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Dear friends of DAAD Thailand,

After a year that will always be associated with the death of HM King Bhumibol Adulyadej we are looking forward for many opportunities in 2017 for exchange and new co-operations between Thailand and Germany.

The higher education landscape in Thailand is moving with fresh discussions about admission tests, academic quality assurance and, most recently, plans to form an independent Ministry of Higher Education. Within the ASEAN region, we notice a growing momentum towards inner-ASEAN academic mobility, degree accreditation, credit transfer and a shared quality assurance framework. DAAD is happy to share the expertise of friends and colleagues from British Council, Campus France, EP-Nuffic, with ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED).

Over the years, the global role of Thailand has shifted as well. The kingdom of Thailand is no longer recipient of development aid, but it has become a highly valued partner providing higher education to students and researchers from

neighbouring countries: During the last few months we awarded a total of 26 scholarships to students who do their Masters and PhDs at academic centres of excellence, supported by DAAD. These well-established institutions are SEAMEO-TROPED at Mahidol University, SEAMEO-SEARCA at Kasetsart University and the TGGG at King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok (KMUTNB).

For this newsletter we took the rather unusual decision of featuring a single university: KMUTNB. This is simply because there are so many exciting things going on between the university and its German partners, that I have visited North Bangkok nearly monthly.

If you feel like inviting us to your university, please feel free to do so! I am always happy to talk to students and researchers. Maybe I can learn about existing or future cooperations at your university?

Last but not least, 2017 also marks 60 years of permanent DAAD representation in Thailand and we will not miss this opportunity to invite long standing friends and celebrate.

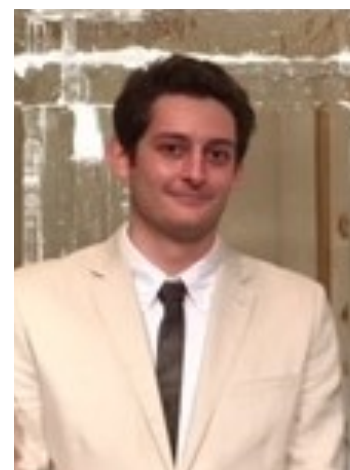
Goodbye from Julius Herr (kulturweit-volunteer)

After an exciting year, my internship at DAAD Thailand comes to an end. I am deeply grateful for the interesting and instructive time I spent here. From the first day on, I felt very welcome and part of the DAAD team. Thanks to all colleagues for their great support and kindness!

During this year, I learned a lot about both the Thai and the German education system. I have seen many universities, schools and education fairs. I really appreciate all these unique impressions.

Thailand with its rich and beautiful culture was a great place of residence, and I am pretty sure, that I will come back sooner or later!

