

New Administrative Team

This semester sees the arrival of a new administrative executive helmed by Asst. Prof. Dr. Prapog Assavavirulhakarn as Dean of the Faculty. He is joined by an eminent support team comprised of: Asst. Prof. M.R. Kongkarn Tavedhikkul, Associate Dean for Administration; Asst. Prof. Sunij Sutanthavibul, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kingkarn Thepkanjana, Associate Dean for Research; Assoc. Prof. Surapeepan Chatraporn, Associate Dean for International Affairs; Asst. Prof. Dr. Chomnard Setisarn, Associate Dean for Planning and Development; Ajarn Sankavat Pradithpongse, Associate Dean for Student Affairs; Ajarn Nenuphar Supavej, Associate Dean for Quality Assurance; and Ajarn Dr. Vipas Pothipath, Secretary of the Faculty Board.

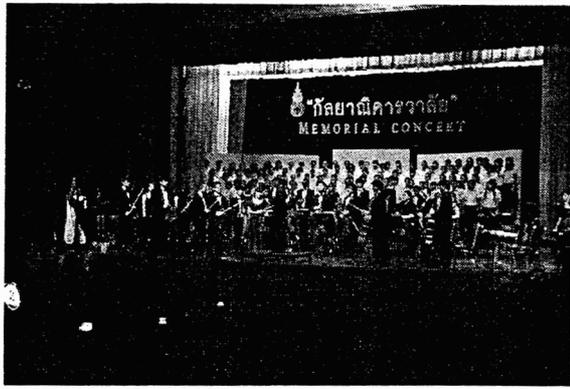
The Dean has made it clear that he does not want budgetary constraints to impede the excellence of teaching and research among faculty members. One of his key objectives is to mobilize financial support to facilitate teaching and enhance the professional productivity of all ajarns. Under his administration, ten LCDs have already been donated for faculty use, with the first five LCDs arriving in December and the remainder due for delivery early next year.

Memorial Concert "Galyani Karawalai"

This event was the first official activity of the Section of International Affairs. On October 23, 2008 in the main auditorium of Chulalongkorn University, the Faculty of Arts in collaboration with the French Embassy, the Thai Association of French Teachers, the Government Public Relations Department, and the Bangkok Combined Choir and Orchestra held a memorial concert, "Galyani Karawalai," in commemoration of Her Royal Highness Princess Galyani Vadhana Krom Luang Naradhiwas Rajanagarindra and, in particular, her significant contributions to the country and the people in numerous fields including French studies. Apropos the latter, Her Royal Highness graciously assumed the position of Special Lecturer of French in the Department of Western Languages, where she taught from 1952 to 1958. The courses she instructed included French conversation for sophomores, French culture for juniors, and French literature for seniors.

The concert commenced with a welcome speech from Assistant Professor Dr. Prapot Assavavirulhakarn, Dean of the Faculty of Arts. This was followed by an opening address from His Excellency Mr. Laurent Bili, Ambassador of the Republic of France. Associate Professor Surapeepan Chatraporn, chairperson of the organizing committee of the Faculty of Arts, and Ajarn William Handrich teamed up as MCs, while Ajarn Bhanbhassa Dhubthien acted as stage manager and Ajarn Dangkamon Napombejra contributed as scriptwriter.

The performers included students of French from the Faculty of Arts and various other schools, invited international soloists, and the Bangkok Combined Choir and Orchestra, together with physically challenged singers from various Associations under the royal patronage of the late Princess. Associate Professor Charunee Hongcharu featured as Conductor and Musical Director.



The concert was very successful with a full house audience. Among the list of honorable guests in attendance were Dr. Suwit Yodmanee, former Tourism and Sports Minister; Khunying Khaisri Sri-arun, former Culture Minister; M.R. Chakrarot Chitrapongse, former Permanent Secretary of the Culture Ministry; Professor Emeritus Dr. Pranee Kullavanijaya, former Vice-President of Chulalongkorn University; the Ambassador of Vietnam; as well as the Ambassador of the Czech Republic. The concert was repeated on October 25, 2008 in the main auditorium of the Government Public Relations

Department. It was recorded and later broadcast on TV Channel 11 in mid-November.

Foreign Ajarns Joining Faculty Committees

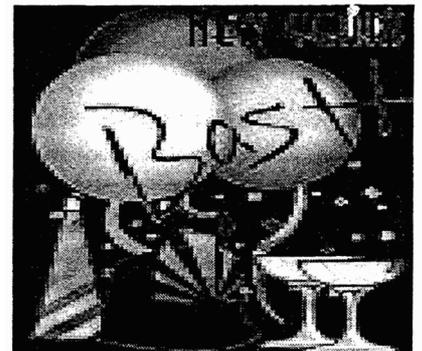
At present, there are an increasing number of foreign faculty members who are working in close, productive collaboration with Thai ajarns. The Faculty encourages and supports foreign faculty members to actively participate in various activities. To this end, Ajarn William Handrich was invited to join the organizing committee for the "Galyani Karawali" Memorial Concert, and Dr. Brett Farmer and Dr. Ingo Peters have been appointed committee members of the Section of International Affairs. In the future the Faculty hopes to involve more foreign ajarns in policy guidance and activity organizing.

