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# Forepage ■

## Our Vision

Enriching Lives  
Expanding Potentials  
Shaping Futures

## Our Mission

“MUIC inspires innovation, fosters human potential, and creates new knowledge through the integration of arts and sciences in an international environment resulting in education, research, and services that serve the needs of society and benefit humankind.”



## Message from the Dean ■

The year 2020 can be dubbed 'The Year of Disruption' that most probably trumps all other disruptions that have come before it. COVID-19 has undoubtedly changed the way we live, communicate, work, and interact with one another. At the same time, it has also highlighted the importance of our colleagues, our community, and our contributions within the MUIC family. With every obstacle that stands before us, the people of MUIC have found the strength within themselves and each other to overcome and surpass those obstacles to become more flexible, more agile, and more resilient than ever before. In addition, in the midst of incredible personal and organizational challenges, we have managed to look beyond ourselves and focus on those who depend on us, namely, our students. We appreciate more than ever the academic, social, and financial limitations they must face, as well as our promise to deliver to each of them the kind of education we know they deserve.

So it is with appreciation and humility that I present to you the accomplishments of MUIC over this tumultuous year. The success and progress that are represented here are a culmination of the perseverance and altruism of a group of very determined people who truly believe in the power of teamwork.

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." - Andrew Carnegie

■ **Assoc. Prof. Chulathida Chomchai, MD**  
Dean of Mahidol University International College



# Key Statistics ■

- Human Resources
- Student Enrollment
- International Students
- Number of Full-time Students
- Publication

## Human Resources

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Associate  
Professor

Assistant  
Professor

Lecturer

Academic Staff

Support Staff

### Number of Staff

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Total Staff 440

Academic Staff 116

Support Staff 324

## Student Enrollment

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## Number of Full-time Students

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Total number of ungraduate students

Bachelor's Degree

## International Student

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Master's Degree

Inbound Exchange & Visiting Students

Outbound Exchange Students

Percentage of undergraduate students who graduate within 4 years

## Publication

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Publication per division

Number of international and national publication per year

Number of citation in ISI and Scopus in the last 5 years



## Enriching Lives ■

- Environmental Awards
- MOUs
- Environmental Initiatives
- Creative Technology
- Student Support Services & Clubs

# Environmental Awards



## 1 MUIC Receives Organization Carbon Footprint Assessment Award

Mahidol University International College (MUIC) was given the Organization Carbon Footprint Assessment Award by the Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization on September 16, 2020 at the Berkeley Hotel Pratunam in Bangkok.

Mr. Kittirat Pruethong, representative of the college's Energy Saving Committee,

received the award from Permanent Secretary Minister for Natural Resources and Environment.

The project evaluates how effective are their member-organizations in managing and reducing their greenhouse gas emissions which could contribute to environmental sustainability.

## 2 MUIC Receives Thailand Energy Award 2019

Mahidol University International College (MUIC) won the Thailand Energy Award 2019 in the category "Energy Efficient Building" and sub-category "New and Existing Building" during ceremonies held at the Bangkok International Trade and Exhibition Center on October 18, 2019.

Ms. Arpaporn Iemubol, Associate Dean for Administration, received the award from Mr. Somkid Jatusripitak, Deputy Prime Minister. The Thailand Energy Awards 2019 was organized by the Division of Physical Systems and Environment.





## MOUs

### 1 | MUIC Signs MOU with Mekong Institute

Mahidol University International College (MUIC) signed a memorandum of understanding with Mekong Institute on January 24, 2020, paving the way for several future collaborative projects between the two institutions.

Assoc. Prof. Chulathida Chomchai, M.D., Dean of MUIC, signed on behalf of the College while Dr. Watcharas Leelawath, Executive Director of Mekong Institute, signed on behalf of the intergovernmental organization, at Room A302, Aditayathorn Building.

Among the possible areas where the two institutions can work together in the near future are faculty exchange, research, student internship, and other related projects.

Also present at the ceremony were Ms. Arpaporn Iemubol, Associate Dean for Administration; Dr. Alexander Nanni, Associate Dean for International Affairs; Asst. Prof. Analiza Liezl Perez-Amurao, Chair of the Humanities and Language Division (HLD); Mr. Julien Hardy, ICCU Program Director; Asst. Prof. Nicholas Ferriman, English Studies Program Director; Mrs. Agnieszka Atthasit, Foreign Languages Program Director; Mr. Jun Toyama, ICCU Program Coordinator; and Dr. Matthew Ferguson, HLD lecturer.



### 2 | MUIC Has New Project with Ngee Ann Polytechnic in Singapore

Aside from preparing for the second iteration of their joint project, Overseas Merit Fellowship (OMF) Thailand, Mahidol University International College (MUIC) and Ngee Ann Polytechnic in Singapore has a new collaboration in the works.

Ms. Worada Apirat, Head of Project Development Unit, Ms. Theeranun Leksuthee, Foreign Relations Officer, and Dr. Ploy Sud-on, a lecturer of Business Administration Division, visited Ngee Ann Polytechnic on January 20–21, 2020

Ngee Ann Polytechnic has been organizing with MUIC since 2019 the OMF Thailand project. From a detailed discussion with its team—Mr. Mun Kwok On, Senior Advisor, Mr. Ng Tze Thim Ray, Assistant Director of the International Office, and Ms. Jamie Teo, Senior Manager of the Student Development Office—it will be held again in June this year under the theme “Aging Society.”

Additionally, a new project with the School of Health and Science was discussed. Dr. Phang Chiew Hun, Director of Academic Planning Office, and Ms. Sivaneswary Palanibilo, lecturer of the School of Health and Science, are the coordinators for the program which would bring Ngee Ann Polytechnic students to MUIC in December to explore Thailand’s health care system.

After the meeting, MUIC’s representatives went on a campus tour to see the polytechnic’s students’ life, enjoy the beautiful view of the campus and also to reunite with students who had joined the program last year. MUIC is looking forward to undertaking these programs with Ngee Ann Polytechnic.







### 3 MUIC delegation paid a courtesy call on Dean of YNU-IESC, Yunnan University

On 13 January 2020, Dr. Alexander Nanni, Associate Dean for International Affairs, led a delegation from Mahidol University International College (MUIC) to pay a visit to Dr. Faan Zhou, Dean of Yunnan University International Education Service Center (YNU-IESC), Kunming, China. The visit aimed at strengthening the two institutions' current collaboration in a 1+3 bachelor credit transfer agreement. On 14 January 2020, the MUIC delegation also participated in the YNU-IESC marketing campaign, accompanied by Ms. Yangjin, student counselor of YNU-IESC for this program, to introduce MUIC-YNU 1+3 Bachelor Degree Credit Transfer to the President, Vice President, School's Director

of International Affairs and teachers of Yunnan Chuxiong No.1 Middle School.

The program started receiving YNU students to study in Finance major and in Tourism and Hospitality Management major at MUIC in 2018. YNU students under this program can now have more options to study at MUIC which include Business Administration, Travel and Service Business Entrepreneurship (BM-TSB), and all Science programs (Applied Mathematics, Biological Science, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Food Science and Technology, and Physics).

### 4 MUIC in Joint Environmental Project with Singapore University of Technology and Design

Mahidol University International College (MUIC) will partner with Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) in an environmental project this year. This was confirmed during a meeting between MUIC and SUTD representatives held at the latter's campus in Singapore on January 23, 2020.

Ms. Worada Apirat, Head of MUIC's Project Development Unit, and Ms. Theeranun Leksuthee, Foreign Relations Officer, discussed the project details with the following SUTD officers: Ms. Evelyn Tan, Deputy Director, Ms. Alaska Ng Lay Yee, Deputy Manager of the Office of International Relations, and Dr. Khoo Xiaojuan, a lecturer of the Engineering Product Development.

