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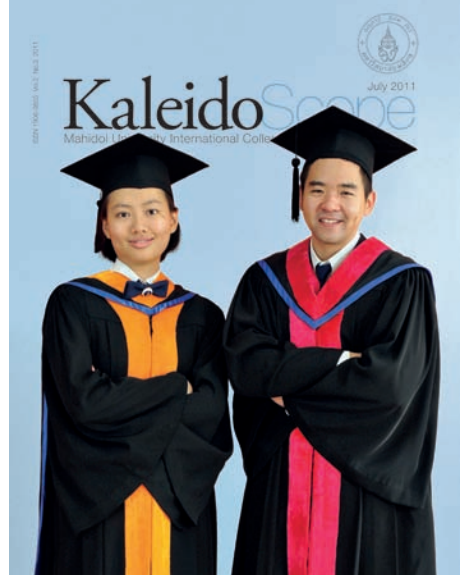
Adhering to tradition, this July issue of Kaleidoscope features the graduation class of 2011. After four years of studies and engaging in the demands of university life, the graduates assembled on July 1, 2011, in the college auditorium for a special graduation ceremony. Three days later they participated in the official Mahidol University commencement exercise at the Royal Thai Navy Convention Hall.

This graduation represents just one of the many stepping stones that they will encounter during their lives. Some will immediately enter graduate programs either in Thailand or abroad while others will directly enter the job market; a number of these graduates will secure work experience in preparation for future graduate studies.

Whatever their choice, whatever the journey, we offer our best wishes for their success and trust that their experience at MUIC will enable them to exercise their responsibilities as global citizens.



Cover Photo



Our cover features Ms. Cherry Lim and Mr. Tanawat Phaovibul who share top first class honors, with cumulative GPAs of 3.93.

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AUN

Educational Forum *and* Young Speakers Contest

MUIC hosted the 12th annual ASEAN University Network (AUN) Educational Forum and Young Speakers Contest from May 2 to 8, 2011. The participants included 38 student delegates and 15 lecturers from Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Laos and Vietnam, along with China, Japan and South Korea.

The first day was devoted to an orientation and ice-breaking session, after which the delegates enjoyed a tour of the Salaya campus. At the opening ceremony on May 3 in the college auditorium Professor Piyasakol Sakolsatayadorn, President of Mahidol University, welcomed the participants, followed by remarks from Dr. Choltis Dhirathiti, AUN Deputy Director, and a keynote address by M.R. Disnadda Diskul, Secretary of the Mae Fah Luang Foundation under the Royal Patronage.



After a luncheon in the Herb Garden Restaurant, the delegates attended a special lecture by Ms. Lay-Cheng Tan, Program Officer at the Asia-Pacific Program of Educational Innovation for Development. In the meantime, judges and lecturers from the participating universities met in order to prepare for the Young Speakers Contest, scheduled for May 4 and 5 in the MUIC auditorium.



After a series of initial rounds, six contenders were eligible for the finals of the Young Speakers Contest which was held on May 5. Ms. Natalia Rialucky Tampubolon from the University of Indonesia was declared the winner; Mr. Julian Bautista of De La Salle University, the Philippines, and Mr. Christopher Chok Ke Bin from the National University of Singapore were awarded second and third place, respectively.

After the speakers contest, the delegates traveled to the Mahidol campus in Kanchanaburi Province where they participated in the ASEAN+3 Youth Summit and Plenary Discussion, focusing on the theme, "Strengthening ASEAN+3 Higher Education through Community Engagement." Each of the countries offered their recommendations in drafting the ASEAN Youth Declaration, which will be presented to ASEAN.

The participants returned to MUIC on May 8 for a special farewell dinner and awards ceremony at the Salaya Pavilion Hotel.





for the MUIC delegation to promote the college’s international profile. Apart from attending some of the sessions, they worked at the Mahidol University display booth and engaged in meetings with other delegates, both individually and collectively.

