Two quality assurance assessment committees conduct internal QA audit of the Faculty of Education & Psychology and Science, July 6, 2011

Pictured The Faculty of Education & Psychology with the Quality Assurance Assessment committee. The chair of the committee is Associate Professor Sanguan Vongchavalitkul (seated, third from right), Chairman, Northeastern Branch 2 Vong Chavalitkul University. The Faculty is happy to report that they achieved a score of 4.21 out of 5.

Pictured The Faculty of Science with the Quality Assurance Assessment committee. The chair of the committee is Dr Suvichakorn Chinapha (center, front), VP AA of St John University. The committee commended the Faculty of being united in diversity and the family atmosphere is apparent in the department.
AIU welcomes campus visitors

We welcome the administrators, teachers and students of the Loma Linda University School of Nursing (LLUSN) off-campus Masters of Science in Nursing degree program. The LLUSN students are attending classes at AIU Muak Lek campus for a month.

Festival of Faith at Muak Lek campus

Pastor Gratian Perera (right) and Acharn Kosin Chanpisut (left).

Last week, Asia-Pacific International University had the privilege of having Pastor Gratian Perera speak at the first Festival of Faith (FOF) of the new school year. More than 600 students, faculty and staff attended the week-long program at the Kiti-Tasanee auditorium.

Trust was the theme that Pastor Perera based his message “Chariots & Horses” on. Pastor Perera summed up his message beautifully by contextualizing Psalm 20:7 to the present time: “Some Universities focus their trust in money and fame, and others in prestige and power. But we the students and faculty of AIU will trust in the name of the Lord our God.”

Jacob John, Applied Theology student, shared that the week of prayer was ‘fantastic’ and tailored meaningfully to fit towards the students’ understanding. “I feel recharged and learned many new things.”

WHAT OHEC IS

The Office of Higher Education Commission (OHEC) was assigned the mission to scrutinize and help monitor the quality of education of higher education institutions, and it has come to play a vital role in encouraging full-fledged quality assurance systems for both public and private institutions throughout the nation. It has done this by providing guidelines which function as a blueprint for the institutions to carry out their operational plans more systematically and professionally.

The assignment of the OHEC is to assess an institution’s self-assessment report (SAR) outlining its yearly operations and achievements. This self-assessment report is not only about the institution, but it is a requirement for all faculties operating under the institution’s authorization.

QUALITY OF ARTS & HUMANITIES GRADUATES SHINE THROUGH TQA FRAMEWORK

The highlight of the Thai Qualification Framework for Higher Education (TQA), a new system of quality assurance assessment, showed the quality of our AIU graduates to the society they serve. There are eight categories which judge our graduates: professional skills, interpersonal skills, leadership skills, intellectual skills, communication...
...the Faculty was excited to know that our graduates were performing favorably in their employment. The average score of employer satisfaction level was 4.27 out of a 5-point scale.

Skills, IT skills, personality, ethics and morality. These are the characteristics which the graduates are anticipated to possess in the labor market. Their professional success reflects the quality of the school where they were trained.

In the months of May and June this year, the Faculty of Arts and Humanities contacted 19 graduates of the class 2010. Thirteen of them responded to our survey and all indicated that they secured jobs less than 6 months after graduation. The Faculty then began contacting their employers to seek their cooperation in evaluating the graduates' work performance. Unfortunately, only 8 employers responded to our survey.

Working on the results of employer satisfaction with our graduates, the Faculty was excited to know that our graduates were performing favorably in their employment. The average score of employer satisfaction level was 4.27 out of a 5-point scale. In one outstanding area, all the eight employers rated our graduates with score of 5 (full score) on professional ethics and morality. The Faculty is proud of the quality of the graduates it has produced over the past years.

Following on the graduates and their employers' feedback, morality and ethics must be highly promoted here at AIU, as well as academic excellence and professional skills. The teaching principles of each faculty member must be to prepare students with quality and expertise to live and work in the society to which they go. They should be able to bring honor to the organization that educated them, and also emphasize the character traits that society needs. Such principles are missing from the OHEC blueprint.

We're so excited to have many of you who will participate in our upcoming Student Talent Night! (Admit it, some of you are already practicing. Talk about commitment!)

With the theme “AIU Got Talent”, we're expecting to see a huge VARIETY of talents. We know this campus is bustling with never-ending talents - if you’re looking for a platform to share what you can do, this is it!

If you (or your group) are interested to perform in the Student Talent Night, kindly drop by Deanna or Samira's office and sign-up starting Monday, July 11. No admission fee is required! The submission deadline will be announced later.

This event is open for everyone to come, enjoy and have a memorable night! So save the date (Sunday, July 31) and we'll see you there!
Weekly Events

The Seeker  Title: “In The Beginning…”
Theme for this semester: SEEK FOR THE TRUTH
Date & time: Friday, July 8, After vespers
Venue: Fellowship hall

AY Channel 7  Title: Isaiah’s Vision
(Photography)
Date & time: Saturday, July 9, 5 pm
Venue: Church

Upcoming Events

A Week of Emphasis in Relationships: Thursday Combined Worship  Organized by the Student Administration.
Date & time: Thursday, July 7 at 7 pm
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.

AIU Indoor Group Games & Movie Night: ROUND 2!  Organized by the AIU Social & Cultural Affairs Committee. Don’t miss this fun and exciting event!
Date & time: Saturday night, July 9 at 7:30 pm
Venue: Kiti-Tasanee auditorium
Tip: The color of the shirt you wear might win you a prize! This event is open to everyone to join!

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”.

Student Talent Night (AIU Got Talent!)  One of the most anticipated events of the year! Organized by the AIU Social & Cultural Affairs Committee.
Date & time: Sunday night, July 31, 7 pm
Venue: Kiti-Tasanee auditorium
We are looking for a VARIETY of performances (we know you got it in you!). Look out for posters and FB events for more information.

Announcements

Public Holidays
AIU will observe the following public holidays:
- Friday, July 15 (Buddhist Lent Day)
- Monday, July 18 (in lieu of Asanha Bucha Day)
The University and classes will resume operation on Tuesday, July 19.

Class Meeting, July 13
Kindly take note of the following class meeting locations:
- ESL  IT235
- Freshman  Auditorium
- Sophomore  IT 328
- Junior  IT 228
- Senior  Fellowship hall

Mid-Semester Test Week (in class)  The Mid-Semester test week takes place from Monday – Friday, July 25-29.

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 Student Talent Night “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. Stay tuned!

Campus Calendar

JULY 7, THURSDAY
Love Is In The Air: Thursday Combined Worship, 7 pm, Auditorium.

JULY 8, FRIDAY
Vespers by the Mission Faculty of Nursing, 7 pm, Auditorium.

The Seekers: In The Beginning...
After FOF, Fellowship hall

JULY 9, SATURDAY
Thai Sabbath Service -- Auditorium
English Sabbath Service -- Church
SS lesson study, 9 am, SS program, 10 am, Divine Service, 10:45 am
AY Channel 7: Isaiah’s Vision (Photography), 5 pm, Church

JULY 12, TUESDAY
United Prayer, 7 pm, CH112

JULY 13, WEDNESDAY
Class Meeting, 10 am, Venues differ according to class.
Campus Family Group, 7 pm, Various locations