On that note: ขอบคุณมากครับ แล้วพบกันใหม่นะครับ



Recommended Web-links

DAAD Press Section

www.daad.de/presse/en/

Letter - Magazin für DAAD Alumni

www.daad-magazin.de/letter.html

Alumniportal Deutschland

www.alumniportal-deutschland.org

Study in Germany

<https://www.study-in.de/en/>

Research in Germany

<http://www.research-in-germany.org/en>

Facts about Germany

<https://www.tatsachen-ueber-deutschland.de/en>

DAAD Scholarships 2017/2018

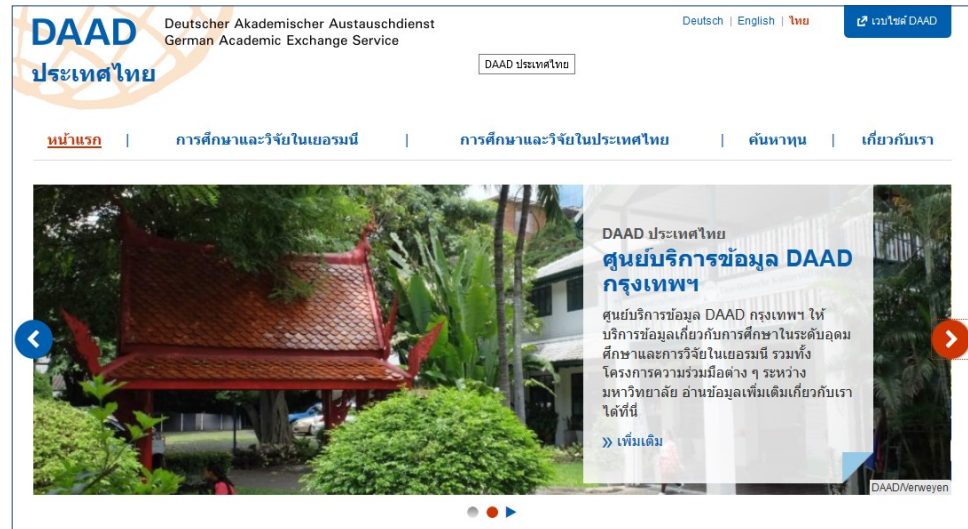
On our new website, we have summarized the DAAD scholarship programmes 2017/2018 for Thai students, doctoral candidates and researchers.

Follow the link to find out more:

[Overview of DAAD Scholarships for 2017/2018](#)

Relaunch of our Website

New Internet Presence of DAAD Thailand



On 20th December 2016 our new website was officially launched. After half a year's process, we are more than happy to finally present the result. The new design, that is aligned with the worldwide internet presence of DAAD, shall clearly provide all the information you need on "Study & Research in Germany".

There are some new special features, for instance an integrated DAAD scholarship database, shortcuts to social media or a news section. The content is available in German, English and Thai language, and finally you will notice that this website plays nicely with mobile devices and small screens — you are invited to grab a scholarship straight from your phone.

We cordially hope, that you enjoy your stay on www.daad.or.th



Official celebration of the relaunch with Mr. Jan Blezinger, Head of Press and Cultural Section, German Embassy, Bangkok.

Closing Dates 2017

DAAD Information Centre Bangkok will be closed during the following Thai and German public holidays:

February 13

April 6, 13-14, 17

May 1, 5, 10

July 10

August 14

October 3, 23

December 5, 11

and from December 25, 2017 to January 2, 2018

Study & Research in Germany

Monthly presentations in Thai language will be held on **Thursdays at 6 p.m.** at the Goethe-Saal of the Thai German Cultural Foundation as follows:

February 16

March 16

April 20

May 18

No need to register. For more information visit our website:

www.daad.or.th

KMUTNB Special

Prof. Dr. habil. Suchart Siengchin new President of the King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok

On 16th of January 2017 Prof. Suchart officially became the new president of the KMUTNB.

Prof. Suchart is not only a highly prestigious expert in the field of polymer and composite processing but also an outstanding example for the international success of higher education made in Germany. He started his academic career in Germany where he received his degree of a "Diplom Ingenieur" in Mechanical Engineering from Giessen/Friedberg. He also completed two MSc programmes at Aalen and Erlangen-Nürnberg. In 2008 he did his PhD "Dr.-Ing" at University of Kaiserslautern. Most recently, he defended his habilitation thesis at the Faculty of Engineering of TU Chemnitz, meeting the formal requirement to become a full professor at a German university.

Prof. Dr. Suchart Siengchien lectures Materials and Production Engineering at the Sirindhorn International Thai-German Graduate School of Engineering (TGGS). An institution that was jointly established by the RWTH Aachen University and its partner university KMUTNB through the support of DAAD. TGGS introduced the Aachen model of industry-oriented education to Southeast Asia.

We send our sincere congratulations for his successful habilitation, for his his promotion to university president and we wish him all the best for his new position!



*Prof. Dr. Suchart Siengchin after the successful defence of his habilitation thesis at TU Chemnitz
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PHD in Germany

Would you like to do a PhD in Germany?

German higher education and research institutions are constantly on the lookout for qualified international doctoral candidates. In the DAAD database, you will find PhD positions specifically for foreign applicants.