On June 1, 2011, MUIC, in conjunction with Kasetsart and Bangkok Universities as well as the King Mongkut University of Technology, Thonburi, hosted a “Thai Night in Vancouver” at the Sala Thai Restaurant for 170 invited guests, many of whom were from either current or prospective exchange partners. Professor Maleeya welcomed the guests, after which Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Thai Consul General in Vancouver, offered congratulatory remarks on the occasion. The guests were treated to a video presentation, celebrated Thai cuisine and traditional musical and dance performances.



NAFSA Conference

Dr. Maleeya Kruatrachue, Dean of MUIC, accompanied by Ms. Sumalee Visetratana, Associate Dean for Administration, Ms. Somluck Lunsuchep, Assistant Dean for Administration, Dr. Atthaphong Sakunrprasert, Assistant Dean for Planning, Mr. Brian Phillips, Assistant Dean for International Affairs, Mr. Michael Naglis, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, and Assistant Professor Surapong Lertsithichai, Chairman of the Fine and Applied Arts Division, attended NAFSA’s 63rd annual Conference and Expo in Vancouver, British Columbia, from May 29 to June 3, 2011.

The conference, which attracted approximately 9,000 educational professionals from around the world, was an opportunity



MUIC Adventure Across 4 Regions

The THM Division’s Event Management class organized the MUIC Adventure Across 4 Regions, a major marketing event that focused on the four regions of Thailand: the north, northeast, central and south. Assistant Professor Chanin Yoopetch, Chairman of the THM Division, presided over the opening ceremony on July 8, 2011, on the ground floor of Building 1.



The four-day event featured exhibits of the four regions, including their traditions, arts, culture and tourist attractions, along with an array of food stalls that filled the ground floor and extended to the area in front of Building 2. In addition, regional OTOP products were available for sale. Participants also engaged in various games and activities.

DELE *Center*

H.E. Ignacio Sagaz Temprano, Spanish Ambassador to Thailand, together with Professor Piyasakol Sakolsatayadorn, President of Mahidol University, and Professor Maleeya Kruatrachue, Dean of MUIC, presided over the opening ceremony

of the Diplomas in Spanish as a Foreign Language (DELE) Center at the Salaya Pavilion Hotel on May 18, 2001.

DELE is the official accreditation of the degree of fluency in Spanish, issued and recognized by the Ministry of Education, the Kingdom of Spain, that are administered internationally. They are recognized worldwide by private companies, chambers of commerce as well as public and private educational enterprises.

These exams are the Spanish equivalent of IELTS, TOEFL or the Cambridge University exams and are organized by the Instituto Cervantes, the most important Spanish institution in the world for Spanish as a Second Language, similar to the British Council, Alliance Francaise and the Goethe Institute in English, French and German, respectively.

This resource will enable MUIC students who are minor-ing in Spanish to receive accreditation on a number of levels and will hopefully generate more interest in Spanish, a language that is spoken by over 400 million people worldwide.

The exams take place twice a year, in May and November. For more information, contact Ajarn Javier Gonzalez Fernandez at icjavier@mahidol.ac.th



Entrepreneurship and Innovation *Contest*

The Tourism and Hospitality Management (THM) Division, in collaboration with Muang Thai Life Insurance and the Marketeer magazine, sponsored the MUIC Entrepreneurship and Innovation Contest during the past semester.

Mr. Sarun Subhavan, Ms. Czarina Laya Tanprasert and Ms. Kittikanda Boonler-trut, all THM majors, were declared the winners at an awards ceremony which was conducted in the Seminar Room on May 18, 2011. Their project, the "Golden Pavilion," entailed the creation of a tourist destination that promotes Thai culture and lifestyles for the millions of tourists who visit Thailand each year.



Conference on Excellence *University* and Liberal Arts

The Social Science Division sponsored a Conference on University Excellence and the Liberal Arts Tradition on Friday, May 27, 2011, in the Mahasawasdee Room of the Salaya Pavilion Hotel. Dr. Peter Smith, Chairman of the Social Science Division, served as conference chair.