A Warm Welcome to New Chinese Ajarns

The Department of Eastern Languages is pleased to welcome two new Chinese faculty members: Professor Zhang Zongzheng and Associate Professor Fan Ying. Prof. Zhang is an expert in Chinese philology and linguistics with an impressive publications record that includes four textbooks, five dictionaries and thirty research articles. In his forty years of teaching, Prof. Zhang has received numerous awards including an Yonorary Teacher Award from Shandong University at Weihai and a Distinguished Teaching Award honoring him for his outstanding classroom practice. Assoc. Prof. Fan also specializes in Chinese philology and linguistics. She has published many research articles with a particular expertise in studies of space of meaning in communication.

International New Year's Party

To help promote cordial relations between Thai and foreign ajarns, the Faculty will organize an international New Year's Party where members of the Faculty Board and other Thai ajarns will have an opportunity to meet, socialize and exchange ideas and opinions with their international colleagues. The party will be held in Room 111 MahaChulalongkorn Building, on Wednesday, December 17 from 3-5 p.m. Proceedings will start with a brief talk from the Dean followed by a mix of short performances and games designed to get all participants involved and interacting. More details of what promises to be a fun-filled event will be announced later. All ajarns, foreign and Thai, are cordially invited.



Chulalongkorn University Ranked No.166

Chulalongkorn University was ranked No. 166 in the list of the world's 200 best universities published by "The Times Higher Education Supplement" in October 2008. The University increased its position in the rankings up from No. 223 last year. If categorized into broad disciplinary fields, CU was ranked No. 72 in Social Sciences, No. 86 in Engineering and IT, No. 108 in Life Sciences and Biomedicine, and No. 119 in Arts and Humanities.

Chula Academic Fair 2008

The Chula Academic Fair, which takes place every three years, will be held this year from November 26-30. Inspired by the Fair's nominated theme of the Power of Knowledge for Sustainable Development, the Faculty of Arts is framing its contributions under the thematic banner of "Arts loves and marries the Earth." Notable activities and presentations include wedding ceremonies between students and the Earth, a marriage certificate registration, means and ways to tackle global warming in various countries, stage performances, an international food festival, classrooms for different languages, academic talks, social and cultural forums, quizzes and much more.

Hall of Fame

The Republic of Italy will confer the esteemed titular honour of "Knight of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity" to Asst. Prof. Neungruthai Lohapol, Head of the Department of Western Languages, in a ceremony to be held at the Italian Embassy on November 24, 2008.

Committee Members of the Section of International Affairs

The committee of this Section comprises fifteen people from various Departments. Members include: Surapeepan Chatraporn, Dr. Brett Farmer, Charunee Hongcharu, Dr. Duanthem Krisdathanont, Dr. Ingo Peters, Dr. Julispong Chularatana, Dr. Mattanee Palungtepin, Dr. Nurida Hayiyakoh, Pawit Mahasarinand, Dr. Piriyaadit Manit, Dr. Saseporn Petcharpiruch, Dr. Sirivan Chulakorn, Wipada Petcharak, and Mallika Samart as secretary. Our main mission is to help raise the international profile of the Faculty of Arts in line with the University's policy to enhance internationalization. To help realize this goal, we have devised a policy document with fifteen itemized objectives and plans. The committee welcomes advice and suggestions concerning plans and activities 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.



Logo Design Contest!!

Are you artistic? Got ideas? Now is your chance to express your creativity!

The Faculty of Arts' International Affairs Section is pleased to announce that we are running a logo design contest for the new Faculty of Arts' newsletter. We invite all lecturers and students to participate in the contest to win a grand prize from the Dean!

Terms & Conditions:

- The design must include the new title for the newsletter together with the new logo.
- The new title for the newsletter needs to be clear, concise, catchy, and the language used should be correct and beautifully written.
- The design logo should be attractive, eye-catching, memorable, and creative. A brief explanation of the meaning and the concept of the logo design should also be submitted. The artwork should be submitted both in color and in black & white.

Submit your work as a digital file to
Ajarn Pawit (PomPawit@gmail.com) or
Ajarn Mattanee (MayMattanee@gmail.com)

by **December 11, 2008.**

If you have questions, please feel free to contact them.

All Faculty of Arts' lecturers who participate in the International New Year Party on December 17, 2008 will act as judges in this competition.