The planned project would involve bringing SUTD students to Thailand and join selected MUIC students in exploring and studying the environment of a selected area. To be held in August this year, the project will be led by Dr. Wayne Nicholas Phillips, a lecturer of MUIC's Science Division. After exploring the site, the participants will attempt to come up with solutions and build a prototype device to address the environmental problems.



## Environmental Initiatives



### 1 | MUIC Partners with EU in Canal Cleanup Day 2020

Mahidol University International College (MUIC) partnered with the European Union (EU) in its environmental project dubbed Canal Cleanup Day 2020 held on September 18, 2020 at Bangkok's Lat Phrao Canal. Representing MUIC in the third edition of EU's cleanup activity in Thailand were Ms. Arpaporn Lemubol, Associate Dean for Administration, and several lecturers, staff members, and student volunteers.

Also present during the event were H.E. Pirkka Tapiola, EU Ambassador; Mr. Wirat Manassanitwong, Deputy Director-

General of the Environment Department of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA), and representatives from fellow partner organizations like TerraCycle Thai Foundation, SOS Earth, Little Big Green and Tuen Channel. Shifting from the usual beach setting to Lat Phrao Canal in Bangkok, the cleanup campaign aimed to expand its impact by allowing the participants to experience first-hand the magnitude of the waste problem in general and plastic pollution in particular and connecting processes in the waste management system.

According to data from the Pollution Control Department, plastic waste in Thailand has jumped 15%, or up from around 5,500 tons to 6,300 tons a day. In addition, the BMA has found that the amount of food waste and used face masks has increased by 1.5 tons per day.

"Aside from coastal areas, inland waterways also require regular cleanups due to the wastes generated by industries, households, and individuals. It is quite significant that for this project, we have gathered again quite a number of volunteers from various sectors of society. Through the invaluable support of EU, we are not just doing a cleanup but also instilling in the next generation the importance of taking care of the environment," said Dr. Wayne N. Phillips, a lecturer of the Science Division of MUIC and co-organizer of this activity. He is an environmental advocate who has organized several beach cleanup projects over the years.

"Amid this pandemic, it's crucial to stay focused on environmental concerns and incorporate them into COVID-19 recovery efforts," said EU Ambassador Pirkka Tapiola. "We should not lose sight that we are also fighting against climate change or ignore the fact that the climate crisis further increases the risk of pandemics. If we want to build back better after this crisis, we must aim for a greener and more sustainable world."

Preceding the cleanup activity was the Trash Me Challenge, conceived by SOS Earth and carried out in collaboration with Little Big Green and Tuen Channel. The three organizations are led by key opinion leaders, namely Maria Poonlertlarp, Kanathip Sunthornrak or Khru LoukGolf, and Wannasingh Prasertkul. With the goal of raising awareness about how much trash one person could create, the campaign challenged young people to collect trash in their daily life and create design objects out of what they had collected. Six winners from the challenge got to participate in the Canal Cleanup Day 2020 as volunteers.

In addition to the cleanup, which was joined by over a hundred participants, including diplomats and staff from the EU Delegation, representatives from partner organizations, campaign winners and public volunteers, the cleanup day also consisted of two discussions in the afternoon for participants to better understand available solutions to the plastic problem and reflect on their wishes for a sustainable future. In the first discussion, representatives from the EU, TerraCycle and MUIC introduced the concept of circular economy, stressing how the design and production of plastic should be rethought so that plastic items could be used longer and recycled. The second discussion session saw community leaders exchanging views on waste management with the winners of the Trash Me Challenge.

## 2 | MUIC Students Observe 5th Year of UN's Sustainable Development Goals

September 25, 2020 marked the fifth year of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) created by the United Nations (UN). To celebrate the anniversary and move towards the “Decade of Action” five students from Mahidol University International College (MUIC) were invited to the Embassy of the Netherlands in Thailand to celebrate and discuss what is to come.

The students were Ms. Natnisha Ahuja, who is taking up Marketing major, and Ms. Pannita Taechamaneesatit, Ms. Parncheewa Phuchayapol, Ms. Chotiphap Yuenwong, Mr. Phumiphap Eiambutlop,

Ms. Arisara Saengsompong, and Mr. Titipat Wanlopbanhan who are enrolled in the International Relations and Global Affairs major.

Along with Ambassador Kees Rade and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Regional Director Mr. Renaud Meyer, the students discussed missions and visions for the SDGs here in Thailand. They also talked about youth empowerment. To wrap up the event, the students along with the two officials gathered around the garden of the residence to raise the SDGs flag together.



## 3 | MUIC Welcomes Visitors from Senate Energy Commission

The Senate Energy Commission visited Mahidol University International College (MUIC) on December 29, 2020.

The commission's chairman, Gen. Saravut Chaloryoo, and members of his staff, were officially welcomed at Aditayathorn Building in MUIC by Assoc. Prof. Kitikorn Charmondusit, Ph.D., Mahidol University Acting Vice President for Environment and Sustainable Development, and Asst. Prof. Dr. Chatchawan Panraksa, MUIC Associate Dean for Administration, and officers of the MUIC Energy Saving Committee.

The Senate Energy Commission visited MUIC in order to learn more about Aditayathorn Building which was designed to be a modern, energy-conserving structure. Afterwards, the visitors were given a guided tour of the building.





#### 4 | MUIC Holds “PM2.5 and Coronavirus Q&A”

To address the two current leading health concerns, executives of Mahidol University International College (MUIC), led by its Dean, Assoc. Prof. Chulathida Chomchai, M.D., held “PM2.5 and Coronavirus Q&A” on January 30, 2020 at Charinyarasami Hall, Aditayathorn Building.

The guest speaker was Assoc. Prof. Summon Chomchai, Associate Professor, Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, Division of Clinical Toxicology,

Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yingyot Chiaravutthi, Associate Dean for Finance and Human Resources, acting as the moderator.

Other members of the panel were Ms. Ruchi Agarwal, Assistant Dean for Educational Affairs, and Khun Jutharat Thipbonsup, Student Affairs Section Chief with almost 100 faculty members, staff and students attended.

#### 5 | MUIC Stores Stop Giving Single-use Plastic Bags

Due to the cooperation between the government and the private sector, there is now a new government policy ordering department stores and supermarkets to stop giving single-use plastic bags starting on January 1, 2020.



## Environmental Initiatives

In observance of this new policy, the Energy and Environment Conservation Committee and Green Office Project of Mahidol University International College (MUIC) have a new project called “No Plastic Bags.” Under this project, stores in MUIC will stop giving single-use plastic bags in every purchase starting on February 3, 2020.

In line with Mahidol University’s ecological strategy and government policies, this project is also MUIC’s way of creating awareness among students, faculty and staff of the serious harm that plastic waste brings to the environment. We hope that this project will serve as an opportunity for everyone to do their part in saving the environment.

#### 6 | MUIC Holds Green Office Workshop

Mahidol University International College (MUIC) held a Green Office workshop at the Seminar Room in Building 1 via Zoom application on July 20, 2020.

This workshop was meant to create awareness among office workers about environmental problems and encourage them to make their own small contribution to positive changes in environmental protection through improvement of their work habits.





The event was held at Studio A520, Aditayathorn Building, MUIC. This program is the first transdisciplinary program offered by Mahidol University that incorporates courses in computer science, transmedia design, and communication design.

With its combination of arts and sciences, the program aims to prepare its students for newly emerging career opportunities of the 21st Century. In addition, this program offers additional curriculum flexibility to customize individual learning choices using MUIC's distinctive I-Design electives as well as the program's electives offered by MUIC, Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Ratchasuda College, and College of Music.