Nine MUIC lecturers, representing a wide range of disciplines, addressed a number of diverse issues, including the university ranking system, the liberal arts tradition, excellence in teaching and the curriculum as well as critical thinking and educational leadership.



Divisional Outreach Efforts



In April the Fine and Applied Arts (FAA) Division participated in the Thai-US Creative Partnership Logo Launch and Celebration, organized jointly by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the U.S. Embassy. The event, which was conducted in the Vithes Samosorn Hall at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, promoted the building of an alliance among Thai and U.S. creative industries. The FAA Division, on behalf of Mahidol University, showcased various student works in animation, film and Asia's first 3D stereoscopic production.

The FAA Division also launched its first community outreach effort on May 20, 2011. Thirteen Entertainment Media and Communication Design students, accompanied by Ajarns Aaron Schmidt and Jason Etienne, traveled to the Tesaban Kaopituk School in Hua Hin in order to teach a group of children how to master the art of water-color painting.

Consulting Assignment

Ajarn Nate-tra Dhevabanchachai, General Manager of the Salaya Pavilion Hotel and Training Center, has

been invited to serve as a consultant and trainer for the Bumrungrad International Hospital's project, "The Bumrungrad Way." Her responsibility is to review service behavioral standards, focusing on "Thainess," in order to meet high-profile customers' service expectations and satisfaction. In addition, she will deliver these standards to 250 managers and supervisors via an effective training program. The project is supported by Mr. Mack Banner, Chief Executive Officer of Bumrungrad International Hospital, and the Bumrungrad Way Committee, managers and supervisors. Ajarn Nate-tra is selecting students and staff from the Tourism and Hospitality Management Division to participate in this project so that they can enhance their competencies in quality service.



ICT Learning for Local Communities



In accordance with the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology's policy of developing Thailand as a knowledge-based society by providing communities across the country access to information on the internet, MUIC's Administration Section has been engaged in the i2COM Project for the Thaiyawas Community, Nakornchaisri District, Nakornpathom Province, in order to reduce the digital divide in technological information and communication. The project

offers access to technological information systems, including e-Service provided by the government.

The i2COM Project, which began in December, 2010, and will end in November, 2011, has enabled members of this agricultural community to explore occupational opportunities, promote stronger relationships among families, schools and the government, in addition to engaging in lifetime learning.

MUIC hosted a special ceremony on July 9, 2011, at the Thaiyawas School to mark the progress of the i2COM Project.



Appointments

Professor Maleeya Kruatrachue, Dean of MUIC, recently announced the following appointments:



Associate Professor Chavalit Wongse-ek
Interim Associate Dean for Planning,
Research and Development

Dr. Atthapong Sakunsriprasert
Chairman of the Business Administration Division



Dr. Boonyanit Mathayomchan
Assistant Dean for Education Technology

Dr. Ornlatcha Sivarak
Director of the Master of Business Administration in
Business Modeling and Analysis Program



Dr. Kannapa Pongponrat
Director of the Master of Management in Tourism
and Hospitality Management Program

Dr. Malinvisa Sakdiyakorn
Vice Chairman of the Business Administration Division



New Appointment

Dr. Dolchai La-Ornual, formerly of Mahidol University's Faculty of Engineering, was appointed Lecturer for the BBA Division, effective July 1, 2011.

AsianFilm Festival

MUIC sponsored its first Asian Film Festival on June 20-22, 2011, in the college auditorium. The festival featured two Thai films, Transistor Love Story and Beautiful Boxer, two entries from Japan, Departures and The Blind Swordsman, and two films from China, Go, Lola, Go and Confucius.

