Psychology & Education students attend Critical Thinking seminar at Chiang Mai

Psychology & Education majors Aye Aye Mi and Gin Suan Tung attended the “Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking” (RWCT) seminar in Chiang Mai province from December 26, 2011 to January 6, 2012. This seminar was sponsored by Thinking Classroom Foundation and RWCT International Consortium.

Among the topics presented were 60 RWCT strategies for reading, writing and critical thinking, listening and questioning, as well as effective teaching methods (kindergarten to high school) for Science, Mathematics, Arts & Literature, Geography and History.

Both students expressed their positive impressions from attending the seminar and found it beneficial as future teachers. Gin Suan Tung noted, “In the seminar, we freely shared our ideas, opinions, and beliefs; we also went into practical fields. That was an incredible experience for me!”

For Aye Aye Mi, the “Reading Conference” and “Writing Conference” were memorable as the topics she read and wrote were related to her studies at AIU. “We could share many things in the seminar, because we had learned most of the strategies in our university.” She added, “This enabled me to say that this university provides us a high quality education.”

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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE QA OFFICE

Online Survey
- All students can take the online survey by clicking http://sarra.apiu.edu, from January 18 to 30, 2012.
- The Office of Admissions & Records will check whether the students have taken the online survey before handing out the pre-registration forms.

QA Seminar
- Everyone is invited to attend a QA seminar entitled “System of QA for Education in Thailand”.
- It will be conducted on Sunday, January 29 from 8:30 am to 12 noon at IT 235. This seminar will be conducted by the Commission of Higher Education (CHE).
Leaving campus routine for a change of air and activity, a busload of students and teachers, mostly from the English Department, spent January 13 to 15, 2012 at Nang Rong Waterfalls.

The weekend activities aimed to enhance the spiritual, physical, and social aspects of life and included a variety of activities such as nature hikes, devotionals and Sabbath meetings, social gathering, swimming, rafting, and a sight-seeing trip to the Khundan Prakarnchon Dam.

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Rolling hills and meandering roads, cool breezes carrying the orchestra of the jungle, set in the midst of complete beauty, the Seekers had their very first camp at Khao Yai National Park from January 13 to 15, 2012. About 80 Seekers comprised of students from various departments joined in this camp with its theme, Encounter.

Surrounded by nature, the campers had a great opportunity to spend time with God and meditate. Early on Sabbath morning, they went for a walk in groups to the nearby lake. As the sun rays began to twinkle from the dew drops, the students sang songs and worshipped God. In the afternoon they went to the waterfall where they spent some time just taking in and appreciating the beauty. After sundown worship they played some indoor games that the organizers prepared for them.

Following the games some of them went for a night safari through the forest. Thinking about the night safari, Derald Juliant, a senior student, said, “It was cool. It was really interesting; it was one of my first times to see animals like that.”

After all the events of the day, the students came back, full of energy and enjoyed a barbecue dinner. The next morning everyone went for a walk with the rangers into the forest. The two-hour hike was a good experience as the students walked between bushes and trees, dodging branches and thorns. Deer, porcupine and monkeys came to the very place we were at, and it was a very nice experience to see them walk by.

The Seekers were blessed by inspiring messages from the Theology department. Pr Gerard showed that an encounter with God is not just life changing, but life defining. In the Sabbath School next morning, Duncan led the campers into an encounter with the Warrior-King, the King of Kings. They came to see the image of God, in the Bible, where He is a general going out to destroy wickedness and bring justice. After Sabbath School Dr Wann Fanwar explained how God has many images and how we can encounter Him in all these different ways. At sundown Pr. Johnny Wong explained from his personal experience how God intervened in his life and guided him.

The students who attended the camp were blessed to be in nature, amidst God’s creation, and to worship Him. They enjoyed singing and praising God as they learned about Him. They also had fun playing with friends, and socializing with them. Recounting the experience, Naw Khu Paw Wah, a student from the Education department, says, “When we went in the morning to the lake, I realized the wonderfulness of God’s creation on a personal level.”

The Seekers, organizers of the camp, were also happy that this long awaited camp was finally possible. Michael Paul, one of the officers, said, “There were a number of difficulties and challenges but God made it possible, that this camp was a success.”
Evangelism in Sarawak during December Break

Yoko Uchima

During the December break, Pr Johnny Wong, AIU church pastor, held “The Way of Life” evangelistic seminar at Batu Boom Seventh-Day Adventist church in Tatau, Sarawak, Malaysia. Vachiraporn Srikhumpa and I also joined in and helped with the meetings.

We were warmly welcomed by the church members and were served a lot of food in their long houses! Every night, we were so full, spiritually and physically. We were also impressed to see the local people actively involved in the meeting along with their families. They cheerfully greeted one another by shaking hands, they loved to sing songs with actions, and they voluntarily read the Bible texts out loud in their Iban language after Pr Johnny read in English.