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## MUIC Launches New Creative Technology Program

Mahidol University International College (MUIC) organized an MOU Signing Ceremony between Mahidol University, MUIC, Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Ratchasuda College, and College of Music for the launching of the new Bachelor of Arts and Science in Creative Technology program on November 14, 2020.

Prof. Banchong Mahaisavariya, M.D., MU President, presided over the ceremony which was attended by MU executives, along with Assoc. Prof. Chulathida Chomchai, M.D., MUIC Dean, and her executive team; Wachara Riewpaiboon, M.D., M.Sc., Dean of Ratchasuda College; Dr. Narong Prangcharoen, Dean, College of Music; Dr. Pattanasak Mongkolwat, Dean of the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology; Dr. Choak Bulakul, Group Managing Director & CEO of Farm Chokchai Group; and Mr. Oliver Kittipong Veerataecha, Chief Brand and Communication Officer, True Corp. Public Co. Ltd.



## Career Opportunities

1. Media creator
  - Animator/modeler
  - Digital media producer
  - Multimedia designer
  - Transmedia data illustrator
2. Technological creator
  - Inclusive society technologist
  - Interactive graphics technician (VR/AR/XR)
  - Web designer
  - UI/UX designer
3. Social media/online communicator



## Student Support Services & Clubs

### 1 | Raising Funds by Making Dumplings

The Inner Peace Club raised a total of 2,500 Baht during a fundraising event it organized on January 23, 2020 to help the victims of the brush fires in Australia.

Held just in time for Chinese New Year, the activity also attracted 80 participants who learned not only to make “jiaozi” (饺子) or dumplings but also learn its significance to Chinese culture.

The amount raised was donated to the Thai Red Cross Society which would then turn it over to the Australia Red Cross.



### 2 | Animal Lovers Club Cares for Birds and Forests

Officers and members of MUIC Animal Lovers Club brought 34 participants to Maenam Phachi Wildlife Sanctuary in Ratchaburi Province on January 26, 2020 in order to build bird shelters and create firebreaks in the forest.

This project, dubbed “A Day With Bird,” aimed to promote protecting wildlife and the environment.



### 3 | Students Make Tie-dye Bags for Charity

MUIC Volunteer Club held a tie-dye bag-making workshop on January 29-30, 2020 at the Ground Floor of Aditayathorn Building.

Participating students and lecturers were taught how to make tie-dye bags in just three easy steps and finish it in only 20 minutes. More than 220 bags were produced during the workshop.

The participants can then choose to keep their bags or donate them to the students of Wat Nongku School in Lopburi Province when the Volunteer Club goes on a three-day camp there in April.



### 4 | Art Club Sponsors Baking Workshop

You can bake your cake and eat it too!

The Art Club conducted a Baking Workshop on March 6, 2020 at Friday Kitchen in Pak Kret, Nonthaburi Province. Seventeen participants eagerly followed the instructions taught by the two guest chefs on how to bake a cake. They were taught how to use different ingredients and also create their own styles with the cake they were baking, in the process making new friends too with their fellow trainees.





## 5 | MUIC Students Face Off in Online FIFA Game

MUIC Soccer Club and Student Association held an online activity entitled “IC Hothead: MUIC FIFA 2020 Competition” which attracted a total of 45 participants on May 11 – June 26, 2020.

The hotly-contested online football game lasted for 29 hours. Capturing 1st Place was Mr. Phawat Viwathanasittiphong, a student majoring in Food Science who won the 3,000 Baht prize. Coming in as 1st Runner-up was Mr. Vatcharapong Sirimartpornchai, a Marketing student who got the 1,500 Baht prize, followed by Mr. Anirudh Kwatra, a student enrolled in Business Economics who won as 2nd Runner-up and its 1,000 Baht prize.



## 6 | Create Your Own Mask Strap

MUIC Volunteer Club held an activity called “The Mask Strapper” on October 7-8, 2020 at Charinyarasami Hall, Aditayathorn Building.

In this first activity of the Volunteer Club in Trimester 1/2020-2021, the 173 participants were taught how to create their own straps for their face masks which they can either keep or donate to children.



## Student Support Services & Clubs

## 7 | Blood Drive in MUIC

The Student Affairs Section and Student Association in collaboration with the Department of Transfusion Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Siriraj Hospital, organized a blood donation activity at Charinyarasami Hall, Aditayathorn Building, on October 15, 2020. Numerous students, faculty and staff members donated blood, with 105 blood bags collected from the event.



## 8 | Trip to an Animal Shelter

MUIC Animal Lover’s Club organized a trip to an animal shelter called “The Man That Rescues Dogs” (TMTRD) in Chonburi province on October 24, 2020.

Upon arrival at the animal shelter, the 29 volunteers went to work cleaning up the shelters, preparing food for the animals and other chores. The Animal Lovers Club also donated several boxes of detergent powder. The club said this activity educates people about the plight of abandoned animals and gives an opportunity to show love to them and also to support animal shelters.



## 9 | THM Club's "Travel New Normal With MUIC" Photo Contest

The THM Club concluded its first activity of the semester when it announced the name of the contest winner on October 23, 2020.

Mr. Chanapol Pattanapongpaibul, a student of the International Relations and Global Affairs major, won the "Travel New Normal With MUIC" photo competition receiving a one-night stay at One Patio Hotel Pattaya as prize.

The contest is a travel photo competition that requires contestants to post on Instagram photos taken during their travels. They had to tag two other friends from MUIC along with the club's Instagram account using the hashtag #travelnewnormalwithMUIC.

The contestants also had to follow the THM Club's Instagram account and fill in a Google form in order to have their participation recorded in their Activity Transcript.

The club's committees then selected 10 finalists and posted their photo entries on the club's Facebook and Instagram accounts. Followers of the two accounts could then vote for their preferred entries from October 19 to 22, with the entry garnering the highest number of likes declared as the winner.

The club noted that the contest was very popular considering that it attracted 310 contestants.



## 10 | THM Club's "Chef Talk"

The THM Club of MUIC held "Chef Talk" on October 30, 2020 at Charinyarasmi Hall, Aditayathorn Building.

The guest speaker, Mr. Pairoj Kaoropwongchai, is an executive master chef who has experienced working in 5-star hotels in Thailand and abroad. The event's MC interviewed Chef Pairoj on various topics including how he became a chef whose expertise is in Thai and Chinese cuisines.

Afterwards, Chef Pairoj conducted a Thai curry paste cooking workshop, drawing much interaction with the participants who were very interested in learning to cook. There were around 30 participants in the two-hour on-campus activity while there were 25 persons who participated online through Zoom.



# Expanding Potentials

- Pandemic Challenges
- Collaborations
- Student Achievements
- Faculty Achievements

## Pandemic Challenges



### 1 | Open House Virtual: MUIC Stages “Virtual Open Days 2020”

MUIC organized the “MUIC Virtual Open Days 2020 Unlock Your Future Live Streaming Series at FACEBOOK LIVE! MUIC Official Fanpage” on June 20-21, 2020. For two days, there were 5 Live Streaming Series that featured MUIC’s Dean, lecturers, and special guests who came to talk about MUIC’s seven international bachelor’s degree programs and two master’s degree programs as well as relevant issues such as the future of education worldwide after COVID-19.

“Live Ep.1 Unlock Your Future” focused on worldwide education trends

“Live Ep.2 Unlock Your Choice” was about the career fields of Science, Business Administration and Entrepreneurship

“Live Ep.3 Unlock Your Choice II” discussed the career fields of Design, Journalism, Languages, Humanities, and Diplomacy

“Live Ep.4 Unlock Your Limit” featured several of MUIC’s current students and an MUIC alumna who shared with the audience their experiences in college.