PhDGermany - The Platform for Doctoral Positions and Research Opportunities in Germany

www.phdgermany.de

Every year, the DAAD



KMUTNB Special: DAAD Scholarships at TGGGS

supports a high number of international students - coming from Southeast Asia and beyond - to do their master studies at TGGGS. Last year, 12 students were chosen to get a scholarship.

Scholarships are available on Master's and PhD level (Thai citizens are not eligible to apply). Scholarships for the next academic year are open for application until 31 May 2017.

Please, find further details [here](#).

KMUTNB Special

Binational PhD at KMUTNB and FernUniversität Hagen

Binational PhD in Information Technology & Computer Science

Offering a Thai & a German Doctorate Degree at the same time
from King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok (KMUTNB), a leading Thai Technical University, and FernUniversität in Hagen, Germany's university with the most students.

Thesis supervised, worked out, and written in Thailand or/and Germany under supervisory of both Thai and German Experts.

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Apply Now!

Since this year, students can apply for a binational PhD in Information Technology & Computer Science. Prof. Dr.-Ing. Herwig Unger from FernUniversität Hagen who was a driving force behind the successful programme explains that "you can now obtain two diplomas in the same time and at no extra cost, as long as you fulfil academic requirements from both sides." The doctoral thesis will be supervised by both a German and a Thai professor. And successful graduates will receive a PhD degree from KMUTNB as well as a "Dr. rer. nat" from FernUniversität Hagen.

Future PhD candidates are encouraged to apply for our [DAAD research scholarships](#).

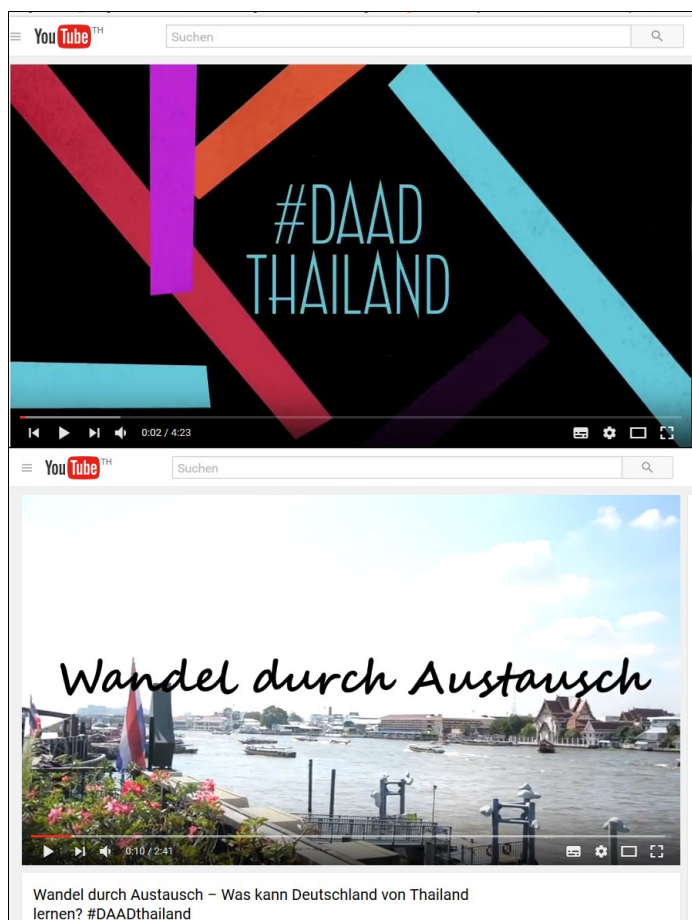
On 23rd January, the cooperation project was officially inaugurated at the Faculty of Information Technology, KMUTNB. Representatives of the German Embassy, the DAAD, the FernUniversität Hagen and of the KMUTNB came together to launch the bi-national PhD programme in IT and Computer Science.



Prof. Dr. Suchart Siengchin, President of KMUTNB, Prof. Dr. Jörg Desel, Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics at FernUniversität Hagen and Mr. Jan Blezinger, Head of the Press and Cultural Section, German Embassy Bangkok, inaugurating the Bi-national PhD.

