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Ms. Parinthorn Apinyanunt, First Secretary, Royal Thai Embassy, escorted the Indian delegation to visit the Faculty of Arts, with an aim to establish relations and academic collaboration at the higher education level under the project “Joining Hands Towards an Enhanced Partnership in Higher Education between Thailand and India” on June 17, 2011. The Indian delegation comprised :

1. Professor Harjit Singh, Chairman, Standing Committee on International Collaboration and Professor, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University
2. Professor Uma Singh, Centre for South Central Southeast Asian & South West Pacific Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
3. Professor Santanu Chaudhury, Dean, Undergraduate Studies, Indian Institute of Technology (New Delhi)
4. Dr. Syed Mohd. Sajid, Registrar, Office of the Registrar, Jamia Millia Islamia
5. Dr. Niloufer Adil Kazmi, Secretary, University Grants Commission
6. Dr. Neena Malhotra, Director (South), Southern Division, Ministry of External Affairs
7. Mr. Amit Biswas, Section Officer, International Cooperation Cell, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development

Assistant Professor Dr. Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, Dean, Faculty of Arts, gave a welcoming speech and Associate Professor Surapeepan Chatraporn, Deputy Dean for International Affairs, gave an overview of the Faculty of Arts. In turn, Professor Harjit Singh gave an introduction of Jawaharlal Nehru University followed by his colleagues giving short information on their respective offices. Arts Faculty members who participated in this meeting, contributed ideas concerning cooperation and exchanged opinions with the Indian counterparts were as follows :

Assistant Professor Dr. Trisilpa Boonkhachorn, Head of Department of Comparative Literature, Assistant Professor Lieutenant Dr. Banjob Bannaruji, Department of Eastern Languages, Assistant Professor Dr. Sirivilai Teerarojanarat, Head of Department of Geography, Ajarn Dr. Bhawan Ruangsilp, Department of History and Ajarn Dr. Charnwit Tadkeaw also from the Department of Eastern Languages.





## Exhibitions: Collaboration with the Embassy of Poland and the Embassy of Hungary



“The Evolution of the Parliamentary Traditions of Hungary and Poland” is a rich and fascinating topic--and provided the occasion for a collaboration between the Section of International Affairs, the Humanities Information Center, the Embassy of Hungary and the Embassy of Poland. The result was a unique exhibition, held from August 17 to August 22, 2011 at the Learning Commons in our new Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Building. The opening ceremony, which took place in the afternoon of August 17, 2011, was presided over by Assistant Professor Dr. Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, H.E. Dr. Jerzy Bayer, the Polish Ambassador, and Mr. Peter Jakab, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Hungary. The Dean gave a welcome speech followed by opening speeches by H.E. Dr. Jerzy Bayer and Mr. Peter Jakab respectively.



After the opening ceremony the Dean cordially invited all the participants to view the exhibition. Then all were invited to proceed to the DVD room to enjoy the screening of two documentaries introducing the essences of Poland and Hungary. The event ended with a lavish cocktail party in front of the Learning Commons. Food and beverages were catered from the kitchen of Madame Malgorzata Kibilda-Bayer, the wife of the Polish Ambassador, who personally made sure that all the guests had good bites of the Polish dishes and pastries. The participants included guests of honor from various embassies and international organizations, participants from the European Studies Program, faculty members as well as Arts students. The atmosphere was very warm and friendly with everybody socializing and enjoying themselves with various activities.



As a gesture of thankfulness to the Faculty of Arts, Dr. Tomasz Gerlach, First-Counsellor, Polish Embassy, presented big, colorful bouquets of flowers to Dean Dr. Prapod, Deputy Dean for International Affairs, Associate Professor Surapeepan Chatraporn, and Khun Yupin Chancharoensin, Director of the Humanities Information Center. These bouquets which came as pleasant surprises would be both tokens of appreciation and reminders of our cordial relations that will continue to blossom for many years to come.





## Three Ambassadors at the Portuguese Language and Culture Week



For a Faculty concerned with language and culture, 500 years of diplomatic relations between Portugal and Thailand are more than enough reason for both celebration and academic study. The Section of International Affairs, in close cooperation with the Embassy of Portugal, combined these with their Portuguese Language and Culture Week, held from August 22 to August 26, 2011.

The opening ceremony took place in the evening of August 22, 2011 in the foyer of Maha Chulalongkorn Building. Presiding over the ceremony were Assistant Professor Dr. Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, and H.E. Dr. Jorge Ryder Torres Perreira, the Portuguese Ambassador. Dean Dr. Prapod gave a warm welcome speech to participants who were from various areas ranging from the diplomatic, the media, the business to the academic circle. H.E. Dr. Jorge Ryder gave an opening speech full of descriptive details, placing emphasis on not only the long-standing diplomatic relations between Portugal and Thailand in successive periods in Thai history but also the personal friendship of numerous national figures. This was followed by two congratulatory speeches by H.E. Mr. Paulo Cesar Meira de Vasconcellos, the Brazilian Ambassador, and by H.E. Mr. Joao Freitas de Camara, the Ambassador from Timor-Leste. The Ambassador from Timor-Leste was accompanied by his wife who expressed her interest in enrolling in an evening language program of the Faculty. The opening ceremony ended with friendly socializing and networking among the guests of honor and participants in a cocktail party featuring Portuguese and Thai pastries, dessert, and drinks.

On August 24, 2011 in the foyer of Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Building there were demonstrations of Portuguese cultural dances in national costumes. The performers were Arts students who take Portuguese courses, and Portuguese instructors. The event drew a lot of attention from the students as well as the passersby.

On August 26, 2011, the last day of the Portuguese Language and Culture Week, a talk on “Careers and the Portuguese Language” was held in Room 401/17, Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Building. The speakers included guests from the Embassy of Portugal and the Embassy of Brazil, famous translators, and successful Arts alumni. Throughout the Portuguese Language and Culture Week, there were the exhibition, books, and magazines on display, sampling of Portuguese classical and popular songs as well as screening of Portuguese films and documentaries in the Learning Commons, Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Building.





## Courtesy visit from New Zealand



Assistant Professor Dr. Prapod Assavavirulhakarn, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Associate Professor Surapeepan Chatraporn, Deputy Dean for International Affairs gave a warm welcome to Professor Dr. Paul Mountfort, Chairman, Center for Creative Writing and B.A. English Studies from the Faculty of Applied Humanities, Auckland University of Technology (AUT), New Zealand. Professor Dr. Paul Mountfort expressed his keen interest in setting up student exchange program with the Faculty of Arts and would discuss this feasibility together with an action plan with his University administrators as well as his colleagues upon his return to New Zealand. 🌸

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The Committee Members of the Section of International Affairs, which comprises Deputy Dean Surapeepan Chatraporn, Dr. Brett Farmer, Dr. Ingo Peters, Assoc. Prof. Charunee Hongcharu, Dr. Duanthem Krisdathanont, Donald Scott Humphries, Dr. Julispong Chularatana, Dr. Nurida Hayiyakoh, Pawit Mahasarinand, Dr. Piriyaedit Mani, Dr. Saseporn Petcharpiruch, Dr. Sirivan Chulakorn, Dr. Mattanee Palungtepin, Assist Prof. Wipada Petcharak, 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.