“Live Ep.5 Unlock Your Potential” was about MUIC’s two Master’s degree programs, Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Management in International Tourism and Hospitality Management (MM).





### 3 | MUIC Holds “Final Touch Series 3” Online

Held on June 27, 2020 through Webex “The MUIC Final Touch Series 3” for senior students scheduled to graduate in Trimester 2/2019 – 2020.

The highlight of the event was a Virtual Talk featuring MUIC alumni, including Ms. Satreerat Losuwanakul (Class of 2019), Marketing Management Trainee at PepsiCo Trading Thailand/Lay’s; Ms. Charoenporn Kaewmanorom (Class of 2011), Head of Value Assurance in Analytic and Campaign

Operations at True Digital Group; and Mr. Thosaphol Suppametheekulwat (Class of 2003), Marketing Director and Co-founder at QUALY who came to talk and share their experiences on a variety of topics including how to start a career after graduating, tips for a successful job interview, being an office worker versus starting one’s own business, and others. About 250 graduating students joined this online talk to learn more about how to prepare themselves for the future.

### 2 | Online Freshman Orientation

MUIC conducted an Online Freshman Orientation as part of its precautionary measures against Covid-19. With the theme “The Best Version of Me to YOU,” the online orientation for the 1st Trimester, Academic Year 2020–2021, was held at the Auditorium, MUIC Building 1 on September 2-3, 2020, with freshmen being able to access it via several online platforms.

The morning session on September 2 featured greetings from MUIC alumni and seniors, followed by Assoc. Prof. Chulathida Chomchai, M.D., MUIC Dean, who delivered a welcome address, along with an introduction of executives. A series of video clips entitled “A Day in the Life of a MUIC Student” showed scenes of student life in the campus. There was also an introduction to Unity Camp

(a major activity for freshmen), and an online game entitled, “Call Me If You Can.”

In the afternoon session, the MUIC Music Club gave a “Live Music Performance,” followed by a “Clubs Showcase.” The session on September 3rd featured important information about the various academic programs of MUIC .

Aside from these, other presentations included “Academic Information,” “MU Regulations,” “Registration System,” “Information on Humanities and Language Courses,” “An Indispensable Resource,” “Library Section,” “MBA 4+1 Program,” “How to Expand MUIC Academic Life to Global Experience,” and “Online Learning Tools for Students.”



Pandemic Challenges



#### 4 | MUIC Holds “New Ways of Going Inter During Pandemic”

To provide more relevant information on studying in international programs in Thailand, Mahidol University International College (MUIC) held “New Ways of Going Inter During Pandemic” on August 29, 2020 at Charinyarasami Hall, Aditayathorn Building, MUIC. Around 200 participants attended several sessions featured in this event, including “Guidelines on IELTS Examination (Computer-based) with Mock Test;” “Study Abroad Programs” by Mr. Kanokphong Bussayadilok, Business/Partnership Development, IDP Education Services Ltd. Thailand; “All About GED” by Mr. Thaweesak Jaochouanchom, GED International Director; and “How To Go Inter in Covid-19” by Mr. Paripat Naca, Senior Counselor, AIMS Thailand.

#### 5 | Online Community: Facebook, Cooking Sharing at Home

##### IC Stay in Shape

Our second activity is “IC stay in shape” This is your choice to stay “fit” or “fat” during the quarantine. If you choose the first choice, you’re coming to the right track Here, we have three workout challenges for you to stay active and healthy.

1. HIIT workout challenge
2. Alphabet challenge
3. Bodycombat

##### Health and Nutrition

#ICFitMeal

Activity Duration: 25 May – 6 June 2020

How to join this activity?

- Take a photo of your healthy meal (at least 2 meals)
- Briefly explain the health benefits of your meal

- Post the picture of your meal and explanation on either Facebook or Instagram with #ICFitMeal

How to get an AT?

- Screenshot your post and send the evidence via this form

We look forward to seeing your healthy and nutritious meal

##### MUIC Send Love

Begin this trimester with our first activity! “MUIC Send Love”

Write or type a short message to encourage anyone affected by Covid-19 situation.

Let’s make your short messages to be a great encouragement!

Download template [HERE](#)

After finishing sharing your messages, submit AT form [HERE](#)



Pandemic Challenges



## 6 | Classroom and Meeting Online

### MUIC Holds Online Seminar on MCAT

The Science Division organized an online information session on “How to Score Well in the MCAT” featuring Ms. Chatnapa Yodkitudomying, an MUIC alumna (Class of 2019, 5680062), via Zoom on August 5, 2020 at 1:00 pm. Ms. Chatnapa shared her experience in taking the MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) in order to give the audience a clearer idea about the examination.

### FAA Lecturer Holds Workshop on Drawing Elephants

Ms. Millicent “Millie” Young, a lecturer of the Fine and Applied Arts Division, Mahidol University International College (MUIC), in collaboration with GTAEF Helping Elephants, a nonprofit organization based in Chiang Rai, held a public lecture and workshop on July 22, 2020 via Zoom.

Basing on her experience drawing and creating animation about elephants, Ajarn Millie also included a demonstration in her lecture.

The organizers said that the event, live streamed on the GTAEF Helping Elephants Facebook page, was ideal for all elephant lovers who would like to explore their own artistic side.

### MUIC’s Media Com Students Hold Their First Online Thesis Exhibition

Senior students of Mahidol University International College’s (MUIC) Media and Communication Program (Media Com) held their first online thesis exhibition entitled “มีเดีย มีใจ Media Mee Jeng,” on July 11-12, 2020 at Facebook: @MediaComxhibition.

The “Media Mee Jeng” online exhibition was inspired by the global COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the entries—short films, media campaigns, and online brands—demonstrated the students’ determination and ability to adapt to the new normal.

A total of 25 projects by 37 students were included in the exhibition, with each project taking at least one year to create. Click [HERE](#) to watch a video from the exhibition.

### Online Talk on Pathway to Studying Medicine in Australia

Assoc. Prof. Chulathida Chomchai, M.D., Dean of Mahidol University International College (MUIC); Dr. Tumnoon Charaslertrangi, Lecturer of MUIC’s Biological Science Program; and Mr. Chun-liang Cheng (MUIC Class of 2018), who was accepted to Monash University School of Medicine, Australia—one of the top 50 medical schools in the world—were the featured resource

persons in the “Information Sessions: Pathway to Studying Medicine in Australia” held on June 19, 2020 via Zoom online application.

There were about 70 Biological Science students from MUIC and high school students from Shrewsbury International School who joined this online talk.

### MUIC Provides Virtual Lectures to Stuttgart Media University, Germany

The Business Administration (BA) Division and Project Development Unit of Mahidol University International College (MUIC), in collaboration with Stuttgart Media University (HdM), Germany, arranged MBA virtual lectures as part of the “Doing Business in Foreign Countries” program on May 21, 2020 and June 1, 2020.

The lectures consisted of “Business Environment in Thailand”, “Leadership and Management Practices Influenced by Cultural Values”.

The live sessions were very successful with fruitful discussion between the participants, MUIC lecturers, and Prof. Willem Viets and Ms. Maria Bertele from HdM.



## Collaborations



### MUIC Executives Attend AALAU 2019

Assoc. Prof. Chulathida Chomchai, M.D., Dean of Mahidol University International College (MUIC), led a team of college executives who attended the Annual Presidents' Forum of the Alliance of Asian Liberal Arts Universities (AALAU) at Lingnan University, Hong Kong on October 23-24, 2019.