Asian Film Festival

June 20-22, 2011 MUIC Auditorium 3rd Floor

Mon 20 June	Transistor Love Story ทรานซิสเตอร์ (Monrak Transistor) Show time: 14:00 Director: Pichet Sittapong Genre: Comedy, Drama, Musical, Romance Duration: 128 minutes Year: 2011	Departures 入殓师 (Kaibutsu) Show time: 16:30 Director: Yojiro Takita Genre: Drama Duration: 131 minutes Year: 2008
	The Blind Swordsman 座頭市 (Gonshi) Show time: 12:00 Director: Karyu Shiino Genre: Drama Duration: 116 minutes Year: 2003	Go, Lola, Go! 杜拉拉升职记 (DuLala Shangzhi Ji) Show time: 14:30 Director: Xu Jinglin Genre: Drama Duration: 102 minutes Year: 2010
Tue 21 June	Confucius 孔子 (Kong Zi) Show time: 14:00 Director: Hu Mei Genre: History & Drama Duration: 128 minutes Year: 2010	Beautiful Boxer 功夫小子 (Kung Fu Kid) Show time: 14:30 Director: Boonchai Jeawongtham Genre: Drama, Action Duration: 118 minutes Year: 2004
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Bangkok Post 9 FilmFest

Suphasit Tanprasertsupa, a first year student majoring in Film Production, entered the Bangkok Post 9Film Fest, Thailand's Biggest Short Film and Musical Festival of the year, a contest that attracted over 200 submissions. He was selected as one of the nine finalists and was the youngest member of the group.

All nine films were screened on May 28, 2011, at an outdoor ceremony at Parc Paragon. Mr. Suphasit's film, "Elevator," in which each floor depicts the chronological progress in a person's life, received an honorable mention.



New Exchange Agreement

On June 2, 2001, Assistant Professor Yingyot Chiaravutthi, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Charles Windish, Associate Dean for International Affairs, welcomed Dr. David Olive, President of Bluefield College, Virginia, USA, and student representatives for an exchange agreement signing ceremony at MUIC.

This exchange agreement will go into effect this September and will enable students from both colleges to expand their academic and cross-cultural experiences.

Farwell_{to} Mr. Nutthaboon

Mr. Nutthaboon Pornrattanachoen, Chief of Public Communications and long-serving staff member, announced his resignation, effective July 1, 2011. During his ten-and-a-half-year tenure he supervised MUIC's communication and public relations activities, including the publication of KaleidoScope. In addition, Mr. Nutthaboon served as a part-time lecturer and collaborated with the Office of Admissions in the recruitment of new students.

Mr. Nutthaboon is currently serving as Assistant President of Marketing and Communications at Stamford International University, Thailand.



Internship Abroad

Ms. Nichaya Huangteerakul and Ms. Rissu Thamkongka, THM majors who also minored in French, recently completed their internship in Bordeaux, the very first MUIC students to do so. They worked as trainees at the Hotel Mercure Bordeaux Centre, with rotating services between reception and the Centre's restaurant.

The two offered their own assessment of their internship. "The experience and knowledge that we gained during our three-month internship at the Hotel Mercure Bordeaux Centre was beyond our expectations. We not only had the chance to practice and improve our French and communication



skills but were also able to apply what we learned in theory to practical use.

Even though there were some language and communication difficulties we gained precious first-hand experience in a real work environment. In addition, the training program helped us to understand the management and operations of a hotel in another country. We strongly recommend that other THM students consider studying French as their minor."

Conference on Community Based Adaptation

Ms. Srijita Dasgupa, an Environmental Science major, attended the Fifth International Conference on Community Based Adaptation in Dhaka, Bangladesh, this past March. The conference featured the issue of disaster management and possible solutions that were offered from over 300 global participants representing international organization that are assisting indigenous communities which have become victims of climate change and occupy some of the most vulnerable and exposed areas.

The conference consisted of 21 sessions; although she was the youngest delegate, Ms. Srijita was invited to present her paper entitled "Adaptation Capacity of Fishing Communities to Climate Vulnerabilities and Changes for Improving Their Livelihood - A Case Study Conducted in the Box's Bazaar District of Bangladesh."

