ballroom and Zone A
For more information, contact 02 240 3700 ext 1344, 1366.

Blood Donation Day In the occasion of His Majesty King’s Birthday on December 5, 2011, the Thai Deputy Minister of Education has set a target to reach 84 million cc of blood for blood donation projects.
Date & Time: Thursday, July 14, 9 am – 11:30 am
Venue: Ground floor of IT building
Each donor will receive a certificate from the Commission on Higher Education as “Education Program in honor of His Majesty King’s 84th birthday”.

AIU Movie Night & More! Organized by the AIU Social & Cultural Affairs Committee. Don’t miss this fun and exciting event!
Date & Time: Sunday night, July 10, 7:30 pm
Venue: Ground floor of IT Building
More information will be posted in next week’s Newsbyte and Facebook. Stay tuned!

Announcements

Announcement from the Office of Admissions & Records
Students who enrolled in this year’s Summer Session and the 1st Semester of 2011-2012 can pick up a copy of the new Academic Bulletin from the Registrar’s office, starting Thursday afternoon (June 30) onwards.

Join the PowerPoint-Poster Contest Organized by the Student Administration. Prizes range from 600 baht (3rd place) to 1,500 baht (1st place). This contest is open to all AIU students!
Topic: “Wisest advice to build a healthy relationship with the opposite sex”
Rules:
1. 1 or 2 Slides in English or Thai;
2. Send PP as attachment to ilauna@apiu.edu
3. Drop 2 Color printed version at Mrs. Jeanette’s office, SA building (before deadline)
4. Use ID # for identification (no names in slides)
5. One entry per student
Submission deadline: Tuesday, July 5, 2011 by 12 noon

Motor Vehicle Regulation This is a kind reminder to every vehicle owner to contact Acharn Tirt Somphan during office hours to get the new AIU vehicle sticker before Friday, July 1, 2011.
Starting July 1, our security guards will stop vehicles without the AIU stickers from entering the campus. Thank you for your continued support.

Announcement from the AIU Social & Cultural Affairs Committee Hey everyone! We’ve scheduled a lot of exciting events for you. We want to draw your attention to the two most-anticipated events – the AIU Got Talent (Sunday, July 31) and Cultural Night (Saturday night, August 20).
We’ll keep you posted as soon as we have more information. Until then, talk with your friends about the unique item you can perform in the Talent Show or brainstorm on what cultural performance your national club can present. Email pr@apiu.edu if you decide to join one of these events. Stay tuned!

Campus Calendar

JUNE 30, THURSDAY FOF: “Unbelievably Distracted (II)” 7 pm - 8 pm
Practice: AIU Chamber Chorale, After FOF, Fellowship Hall.

JULY 1, FRIDAY FOF: “Uncompromisingly Insane (I)” 10:15 am - 11:05 am
FOF vespers: “Uncompromisingly Insane (II)” 7 pm - 8 pm
The Seekers: Can You Do It? After FOF, Fellowship hall

JULY 2, SATURDAY Combined Church Service -- Church SS lesson study, 9 am, SS program, 10 am, FOF: “Unapologetically Christian” 10:45 am
AY Channel 7: News@5, 5 pm, Church

JULY 4, MONDAY LOVE IS IN THE AIR!
Week of Emphasis: Relationships “Healthy Relationships with the Opposite Sex”
Student Assembly: Respect in Relationships by The Buenos, 7 pm - 8 pm, Auditorium.

JULY 5, TUESDAY Submission Deadline for PowerPoint-Poster contest: 12 noon

JULY 6, WEDNESDAY Chapel: Protection in Relationships by Pr Ryan Ashlock, Mrs Maribel Booth & Mrs Idalida Luna, 10 am - 11 am
Campus Family Group: Building Healthy Relationships, 7 pm - 8 pm, Various locations

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