Established in 2017, AALAU is a network of respectable liberal arts universities in Asia, each member sharing common values, a global vision and a commitment to educating future leaders. This year, MUIC participated for the first time as an alliance member.

During the annual meetings, representatives of the member institutions work together to identify major issues and challenges with reference to international best practices in higher education, search for innovative approaches to liberal arts education and collaborate in addressing new challenges and opportunities in liberal arts education.

Accompanying the Dean were Dr. Chompunuch Pongjit, Associate Dean for Educational Affairs, Dr. Alexander Nanni, Associate Dean for International Affairs, Asst. Prof. Dr. Patsarin Rodpothong Wongkamhang, Assistant Dean for Educational Affairs, and Dr. Ruchi Agarwal, Assistant Dean for Educational Affairs.

## Student Achievements

### 1 | MUIC Students Rewarded for Joining MICE Training Event

Three teams of students from the Tourism and Hospitality Division and Business Administration Division of Mahidol University International College (MUIC) received plaques and certificates of recognition at the MICE Student Chapter & MICE Start Up organized by the Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB) held on September 18, 2020 at the Mandarin Hotel on Rama 4 Road, Bangkok.

The 3 teams are:

- **Team MICE-ing Stars:**  
Ms. Nattagun Kitipongpatana, Ms. Sasirada Kaewjangwad, Mr. Warit Trikasemsak, and Mr. Chutithana Ngamsanga;
- **Team Triple 8:**  
Ms. Rata Kamthornthip, Ms. Sireethorn Tribunyatikul, Ms. Patrin Benyabadhana na Ayudhya, Ms. Yolrada Sae-lai, Ms. Thanika Angsukulthorn, Mr. Atthanon Tangamornsirichoke, Mr. Jadnipat Toopornsiri, and Mr. Natthawich Thanarudeeporn;
- **Team Fantastic 4:**  
Ms. Kanchanid Thanadamrongsab, Ms. Boonyavee Phlayphan, Ms. Patsharaporn Lertwijitnarong, and Ms. Jutamas Rapuepol.

Dr. Sarinya Sungkatavat, a lecturer of the Travel and Service Business Entrepreneurship Program of the THM Division, was the mentor of all three teams. Mr. Wai Tak To, an assistant lecturer of the Travel and Service Business Entrepreneurship Program was a co-mentor.



The MICE Student Chapter & MICE Start Up Program was organized by the Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB) in order to produce young professionals to serve the rising demand in the meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibitions (MICE) sector in Thailand and abroad. Participating students have the opportunity to work with leading MICE companies or get training, obtain a scholarship or travel overseas as part of an exchange program.

Aside from these achievements, during the past academic year 2019-2020, students from the THM Division also won in two competitions in the MICE industry under Ajarn Sarinya's mentorship.

The first competition was the 'SITE Talk' organized by the Society of Incentive Travel Executives (SITE) during the Thailand MICE Forum. Students took part in this initiative as part of their training to be

future leaders in the incentive travel industry. The 1st Prize winner was Ms. Kotchamon Katechoo, a 4th year student in IHM, receiving 10,000 Baht cash prize.

The other contest was the Future Leaders Forum (FLF 2019) at IT&CMA Asia 2019 organized by Thailand Incentive & Convention Association (TICA). Among the students from across the country who applied for this event, 60 were short-listed. Three winners were selected and will get a chance to compete in iMEX in Germany. One of the winners was Mr. Bordin Chinsukserm, a 2nd year student of the THM Division.



## 2 Business Administration Students Win Lazada Young Entrepreneur Challenge 2020

Four students from the Business Administration Division, Mahidol University International College (MUIC) won 1st Prize in the Young Entrepreneur Challenge 2020 held on August 17, 2020.

“GRA(TI)TUDE” team comprising Ms. Sathonthorn Sooksawee, Ms. Parnpunthong Wanathong, Ms. Sushaya Sukmanus Sukmanus and Mr. Apichai Leelakraisorn, won 50,000 Baht cash prize and a chance to compete on the global stage.

On the other hand, Thoranee team, composed of Mr. Gursimran Singhprasong, Mr. Thanawin Teerasangjun, Mr. Suppakorn Araam-arunsri, and Mr. Pongpan Pairojana who is from Mahidol University, was 1st Runner-up and won 30,000 Baht cash prize.

The Young Entrepreneur Challenge 2020 was organized by Lazada Thailand in collaboration with CCN Partner, Alibaba’s local GET channel partner. More than 120 teams from 30 universities across the country joined the competition. Each participating team was required to start a digital venture on the Lazada Thailand platform. Lazada University and the Alibaba GET Network provided participants with weekly online training sessions throughout the competition period from April to June 2020.

GRA(TI)TUDE and Thoranee teams were also eligible to compete in the Alibaba GET Global Challenge 2020: Digital Entrepreneurship and Innovation event on August 25, 2020. This competition aims to empower the next

generation of entrepreneurial students to contribute to the post-Covid-19 world by creating transformative digital solutions in collaboration with mentors and partners from the Alibaba network. The GRA(TI)TUDE Team impressed judges with its project “Munspak,” crispy potato chips which uses potatoes grown in Hat Yai, Songkhla province as the main ingredient. Around 300 packets of the unique local flavors of these potato chips, such as Hatyai fried chicken, were sold in one month. In addition, by collaborating with local potato farms, the team also helped Thai farmers who have suffered from the Covid-19 pandemic to have an additional source of income.

Team Thoranee, on the other hand, started out selling around 10 varieties of fruit plants such as mangoes, durians, jackfruits, and miracle fruits

on the Lazada platform. In just two months, the team received more than 150 orders and earned 40,000 Baht. After Thoranee became one of the 30 finalist teams, it converted itself into a startup, “a one-stop e-commerce platform for plants” under the domain Thoranee.com which “acts as an online market for plant suppliers and buyers, with detailed information and AI customization, and which also serves as an online community for plant lovers.”

The Alibaba GET Network was initiated in 2018 as an extension of Alibaba’s GET program which has benefitted 80 education partners and trained more than 300 lecturers and over 13,000 students and other participants from Australia, India, Israel, Mongolia, Malaysia, Thailand, Turkey, South Korea, Singapore and China.

# Student Achievements

## 3 | IC Billionaire Trading Competition



The Student Association of Mahidol University International College (MUIC), together with Value Investment Club, organized an activity called IC Billionaire Trading competition that ran from May 18 to June 26, 2020.

There were 157 participants who were grouped into teams of 2-3 people.

They used “Click2Win,” the simulation trading software by SetTrade.

1st Place went to “Team Singh” who won a 10,000 Baht cash prize. “Team Skilllex” won 2nd Place and received 5,000 Baht cash prize. Winning 3rd Place and 2,500 Baht cash prize was “Team Sunny Side Up.” Biggest Turnaround Prize went to “Team Leo and Poom” who received 2,000 Baht cash prize.



The “Thailand MICE Youth Challenge 2020” provided the students with the opportunity to develop their creativity and showcase their fresh and unique ideas.

THE AISLING Team’s business plan entitled, “Baby and Birth Expo 2022,” under the concept of “The New Normal and MICE Technology” emerged victorious in the final presentation which was live streamed via Facebook Thailand MICE Youth Challenge 2020.

As the winner, THE AISLING team will be sponsored to compete in an international competition as Thailand’s representative.

## 4 | MUIC Students Win 1st Place in “Thailand MICE Youth Challenge 2020”



Four students from Mahidol University International College’s (MUIC) Travel and Service Business Entrepreneurship major won First Place in “Thailand MICE Youth Challenge 2020” held on July 9, 2020.