Apart from the conference, a field trip was arranged so that participants could see a real picture of how communities in different parts of Bangladesh are adapting themselves to the increased disturbances that are putting their livelihood and security at risk.



A Conservation Workshop



Mr. Parkin Runcharoen, a fourth-year student majoring in Biological Science, was selected to participate in the workshop, "Studying and Monitoring Primate Behavior: A Workshop for Asian Conservation Professionals," in May, 2011 at the Singapore Zoo.

The 32 participants from the Asian region were provided with intense instruction in primate behavior, observation techniques and welfare assessment, in addition to hands-on training during the two-week workshop. Mr. Parkin was not only the youngest participant but also the only one studying on an undergraduate level; all the others were either master or doctoral students and research professionals.

According to Mr. Parkin, the experience was both challenging and invaluable, particularly since his senior project and future graduate studies will focus on primates.

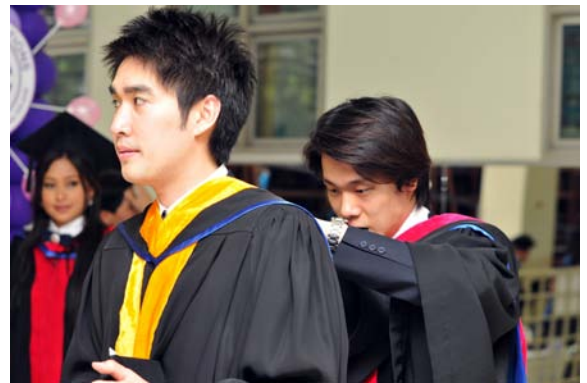
CONGRATULATIONS



On behalf of the entire MUIC community, KaleidoScope extends its congratulations to the 437 members of the 2011 graduation class on their academic achievements and wishes them success and good fortune as they embark on the next chapter in their lives.

In this twenty-first graduating class, 150 received a Bachelor of Arts Degree: Social Science (30), Travel Industry Management (103), Television Production (9), Film Production, Animation Production (4) and Communication Design (1). Another 50 earned a Bachelor of Science Degree: Biological Sciences (15), Chemistry (6), Computer Science (17) Environment (1) and Food Science and Technology (11). The remaining 230 graduates secured a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree: Finance (50), Information Systems (12), International Business (107), Marketing (58) and Tourism and Hospitality Management (3).

Like graduation classes that preceded them, these 2011 graduates were required to mark the familiar and traditional rites of passage.



The Final Touch

The prospective graduates gathered in the college auditorium on Monday, May 2, 2011, for MUIC's Final Touch. Ajarn Michael Naglis, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, began the proceedings

with a Final Touch Report, after which Professor Maleeya Kruatrachue, Dean of MUIC, welcomed the participants. In addition, Ajarn Pranome Thavaravej, Director of the John Robert Powers Personal Development Institute delivered a presentation on personal and professional development and Ajarn Rattakarn Komonrat provided an overview of the MUIC Alumni Association.

After a luncheon on the ground floor of Building 1, the prospective graduates were measured for and booked their graduation gowns.



2011 GRADUATES

MUIC *Graduation* Ceremony

MUIC conducted its traditional graduation ceremony in the college auditorium on July 1, 2011. Mr. Nattawut Wetprasit, newly-elected President of the MUIC Student Association, served as Master of Ceremonies and introduced Associate Professor Yingyot Chiaravutthi, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, who presented his report, followed by congratulatory remarks by Professor Maleeya Kruatrachue, Dean of MUIC. The chairmen of the six academic divisions then proceeded to offer their congratulations as well.

In response, Mr. Tanawat Phaovibul, a Social Science major, delivered the valedictory address on behalf of the graduating class. Ms. Insia Siamwala, who recently completed her MBA at the MUIC Graduate Center, also offered her congratulations.

The proceedings concluded with a performance by the MUIC Choir Club.

The official Mahidol University commencement was conducted on July 4, 2011, in the Arun-Amarin Room at the Royal Thai



Navy Convention Hall, presided over by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.



