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On June 19, 2013, Assistant Prof. Dr. Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, Dean, and Associate Prof. Surapeepan Chatraporn, Deputy Dean for International Affairs, gave a warm welcome to the following five administrators of universities in Peru, Colombia and Ecuador:

1. Dr. Felipe Portecarrero Suarez, Rector, Universidad del Pacifico, Peru
2. Dr. Ramiro Salas-Bravo, International Vice President, Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola, Peru
3. Dr. Renaud Walter Neubauer, Director of the Institute of Studies of Pacific Affairs and Professor of Languages and Asian Philosophy, Ecuador
4. Dr. Francisco Noguera-Rocha, Associate Professor of International Economic Development, International Economics Seminar and International Seminar, Universidad Sergio Arboleda, Colombia
5. Dr. Nora Cepeda de Noguera, Academic Director, Rennert Bilingual International (New York), Colombia




They visited us in order to learn of the Faculty of Arts and its academic mission and to explore the feasibility of collaboration in various aspects. Present at the meeting were Associate Prof. Dr. Sunait Chutinatharanon, Director, Institute of Asian Studies, Prof. Dr. Siraporn Nathalang, Director, Thai Studies Program, Ajarn Dr. Pasuree Luesakul, Director, Latin American Studies Center, and Ajarn Dr. Nunghatai Rangponsumrit, Head of the Spanish Section.

After the meeting, Dean Dr. Prapod and Deputy Dean Surapeepan Chatraporn took the Latin American administrators to meet with Prof. Pirom Kamolratanakul, M.D., President of Chulalongkorn University, and Assistant Prof. Dr. Kriengkrai Boonlert-U-Thai, Assistant to the President and Acting Director of the Office of the International Affairs, at the Reception Room in Chamchuri 4 Building. After the discussion and negotiation, President Pirom hosted lunch for the Latin American administrators at Sasa Restaurant on campus. 

## A Courtesy Visit by the Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba




On March 22, 2013, His Excellency Mr. Victor Daniel Ramirez Peña, Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba, together with his wife, paid a courtesy visit to Assistant Prof. Dr. Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, Dean, on the occasion of his taking up the post in Thailand. Joining to welcome His Excellency and his wife were Associate Prof. Surapeepan Chatraporn, Deputy Dean for International Affairs, Ajarn Dr. Nunghtai Rangponsumrit and Ajarn Dr. Pasuree Luesakul, both from the Spanish Section at the Department of Western Languages. To introduce the Ambassador and his wife to the history and architecture of the University, the Dean and the faculty members took the Ambassador and his wife on a tour of the Maha Chulalongkorn Building.


The Ambassador showed a keen interest in both the historical details and the architectural design of the building, pointing out that the beauty and the exquisite architectural design of the Maha Chulalongkorn Building reminded him of the architecture of the landmark building of a famous university in Cuba. The Dean also took the Ambassador and his wife to visit the main hall of Maha Vajiravudh Building which had just been renovated and redecorated to be a reading room. In this main hall, with the replica of the stone inscription in the background, the Dean presented a token of friendship to the Ambassador. After the tour of the Faculty, the Dean hosted lunch for the Ambassador and his wife at the Crystal Jade restaurant, Siam Paragon. 

## A Visit by Representatives from Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand



The Faculty is strengthening its ties with New Zealand as well: Recently, our Dean, Assistant Prof. Dr. Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, and Associate Prof. Surapeepan Chatraporn, Deputy Dean for International Affairs, gave a warm welcome to visitors from Auckland University of Technology (AUT). Prof. Dr. Sharon Harvey, Deputy Dean (Research), School of Language and Culture, Faculty of Culture and Society, and Prof. Linda O'Neill, Deputy Dean, School of Hospitality and Tourism, Faculty of Culture and Society were here on March 1, 2013 to establish relations with the Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University and to discuss plans for educational exhibitions at both universities next year. Prof. Harvey gave a PowerPoint presentation introducing the School of Language and Culture and the School of Hospitality and Tourism, Faculty of Culture and Society, followed by a PowerPoint presentation introducing our Faculty of Arts by Associate Prof. Surapeepan Chatraporn. The two representatives from AUT presented drafts of a Memorandum of Understanding and action plans for activities to Dean Dr. Prapod. They would email more details and documents to the Faculty of Arts for further consideration upon their arrival at Auckland University of Technology. 