The students are Ms. Parichaya Emampaiwong, Ms. Rinrada Cheepcheawcharnchai, Ms. Kwanchanok Theeraattavet, and Mr. Bodin Chinsukserm, comprising team THE AISLING” with Dr. Sarinya Sungkatavat as Project Advisor.

## 5 | MUIC Student Receives “Virtuous Person of Mahidol University Award 2019”

A 4th Year student from the Social Science Division of Mahidol University International College (MUIC) was given the “The Virtuous Person of Mahidol University Award 2019” on March 2, 2020 by the Mahidol University Alumni Association under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King.

Mr. Pawinpon Theerawong received the award during the ceremony held at the Professor Kasan Chatikavanij Lecture Hall, Office of President of Mahidol University.

This award is given to individuals who corresponded to Mahidol University’s mission to develop the potentials of its students and who also make good role models for MU students.





## 6 | MUIC Students Receive Awards in Chulalongkorn MUN

Students from Mahidol University International College (MUIC) received awards at the Chulalongkorn University Model United Nations Conference 2020. The event took place on February 21-23, 2020 at Chulalongkorn University.

Mr. Bunkueanun Paothong and Ms. Nuttanicha Phlongphan, both students from the International Relations and Global Affairs (IRGA) major, were given the Best Delegate award and Best Position Paper award, respectively. Partnering with Chulalongkorn Model United Nations Conference, students from MUIC Model UN Club, Ms. Pin-anong Weesapen (IRGA) and Mr. Jiravat Kunkitayanon (IRGA), served as the chairs of Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) along with Ms. Pleumpiti Pretiparat (IRGA) who was the committee's rapporteur.



In addition to Mr. Bunkueanun, and Ms. Nuttanicha, the MUIC delegation included Ms. Suttawee Sriprom (IRGA), Mr. Atiwat Rachataworn (Computer Science), Mr. Kittipoom Sriprommune (Computer Engineering) and Mr. Tawhidullslam Amirul (IRGA).

## 7 | Science Students Given Ajinomoto Scholarship Grants

Eight students from Mahidol University International College's (MUIC) Food Science and Technology program were awarded



the "Ajinomoto Talent Scholarship" grant on February 21, 2020.

The students are: Mr. Thitipong Kerdkaew, Ms. Thanatcha Vichienkalayarat, Ms. Yuthida Kaniyao, Ms. Intira Setavoraphan, Ms. Atitaya Phattanaboriboon, Ms. Ploysaeng Saengsri, Ms. Chanakarn Charoenching, and Ms. Siriluk Wongkusonlert.

They received the award at the "Ajinomoto Scholarship Award Ceremony of Academic Year 2019" and Sports Day (ATS Presentation Ceremony) organized by Ajinomoto Foundation at the Royal Thai Army Club.

## 8 | MUIC's Kickers Win 2nd Place in International Football Cup

Mahidol University International College's (MUIC) Soccer Club won 2nd Place in the recent International Football Cup held at Samut Prakan Stadium.

MUIC's players reached the finals but ultimately conceded the championship to their rivals from Stamford International University with a 2-0 score.

The Cup, held on January 20-29, 2020, also included teams from Chulalongkorn University, Thammasat University, Assumption University, Bangkok University International College, and Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology.



The team said they gave their best shot and promised to come back stronger next year, at the same time appreciating the opportunity to foster a stronger sportsmanship bond with their competitors from the other international universities.

## 9 | MUIC Students Receive Best Delegate Award in Model UN Event

Two students from Mahidol University International College (MUIC) jointly received the Best Delegate Award at the Thammasat University Model United Nations Conference 2020 (TUMUN) held on January 9-11, 2020

at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), Rajdamnern Nok Avenue, and C asean, CW Tower, Ratchadaphisek Road, both in Bangkok.

The two award recipients were Ms. Arthitaya Rusmintratip, a Finance student, and Ms. Pin-anong Weesapen, an International Relations and Global Affairs student.

A Model United Nations conference simulates UN practices and procedures and gives both high school and university students an opportunity to experience firsthand how to conduct international diplomacy.



## MUIC Gives Recognition to Foreign Language Ambassador Scholarship Recipients

The Humanities and Language Division's (HLD) Foreign Language Program gave recognition to scholars under the Foreign Language Ambassador Scholarship Program on November 8, 2019 at Charinyarasami Hall, Aditayathorn Building.

The 1 million Baht grant given by Mahidol University International College (MUIC) through the Student Affairs Office enabled 26 deserving students to participate in the Summer Program Abroad this year and experience an authentic language immersion program in China, France, Germany, Japan and Spain.

Representing MUIC and the Foreign Language Program, the students engaged in various activities in the institutions abroad, attending language and culture classes, interacting with local people and visiting important cultural events and attractions.

They have also produced a video project to reflect on their experience of studying and exploring the local culture. Those multimedia



projects were screened during the FL Ambassadors Certificate Award Ceremony. Scholarship recipients were presented with certificates.

Attending the event were Dr. Chayanant Hongfa, Assistant Dean for Students Affairs; Asst. Prof. Dr. Analiza Perez-Amurao, HLD Chair; Dr. Prateep Wongwerayuth, HLD Vice Chair; Mrs. Agnieszka Atthasit, FL Program Director; Mrs. Puvisa Quijuan, FL Program Coordinator; HLD lecturers, and HLD secretaries.

## Student Achievements

## Faculty Achievements

### 1 MUIC Lecturer Receives 2020 Young Scientist Award

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Taweetham Limpanuparb, Program Director of Chemistry at Mahidol University International College's (MUIC) Science Division, received the 2020 Young Scientist Award on August 17, 2020 in a ceremony held at Vibhavadee Ballroom, Centara Grand, Central Plaza Ladprao, Bangkok.

Prof. Dr. Anek Laothamatas, Minister of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation, officially handed the award which is given by the Foundation for the Promotion of Science and Technology under the Patronage of H.M. the King.

Dr. Taweetham was recognized for his achievements on three key areas, namely, Computational & Theoretical Chemistry, Physical Chemistry & Chemical Physics, and Science Education & Science Communication.

He has published 29 articles at the international level, recognized by international journals or publishers including the Royal Society Open Science (RSOS), Journal of Chemical Education (JCE), Journal of Computational Chemistry (JCC), ScienceDirect, and Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics (PCCP).

A consistent winner in science competitions in Thailand and abroad during his high school years, Dr. Limpanuparb graduated from Mahidol University's Faculty of Science with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry degree and obtained his Doctor of Philosophy from the Australian National University (ANU). He completed his postdoctoral study at the Division of Chemistry and Biological Chemistry, Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, and at the School of Computer Science at ANU.



He started as a lecturer in MUIC in 2012 teaching undergraduate general chemistry and basic chemistry laboratory courses for science-related majors and mathematics courses for non-science majors. He was promoted to Assistant Professor of Chemistry in 2015 and Associate Professor of Theoretical Chemistry in 2018. He also served as Assistant Dean for Information Technology in 2014-2018.



## 2 | MUIC's HLD Chairperson Receives Professorial Chair in Applied Linguistics



The Chair of the Humanities and Language Division (HLD) of Mahidol University International College (MUIC) was recently granted the “2020 Bonifacio P. Sibayan Distinguished Professorial Chair in Applied Linguistics.”

Asst. Prof. Dr. Analiza Liezl Perez-Amurao received the professorial chair in recognition of her work in the field of applied linguistics. In connection with said award, she delivered a professorial lecture on her research entitled “‘They are Asians just like us:’ Filipino teachers, colonial aesthetics and English language education in Thailand” via Zoom on August 21, 2020. An article by Dr. Amurao on which the lecture was based on was recently published by *Sojourn: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia*.