A Special Graduation Gift

Over the years every class committee has collected money from its members in order to sponsor a variety of on and off-campus activities. Ordinarily, whatever money is left over by the time of graduation is used to organize a final graduation party or excursion. This year, however, the senior class committee has introduced what will hopefully be the beginnings of a new tradition. The graduating class of 2011 has generously donated a sum of 316,000 Baht to the Ramathibodi Foundation, under the royal patronage of her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. This donation will help to purchase medical equipment and supplies for the Somdet Phra Theppharat Building which, in the future, will serve to treat complex illnesses.

Achieving Academic Excellence



Seventeen percent of the graduates received first class (3.5 and above) and second class (3.25 and above) honors. Ms. Cherry Lim and Mr. Tanawat Phaovibul, who are featured on the cover of this issue of KaleidoScope, shared top first class honors, with cumulative grade point averages of 3.93.

Ms. Cherry, a Biological Science major, with a concentration in Biomedical Science, will remain at MUIC and serve as a research assistant to Associate Professor Chulathida Chomchai, Assistant Dean for Research and lecturer in the Science Division. She will simultaneously be preparing for medical school by exploring her options for graduate studies, including the National University of Singapore, the International School of Malaysia and several medical schools in the United States.

Mr. Tanawat, a Social Science major, with a concentration in International Studies, has been accepted by the University of Cambridge, the United Kingdom, where he will begin his studies in law. He was selected to deliver the valedictorian address at the MUIC graduation ceremony.

First Class honors

Name	GPA.	Major
Mr. Tanawat PHAOVIBUL	3.93	ICSS
Ms. Cherry LIM	3.93	ICBI
Ms. Nichaya HUANGTEERAKUL	3.90	ICTMB
Ms. Pakkamol SIRIWAT	3.87	ICSS
Ms. Wanichaya CHITTANIYOMPANICH	3.87	ICMF
Ms. Ornthicha DUANGGRATANA	3.86	ICSS
Ms. Hemaka NIYOMNATHAM	3.86	ICFS
Ms. Asama ANUNTA-UMPORN	3.84	ICTM
Ms. Sofie LISBY	3.83	ICSS
Ms. Sujimas KIETTISEAMKAJORN	3.83	ICCS
Ms. Peerada SAMUNUAL	3.82	ICCH
Ms. Chuenchanok SIRIWAT	3.82	ICSS
Ms. Linda Ruiner RENLAND	3.82	ICSS
Mr. Sapol LAIWEJPITHAYA	3.77	ICMF
Ms. Sirima KAJONWUTTIDET	3.75	ICTM
Ms. Kanjana SUDSIN	3.73	ICTM
Ms. Pakinee IAMANEK	3.71	ICFS
Ms. Titayatorn NIYOMSUB	3.70	ICFS
Ms. Celyn -	3.69	ICSS
Ms. Kevalin HARNTAWORNCHAIKIJ	3.69	ICMF
Ms. Nantharat VASINRAPEE	3.68	ICMF
Mr. Wutthiyo CHANCHAIOCHAI	3.68	ICMF
Mr. Jakkapong GUMPANPETCH	3.67	ICTM
Ms. Rohini SETTHEEWONGSAKUN	3.65	ICMF
Ms. Roserin KITCHAROENPAISAN	3.64	ICTM
Ms. Narisa DAWAR	3.61	ICBI
Ms. Supanuth CHUERATTANAKUL	3.61	ICBI
Ms. Napat PUNPONGJAREORN	3.60	ICCH
Ms. Apinya LERTKAJORNKITTI	3.58	ICMI
Ms. Esmeralda BUNZL	3.57	ICFP
Ms. Pornwalai PHUMMANEEWANCHAI	3.56	ICMI
Ms. Phitchaya PANICHYATHAM	3.55	ICTP
Ms. Kamolwan SAHAKITPINYO	3.55	ICMF
Mr. Varut APHIMANCHINDAKUL	3.54	ICCS
Mr. Yossanun JIVAVUTIPONG	3.53	ICTM
Ms. Charoenporn KAEWMANOROM	3.53	ICMI
Ms. Panisa CHAOWICHITRA	3.52	ICTM
Ms. Kansala WANUNTHO	3.51	ICTM