## Cultural Collaboration with the Embassy of the United States of America


Assistant Prof. Dr. Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, Dean, and Associate Prof. Surapeepan Chatraporn, Deputy Dean for International Affairs, acted as hosts to Mr. Michael J. Honnold and Ms. Kanchalee Jitjang, the Cultural Attache and Cultural Specialist, respectively, on June 3, 2013. The US Embassy invited the Faculty of Arts to co-host a dance workshop for Thai children by American professional dancers followed by a dance performance entitled “Battery Dance Company” by a renowned dance troupe from the U.S. The two charity events would take place at the Sodsai Puntumkomol Dramatic Center. The Dean also expressed his wish to invite the US Ambassador to pay a visit to the Faculty of Arts and to give a talk and meet with our students. The US Cultural Attache and the deputy Dean would get together to discuss this visit on a later date. 



## Collaboration with Marie-Sklodowska University in Lubin, Poland

Our Faculty's special relationship with Poland was reinforced when on February 18, 2013 Assistant Prof. Dr. Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, the Dean, welcomed representatives from Marie-Sklodowska University: Prof. Dr. Artur Popek and Prof. Dr. Zbigniew Pastuszek, the Deans of the Arts and Economics Faculties, who visited us to explore the possibility of academic and cultural cooperation between Chulalongkorn University and Marie-Sklodowska University in the Polish city of Lubin.



On this occasion, Associate Prof. Surapeepan Chatraporn, Deputy Dean for International Affairs, Ajarn Dr. Verita Sriratana, special lecturer of the English Department, faculty members from the Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts, Chulalongkorn University, as well as Dr. Tomasz Gerlach, First Consultant of the Polish Embassy, joined the meeting and discussion. 




## Collaboration with Marie-Sklodowska University in Lubin, Poland: Redux



On June 6, 2013, Assistant Prof. Dr. Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, Dean, and Associate Prof. Surapeepan Chatraporn, Deputy Dean for International Affairs, welcomed Prof. Dr. Ryszard Dębicki, Vice President of Maria Curie-Sklodowska University in Lublin, Poland, and Associate Professor Kongkiti Phusavat from Kasetsart University, Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Innovation and Learning, to the main hall of Maha Vajiravudh Building in order to further discuss the above-mentioned cooperation between Chulalongkorn University and Maria Curie-Sklodowska University in Lublin.




Afterwards Dean Dr. Prapod and Deputy Dean Surapeepan Chatraporn took Dr. Dębicki and his wife to meet with Assistant Prof. Dr. M.R. Kalaya Thingsabadh, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Assistant Prof. Dr. Kriengkrai Boonlert-U-Thai, Assistant to the President and Acting Director of the Office of the International Affairs, to the University Reception Room in Chamchuri 4 Building to discuss the details of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding so as to cover the various areas of mutual interests of the two universities. After the meeting, the University administrators hosted lunch for the guests at Khrua Dok Mai Khao Restaurant. 

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It would not be an overstatement to call Dr. Tomasz Gerlach the face of Poland at our Faculty: A very good friend of Arts at Chula, he arranged three cultural activities between the Embassy of the Republic of Poland and us and participated in various activities held by the Faculty in cooperation with Embassies of European countries. On June 18, 2013, Dr. Gerlach, First Consultant of the Polish Embassy, came to bid farewell to the Dean as he would be completing his term in Thailand and return to Poland for a newly assigned position.