More than 230 participants joined the lecture, including executives and faculty members of

the Philippine Normal University (PNU)—the Philippines’ premier institution for the training of teachers—and the Linguistic Society of the Philippines (LSP), “a learned society for linguists and language educators” founded in 1969. LSP is affiliated with US-based SIL, formerly known as the Summer Institute of Linguistics. LSP was involved in the Philippines’ Constitutional Convention and Constitutional Commission concerning the country’s national language issues and participated in the formulation of the country’s Bilingual Education Policy.

Dr. Amurao obtained her Ph.D. in Multiculturalism at the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia (RILCA) of Mahidol University. She finished her master’s degree in English Language and Literature Teaching at the Jesuit-run Ateneo de Manila University and holds an AB-BSE degree in Education, with a major in English language teaching (ELT) and a minor in theater arts, from PNU. She joined MUIC in 2008.

The Bonifacio P. Sibayan Distinguished Professorial Chair, named after the distinguished Filipino scholar, researcher and school administrator, is managed by the De La Salle University Science Foundation on behalf of the Linguistic Society of the Philippines.

## 3 | MUIC Lecturer Wins Grand Prize in US Film Festival Contest

A lecturer from the Fine and Applied Arts (FAA) Division won the grand prize at the Rhode Island International Film Festival Screenplay Competition 2019 (for the second time) with his latest feature screenplay entitled ‘[They Sound Human.](#)’

Selected from 550 script entries, Bryan Ott’s award-winning script is the narrative sequel to his 2017 grand prize entry ‘Beasts and Children.’ “‘They Sound Human,’ a horror western told from the point of view of a female Irish immigrant in 1865, explores the journey of a single mother who set out in search of her missing daughter whom she fears has been abducted by local orphan traders.



To make matters worse, demonic beasts roam the woods intent on luring abandoned children to their doom,” Mr. Ott said. Mr. Ott is currently adapting his screenplay into a graphic novel after being awarded a research

grant from MUIC earlier this year. “As a PhD candidate at Deakin University in Melbourne, this screenplay is the means to test and explore the process of writing a post-feminist narrative as a male screenwriter influenced by Hollywood practice and screenwriting craft history.

The process of adapting these ideas visually into a graphic novel form is extremely exciting. I can’t wait to show people the end results,” he said. He will complete his PhD studies in early of 2020 and the graphic novel, separated into two books, aims to be published sometime later the same year.

“With the current global need for online content, it’s important to consider that content creation without a strong understanding of archetype storytelling craft practice, may not produce lasting results. There is so much creative content in the world, but it seems to me that most of it is very disposable,” Mr. Ott explained. “As a screenwriting practitioner, I am constantly working to improve my writing, getting feedback and developing my ideas. I want to create content that emotionally moves a reader, perhaps inspires other storytellers through demonstration of craft, but also potentially stands some test of time. I want my kids to read it one day, and be influenced to perhaps create and tell lasting stories as well.”





# Shaping Futures

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## MUIC Collaborations

### 1 | MUIC, NTU Co-organize 8th Prelude Business Program



Mahidol University International College (MUIC), in collaboration with Nanyang Technological University (NTU) of Singapore, held the 8th Prelude Business Winter Program December 11-14, 2019 at the Mahidol University Salaya campus. Hosted by MUIC twice a year since December 2015, this successful program's latest installment had the theme **"Business Management in Thailand."**

During the program, participants were given the big picture of Thai business in terms of

Thai traditional and modern retails, customers' behavior, and business opportunities through academic classes given by MUIC lecturers.

The participants also had an opportunity to learn more about Thailand through academic and cultural visits related to the United Nations' **"17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)"** which include economic growth, sustainable cities and communities, climate action, life below water, and others.

## 2 | MUIC and Chiba University Organize “International Conference on Resources and Human Mobility”

Mahidol University International College (MUIC) and Chiba University, Japan jointly organized the “International Conference on Resources and Human Mobility” held on December 2-3, 2019 at Charinyarasami Hall, Aditayathorn Building.

Twenty-four academics and researchers presented their papers in eight panels that covered sub-themes including “Cross-Border Mobility of Agro-based Workers,” “Territories and Environment as Resources,” “Land and Human Mobility in Africa,” “Labor Migration and Resources,” “Conflicts over Resources,” “Visualize the Symbolic Representation of Refugees,” “Human Trafficking and Migration: Situations in Asia,” and “Muslim Communities in Southeast Asia and Their Networks with the Middle East.”



Dr. Watcharas Leelawath, the Executive Director of Mekong Institute, was the keynote speaker. Assoc. Prof. Chulathida Chomchai, M.D., MUIC Dean, and Prof. Keiko Sakai, Dean, Center for Relational Studies on Global Crises, Chiba University, gave the opening remarks. This international conference, funded by the Japanese government, is part of an ongoing large-scale research project titled “Relational Studies on Global Crises.”

## 3 | MUIC Joins MCOT in CSR Project



Mahidol University International College (MUIC) collaborated with MCOT Public Co. Ltd. and the Baan SalaDin community in Nakhon Pathom province for a corporate social responsibility (CSR) project called “MCOT Save Water Under the Royal Project” on October 12, 2019.

Ms. Arpaporn Iemubol, Associate Dean for Administration, represented MUIC to the project that is inspired by the Sufficiency Economy principles of King Rama 9. Among the highlights of the project was the Baan Saladin Learning Center’s exhibition of agriculture tourism in communities.

## 4 | MUIC Executives and Researchers Join Press Con for Bangkok Noi Research Project

Mahidol University International College (MUIC) sent delegates to the press conference organized by the Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University to promote its Bangkok Noi Model Project on January 9, 2020 at Siriraj Hospital.

Assoc. Prof. Chulathida Chomchai, MD, MUIC Dean, along with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chanida Hansawasdi, Associate Dean for Research, led the group comprising faculty members who are participating in this major research initiative. The faculty members are divided into four groups proposing research projects highlighting the Bangkok Noi neighborhood’s potential as a tourist site. These proposals also include ways to bolster the local residents’ livelihood.

The faculty members involved in the proposed research projects come from several academic divisions, including Tourism and Hospitality Management, Humanities and Language, and Fine and Applied Arts.

The four interdisciplinary projects focus on the revitalization of the community around Siriraj Hospital and involve a variety of approaches to benefit the people and place, including workshops that engage the community, an exhibition of photographs generated by youth in the neighborhood, a walking tour and pop-up events for locals and tourists, a forum for residents to voice their ideas and concerns, as well as a documentary film and use of social media to bring awareness to others about Bangkok Noi district.





## Alumni Achievements

### 1 | Alumnus Wins “Award of Excellence” for His Photo of a Rescued Dugong

Congratulations to Mr. Sirachai “Shin” Arunrugstichai!

His photo, “[Marium the Mermaid](#),” won the “Award of Excellence” under the category of Science & Natural History in the 77th Pictures of the Year International organized by Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute.

“Marium” is a baby dugong being cared for by scientists after being found lost near a beach in Krabi in southern Thailand last year. The picture “Marium the Mermaid” earned widespread popularity. It showed her appearing to hug the biologist who was feeding her.

The Pictures of the Year International (POY) is the oldest and most prestigious photojournalism competition in the world. Each year, POY recognizes excellence in photojournalism, online storytelling, and visual editing.

Mr. Sirachai, a Department of Marine and Coastal Resources photographer, is also an Environmental Science alumnus from MUIC’s Class of 2011.