Second Class honors

Name	GPA.	Major
Mr. Piti LAULATHAPHOL	3.49	ICBI
Ms. Siripat SUKSAENGSR	3.49	ICTP
Ms. Narisa SACHDEV	3.49	ICMI
Ms. Sasi AOTARAYAKUL	3.48	ICSS
Ms. Nopsupak SUKSAENGSR	3.48	ICBI
Ms. Nalin NARAPRUET	3.48	ICTM
Ms. Nalin LIMPIVILAS	3.47	ICMI
Ms. Thanika JENJESDA	3.46	ICFP
Mr. Surapong CHANASETTAKUL	3.45	ICFS
Ms. Suchanuch SACHDEV	3.44	ICCH
Mr. Tihn INTAPICHET	3.42	ICFS
Ms. Mayura PHANTHANITHILERT	3.42	ICTM
Ms. Chanthree THAMPHAIROJ	3.42	ICMF
Ms. Jin Young CHA	3.42	ICBI
Ms. Pimpug CHAI-AUT	3.41	ICMI
Ms. Jiratchaya KULSUMPHAN	3.41	ICTM
Ms. Prichaya SUTHIVET	3.40	ICTM
Ms. Sayamon DERMMOUK	3.40	ICTM
Ms. Yada TRAIRATTANAPHAKDEE	3.39	ICMI
Ms. Kanthima SASING	3.39	ICSS
Ms. Suvicha KOSITWIWAT	3.39	ICCS
Ms. Pornrawee THEINGTRONG	3.39	ICMF
Mr. Jarad SIVIPAPONG	3.38	ICCS
Ms. Wsinee SUKJAROENKRAISRI	3.38	ICMF
Ms. Wilai CHAIJIOU	3.37	ICTMB
Ms. Benjaporn PINTHONG	3.36	ICTM
Mr. Chularas NATPRATAN	3.35	ICCS
Ms. Nathnarin VIRIYASERMKIT	3.34	ICTM
Ms. Rapeepun DAMRONGKIATTISAK	3.33	ICTM
Mr. Nontatat LEKHYANANDA	3.33	ICMI
Ms. Vorakarn PETCHSUTI	3.32	ICMI
Ms. Mantanee BURANANUSORAPONG	3.32	ICFS
Ms. Klongpaw PIUMSOMBUN	3.31	ICMF
Ms. Kitinatda ITTHIWIT	3.30	ICSS
Ms. Sutatip TANTRAKUL	3.30	ICMI
Ms. Naphat CHAISUWAN	3.28	ICTP
Ms. Darat LERTKACHONSUK	3.26	ICMK
Ms. Ploypailin RADEESUJALITKUL	3.25	ICBI



Student Association Elections

Unlike the recent Thai general election in which Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra and the Pheu Thai Party won by a substantial majority, the June election for the leadership of the MUIC Student Association was highly competitive and closely contested. The team which finally prevailed consists of Nattawut Wetprasit, President, Chanon Teerakulpisut, Internal Vice President, Kanapat Chalernpanth, External Vice President, Karn Piluntanadilok, Secretary and Kulathida Teeraratpol, Treasurer, who will assume their responsibilities at the beginning of the 2011-12 academic year.



Observing World Refugee Day



Social Science students organized a screening of the film, "Moving to Mars," in the Seminar Room on June 20, 2011, to commemorate World Refugee Day. Ms. Chuensuk Arsaithamkul, Amnesty International Thailand board member, opened the proceedings. After the screening, a panel of guests, Dr. Make Hayes from the Center for Hu-

man Rights Studies, Mahidol University, Mr. Rufino Seva, Urban Refugee Project Director at the Jesuit Refugee Service, and Dr. Decha Tangseefa from Thammasat University's Faculty of Political Science, addressed a number of refugee issues and fielded questions from the audience.