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During the meeting, there were heavy rains which caused flooding and landslides in the town. Pr Semilee Tajau, Tatau district pastor and senior Applied Theology student, together with Pr James Jalin, a recent graduate from the Faculty of Religious Studies, helped the affected church members by supplying daily necessities to each family. It was hard to see their houses destroyed by the flood, but I was amazed to see their smiles despite their difficulties. I attributed that to the people having their faith firmly grounded in Christ.

At the end of the seminar on Sabbath afternoon, 14 people professed their faith and were baptized by Pr Semilee in the nearby river. I think the baptism was their first test of faith since they know that there are crocodiles in the river!

It was a great experience to visit and meet the heartwarming church members of Tatau and to witness 14 new walks of faith in our Christ at the end of the year 2011.

Visual Arts Exhibition of Thai & International Culture

PRIZES
1st Place: 1000 Baht + Certificate
2nd Place: 500 Baht + Certificate

CATEGORIES
Painting
Handicrafts
Drawing
Black and White Photography
Color Photography

GUIDELINES
The visual arts competition is open to all students, faculty and staff of Asia-Pacific International University.

The artwork should promote the understanding of life and culture through the portrayal of:
- people
- architecture
- nature
- still life
- traditional handicrafts

There is no restriction on the type of materials (medium) used.

Dimensions:
> Drawings & Paintings: 45 cm x 45 cm minimum
> Photographs: 5 x 7 inches minimum

Each participant can submit up to two entries per person.

The entry fee is 25 baht per submission. Each submission must be accompanied by a Competition Entry Form obtainable from one of the following teachers: Ms Esther, Ms Vivian and Mrs Shelley.

Artwork will be sold in a silent auction if the artist wants to try to sell their work, and artists can specify a minimum price that they are willing to accept.

On the back of the artwork, please provide the following info: Name, ID no. (for student), title of work, medium (oil, watercolor, etc), email address and phone no.

A panel of judges will decide on the winners. Their decision is final.

Submission deadline: Jan 22, 2012
The results will be announced on Jan 29.
All artists, together with their friends and family, are invited to attend the awards evening at 5:30pm.
Weekly Events

The Seekers
Date & Time: Friday, January 20,
After vespers
Venue: Fellowship hall

AY Channel 7
Title: “Burn Your Scarlet Yeast”
Date & Time: Saturday, January 21, 5 pm
Venue: Church

Upcoming Events

Alcohol Rehabilitation Seminar
Speaker: Cliff Fua from Australia. OPEN TO ALL!
Date & Time: Saturday, January 21,
2 pm - 6 pm
Venue: IT 328
Attendance certificate and refreshments will be provided.

Men’s Residences Open House
All are invited!
Date & Time: Sunday, January 22,
4 pm - 5:30 pm
Venue: Elijah & Solomon Halls
Refreshments will be provided.

Winning The Battle Against Alcohol
A week of emphasis by the Counseling Center.
Date: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday,
January 23, 25 & 26
Time & Venue: 7 pm, Auditorium

Special Lectures by Dr Ben Clausen
Dr Ben Clausen comes from the Geo-science Research Center, California, USA. All are welcomed! Below are the following details:
- Tuesday, Jan 24 @ 10 am - 11 am, GB Lab (2nd floor of Science Building)
- Wednesday, Jan 25 @ 9 am - 10 am, GB Lab (2nd floor of Science Building)
- Thursday, Jan 26 @ 10 am - 12 noon, Fellowship Hall
- Thursday, Jan 26 @ 6:30 pm, IT 328
- Friday, Jan 27 @ 7 pm, Auditorium

QA Program Presented by the Commission of Higher Education (CHE). Everyone is invited!
Date & Time: Sunday, January 29,
8:30 am - 12 noon
Venue: IT 235

Visual Arts Award Exhibition & Silent Auction
Date & Time: Sunday, January 29, 5:30 pm
Venue: Library

Classroom Management at the 21st Century Conducted by the Faculty of Education & Psychology.
Date & Time: Sunday, February 5,
8 am - 3:45 pm
Venue: Ekamai International School

Guitar & Violin Concert Presented by ANTARA, a guitar and violin duo consist of Dr Paul Cesarczyk (Chair, Classical Guitar Department) and Mrs Yavet Boyadjiev (Chair, Strings Department) from Mahidol University.
Date & Time: Sunday, February 5, 6:30 pm
Venue: Auditorium
Ticket fee: 40 baht for teachers and staff
20 baht for students
Don’t miss this (musical) opportunity!

Piano Recitals
PIANO I
Date & Time: Sunday, February 12, 6:30 pm
Venue: Auditorium

PIANO II
Date & Time: Tuesday, February 14, 7 pm
Venue: Auditorium

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE LIAISON OFFICE
To all International students, faculty and staff, please drop by the Liaison Office to check that your passports and visas are in order.
Thank you!