### 5 | MUIC and Siriraj Collaboration in the Bangkok Noi Project

In hope to revive the Bangkok Noi community, Mahidol University International College (MUIC), in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine, Siriraj Hospital, have launched 2 activities under the Bangkok Noi Model Project this year.

#### 1. Cultural Walking Tour in Bangkok Noi Community

The project involves a walking tour “[Bangkok Noi Walks](#)” of cultural and tourism sites in Bangkok Noi district which include Wat Suwannaram, Rai-Kan Market, “[Sanguan O-sot](#)” (traditional Thai apothecary shop), “[khan long hin](#)” (traditional Thai bronzeware factory), and Thonburi locomotive depot. With the support of the Thai Health Promotion Foundation and the Suwannaram Temple community, the Bangkok Noi walk was organised on March 13, 2020

#### 2. Bangkok Noi Photo Exhibition

With support from well-known photographer, Rammy Narula, a workshop “Telling stories through photography” was organised for a group of 20 students of Suwannaram School. The participants then took photos in Bangkok Noi as a way to communicate about the neighborhood and the people they encounter as young members of the community. The photos were displayed in the exhibition, under the theme “Young People, Big Voices, Bangkok Noi” at Siriraj hospital from February 24-28. The exhibition was formally opened on February 24 at the 100th Year Somdej Phrasri-Nagarindra Building in Siriraj Hospital with Assoc. Prof. Chulathida Chomchai, M.D., MUIC Dean, Prof. Manee Rattanachaiyanont, Deputy Dean of Academic Affairs, Faculty of Medicine, Siriraj Hospital, and Mr. Jongjad Jantob, Director of Suwannaram School gracing the occasion.



## 2 | Alumnus' Startup is 1st Runner-up at TDPK Pitching Day 2020

Verily Vision, a company co-founded by Mr. Piyawat Sangprasertkrid (Finance, Class of 2018), won 1st Runner Up in TDPK Pitching Day 2020. He is also the company's Chief Marketing Officer.

TDPK Pitching Day 2020, organized by True Digital Park, was held on March 19, 2020. The competition encouraged startups to present their novel business ideas that created positive impacts on Industry 4.0 and digital society under the topic of **"10 Targeted Industries or 10 S-Curve."**

Verily Vision's entry featured deep learning artificial intelligence technology and modern engineering techniques that enhance



business operation efficiency and increase competitive edge via the integration of modern technology.

## 4 | Finance Alumnus is 3rd Runner-up in Business Startup Contest

Mr. Piyawat Sangprasertkrid, a member of the Class of 2018, won 3rd Runner-up in the GSB-SMEs Startup Contest held on December 1, 2019.

Mr. Piyawat, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration major in Finance, is the Chief Marketing Officer and Co-founder of Verily Vision, an engineering research and development studio.

GSB-SMEs Startup Contest, aimed at supporting young entrepreneurs, was organized and sponsored by Government Savings Bank.



This year's contest concept was **"BIG BOOM WOW."**

## 3 | MUIC Alumna Wins Gold and Silver Medals in Equestrian Competition

World-class equestrienne and Class of 2015 alumna Ms. Pakjira Thongpakdi won two medals in the FEI Asian Championships Pattaya 2019 held on December 1-8, 2019 in Pattaya.

Ms. Pakjira, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in Tourism and Hospitality Management, won the gold medal for the Team Dressage category and the silver medal for Individual Dressage. She is a member of the Thailand Dressage Team. Over the years, she had brought home medals from several international competitions.



## 5 | MUIC Alumnus Wins 1st Place in Pitching Competition for Startups

Mr. Kridsada Chutinaton, a Computer Science alumnus (Class of 2007), won 1st Place in the 2019 Winter Bangkok IVS LaunchPad event held on December 4, 2019.

Mr. Kridsada, co-founder of **"FlowAccount,"** an easy online invoicing and accounting software company, was awarded a 1,000,000 Yen cash prize. He was earlier chosen as one of 12 finalists who pitched a proposal for six minutes onstage. The summit is a famous semi-annual pitching competition for global startups in Japan.



## 6 | MUIC Honors 2019 Outstanding Alumni Awardees

Mahidol University International College (MUIC) gave recognition to the recipients of the MUIC Outstanding Alumni Awards 2019 on August 19, 2020 at the Co-working Space, Aditayathorn Building, Salaya campus. Assoc. Prof. Chulathida Chomchai, M.D., MUIC Dean, handed the awardees with plaques of appreciation.

Congratulations to Mr. Natthapatr Sibunruang, Outstanding Management Alumni Awardee 2019; Mr. Watanakul Mungkalarungsi, Outstanding Professional Alumni Awardee 2019; Mr. Athikhun Suwannakhan, Outstanding Community Services Alumni Awardee 2019; Ms. Rungravee Kattamarasre, MUIC Rising Star Alumni Awardee 2019; and Asst. Prof. Phuvadol Thanakiatkrai, Outstanding Academic Alumni Awardee 2019.



## Students' Contributions

### 1 | MUIC Volunteer Camp in Korat

MUIC Volunteer Club organized a 10-day camp on December 10-19, 2019 at Ban Don Muk Man School, Dan Khun Thot District, Nakhon Ratchasima Province.

The 59 volunteer-students helped improve the school building by constructing a library and painting the school building and walkway. They also taught mathematics, science and english lessons to the young pupils.



### 2 | Mahasawat Canal Explored in MUIC's "Unseen Salaya" Tour

More than 30 people participated in the "Unseen Salaya" field trip conducted by Rakkaew Sustainable Development Club, a student club of Mahidol University International College (MUIC), on February 1, 2020.

The participants explored the local community of Klong Mahasawat in Salaya, Nakhon Pathom province for one day, taking a boat ride to visit a lotus farm where they also learned how to fold the lotuses the traditional way, visiting Baan Saladin and learning how to make rice crackers from leftovers, walking through the fruit orchards by the banks of the canal and tasting local fruits like jackfruits, mangoes, guavas and pomelos. They also bought "One Tambon, One Product" (OTOP) snacks to bring home with them.

The trip also gave the participants a chance to see firsthand how the residents of the local community live. They interviewed and gathered much information from several residents and conducted a brainstorming activity to come up with ideas on how to improve the community in the last activity called "Design Thinking."





### 3 "IC Giving" Features MUIC Student Volunteers

MUIC Student Association, together with the Choir Club, Volunteer Club, and Inner Peace Club, organized "IC GIVING" on May 14-26, 2020.

This event featured two activities, namely, "Read for the Blind," which had 121 participants, and "Happy Old Stuff," which had 82 volunteers.



### 4 Volunteer Students Visit Community in Ratchaburi

MUIC Volunteer Club organized a one-day trip to Opoi Market, Suan Phueng District, Ratchaburi Province on November 8, 2020.



Dubbed "Opoi the Return," the trip attracted 50 volunteer students. During the first half of the day, they explored Opoi Market where they bought local food as well as unique handmade gifts by the local people. The students also engaged in activities with the young local children while sharing with them some knowledge and skills.

Later in the evening, they helped improve the market by assisting in the construction of the shed and putting up decorations. Overall, this trip promoted teamwork strategies among the students and encouraged them to render assistance that benefited the local community.

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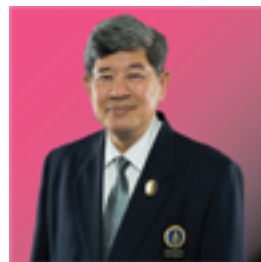
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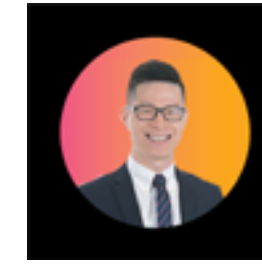
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