In addition, an exhibition consisting of six information panels and photos highlighting the plight of refugees was on display on the ground floor of Building 1 from June 20-22. Petitions were signed and monetary donations were collected for refugees in Thailand.

These periodic visits are important in order to maintain support for the projects and a good working relationship with the communities. The visit also was meant to recruit community leaders to participate in a training program by the Pidthong Langpra Foundation this coming August.



SIFE Trip

Fifteen members of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) traveled to Anghong and Ayutthaya Provinces on the weekend of June 18-19, 2011, to meet with community leaders and participants in the Banara and Parachute Rice Planting Projects, two community development efforts that have been going on over the past three years.

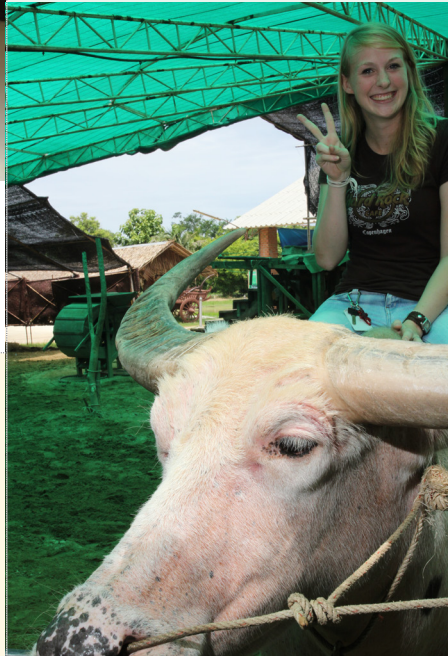
A Dance Performance

Members of the Social Dance Club were invited to perform Latin American and ballroom dancing at the opening of the 16th National Civil Engineering Conference on May 18, 2011, at the Sign Pattaya Hotel, Chonburi Province. The conference was sponsored by



Mahidol University's Civil Engineering and Environment Faculties, in collaboration with the Royal Thai Engineering Association.

Buffalo Village Trip



Members of the Multicultural Club visited the Buffalo Village in Supanburi Province on June 18, 2011. The trip was organized with its foreign-national members in mind and provided an opportunity for genuine cross-cultural exchange. The group also enjoyed a lunch at the Sam Chuk floating market.

Volunteer Club Follow Up

On June 19, 2011, members of the Volunteer Club paid a follow-up visit to the Baan Phusawaan School in Petchaburi Province, where they conducted their 10-day Volunteer Camp this past December. The group spent the day checking on the status of their projects and the progress of the students, in addition to meeting with parents and members of the community.



Band Competition

Six bands competed in the MUIC Music Club's Band Competition on June 16, 2011, in the college auditorium. The winner was "Leftover," with Teerawat Jutamontree, Apicha Laosangthong, Tayakorn Anek, Patiphan Suwannasingha and Chanadom Nakalaghana.



United Asian Debating Championship

The Debate Club represented MUIC at the 2nd United Asian Debating Championship 2011 on May 16-23, 2011, in Macau. The two teams consisted of Panyarak Roque, Tawin Kim, Daphne Hingert, Zaw Htun Lat, Panisa Thongma and Lily Leelaarporn.

This competition is the largest inter-varsity debate in the Asian region, with 106 teams and 318 debaters participating. Although neither team made it to the final rounds, they performed relatively well and were ranked above other debating teams from Thailand.



Art Club Activities

The Art Club sponsored an Art Exhibition on June 20-23, 2011, on the ground floor of Building 1. The works primarily represented entries from the Live Art Competition but also included other general submissions.

On the following weekend members



of the club traveled to Pranburi Province for their annual field trip. They honed their artistic skills by painting both land and seascapes.



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