Assistant Prof. Dr. Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, Dean, and Associate Prof. Surapeepan Chatraporn, Deputy Dean for International Affairs, expressed their gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Gerlach for his dedicated work and his close ties with our Faculty for four consecutive years. On this occasion Dean Dr. Prapod presented him with a plaque of friendship. Inscribed on the plaque were words of thanks and cordial friendship. Afterwards Dean Dr. Prapod hosted a farewell lunch for Dr. Tomasz Gerlach at Khrua Dok Mai Khao Restaurant. 

## Living Peru Film Festival




The Latin American Studies Center, in cooperation with our Faculty's Section of International Affairs, the Embassy of the Republic of Peru, and Runa Run-Peruvian Thai Association held a film festival entitled "Living Peru" between June 15 and 22, 2013 for Arts students, faculty members and the general public.

The opening ceremony, which took place in the Learning Commons, Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Building, was presided over by His Excellency Mr. Emilio Iribarren, Charge d' Affaires, and Assistant Prof. Dr. Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, Dean. Dean Dr. Prapod gave a welcome speech to the audience, and specifically the diplomatic personnel from various embassies, for instance, the Mexican Embassy and Chilean Embassy. His Excellency Mr. Emilio Iribarren gave an opening address. Dean Dr. Prapod shook hands with the Charge d' Affaires and presented him with a token of appreciation. His Excellency Mr. Emilio Iribarren invited all the audience to a reception of authentic Peruvian food and drinks. A short Peruvian film which dramatically illustrated the challenges of preserving the culture of Peru in the contemporary world was screened in the video room. The Peruvian film festival was well received by both the students and the general public alike. This festival helped enhance long-lasting relations between the Embassy of the Republic of Peru and the Faculty of Arts especially the Latin American Studies Center headed by Ajarn Dr. Pasuree Luesakul. 

## A Visit by Representatives of Seoul Cyber University, South Korea



ASEAN is certainly on everybody's minds, and so is online education. On July 8, 2013, both topics were combined on the agenda when Assistant Prof. Dr. Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, Dean, and Associate Prof. Surapeepan Chatraporn, Deputy Dean for International Affairs, welcomed Professor Dr. Kwon Goosoon, Director General of the Secretariat of the ACU Project, Department of General Education and Dr. Park Sohwa, Deputy Director General of the Secretariat of the ACU Project at Seoul Cyber University, South Korea. The purpose of the visit of the representatives was to request cooperation from Chulalongkorn University to participate in the establishment of ASEAN Cyber University (ACU) under the leadership of Seoul Cyber University. Present at the meeting were Assistant Prof. Dr. M.R. Kalaya Thingsabadh, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Associate Prof. Dr. Sunait Chutinatharanon, Director, Institute of Asian Studies, Prof. Dr. Siraporn Nathalang, Director, Thai Studies Program, Assistant Prof. Dr. Paniti Hoonswaeng, Director, Sirindhorn Thai Language Institute, and Assistant Prof. Sunij Sutanthavibul, Deputy Dean for

Academic Affairs, Faculty of Arts. After a long and thorough discussion, Vice President Dr. M.R. Kalaya Thingsabadh concluded that Chulalongkorn University had a unit with an expertise in this field and we already had a plan to develop this area on our own. 

## We are at Your Service.

The Committee Members of the Section of International Affairs, which comprises Deputy Dean Surapeepan Chatraporn, Assoc. Prof. Charunee Hongcharu, Assist. Prof. Dr. Duantem Krisdathanont, Assist. Prof. Dr. Julispong Chularatana, Dr. Sirivan Chulakorn, Dr. Anant Laulertvorakul, Dr. Nurida Hayiyakoh, Dr. Penpisa Srivoranart, Dr. Pasuree Luesakul, Dr. Suebpong Changboonchoo, Dr. Brett Farmer, Dr. Ingo Peters, Donald Scott Humphries, Scott Oltmann, and Kankanok Singharerg as secretary, welcome advice and suggestions concerning any plans and activities. We aim to encourage a fully internationalized environment and to promote increased networking with overseas institutions and scholars. If you would like to talk to us, you can contact any of the committee members. We would be very happy to hear from you and cooperate closely with you.