Video Applications for HSK-Scholarships

University Summer courses in Germany 2017



More than 40 Thai students applied for the DAAD Scholarships for university summer courses 2017 in Germany. Bachelor students (in their second or third year) of any subject can apply for this scholarship. They need to prove a good knowledge of German on advance level (Goethe B1 certificate or equivalent). The scholarship holders will receive funding to attend summer courses at German Universities covering German language cultural studies during about three weeks.

If you are interested to apply next year, please see the official programme description [here](#).

This year, we asked all applicants to send us a short video clip about the following Topic: **Change by Exchange. What can Germany learn from Thailand? - *Wandel durch Austausch: Was kann Deutschland von Thailand lernen?***

All students did a great job! They sent us very creative and entertaining video clips. We thank them for their commitment and participation.

If you like, feel free to follow our playlist on youtube and a few links:

[Youtube-Playlist](#)

[Facebook 1](#)

[Vimeo 1](#)

[Vimeo 2](#)

[Vimeo 3](#)

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Leibniz – DAAD Research Fellowship 2017

The Leibniz–DAAD Research Fellowship programme is jointly carried out by the Leibniz Association (Leibniz-Gemeinschaft e.V.) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Leibniz-DAAD fellowships offer highly-qualified, international postdoctoral researchers, who have recently completed their doctoral studies, the opportunity to conduct research at a Leibniz Institute of their choice in Germany.

The fellowship is open for international outstanding researchers from several disciplines, who have completed their PhD thesis between 1st January 2015 and 9th March 2017 and aim to pursue their research project in one of the Leibniz Institutes for 12 months. The fellowship period must start between 1st September 2017 and 1st January 2018. German researchers and international researchers who have been living in Germany for more than 6 months at the time of the application are not eligible to apply.

Application deadline is **9th March 2017**. For more information on the application procedure and for a list of all Leibniz Institutes, please read [here](#).

Fellowships from Viadrina International Program – for Graduates (VIP)

Fellowships for international doctoral candidates to stay at European University Viadrina in Frankfurt(Oder), Germany. Eligible for application are international doctoral researchers of universities abroad of any discipline represented at the European University Viadrina. There are 2 types of fellowship programs:

- Fellowships for acquaintance stay (1 month)
- Fellowships for research stay (up to 3 months)

Application deadline is **15 March 2017** for both fellowship programs.

For more information please see [here](#)



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Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience (P.R.I.M.E.)



To support the international mobility of postdoctoral researchers, DAAD initiated the P.R.I.M.E. programme. It funds a 18-month temporary job position at a German university, of which the first 12 months have to be spent for research abroad (neither your home country nor Germany). The last 6 months will be spent back at the German university (re-integration phase).

The application deadline is on **15 May 2017**.

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Master Tax Policy and Tax Administration – Call for Applications

The Master's programme in Tax Policy and Tax Administration is a 15-month executive MA programme with a focus on the Global South. It is designed for experienced tax officials, policy-makers and tax practitioners, who wish to acquire expertise in taxation and obtain an internationally recognised graduate degree in the field.

Application start: 15 November 2016

Application deadline: 31 March 2017

For more information, please visit our website or contact us directly:

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Master Studies in Berlin - Developing Leadership Competence ... Together!

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Berlin MBA - Master of Business Administration

- 15-month full-time programme, start in September
- Taught in English
- For graduates with a minimum of 3 years of postgraduate work experience
- Strong focus on leadership skills
- Pathways: European Management, European-Asian Management, Transatlantic Management
- Study visits to Asia, USA, Europe
- Career development service
- Tuition fee: € 17.800



Master International Business Management

- Internationally recognised postgraduate degree: Master of Science (M.Sc.)
- 15-month full-time programme, start in September
- Taught in English
- For prospective students with an undergraduate degree and 1 year of work experience
- Study visit to Kingston Business School in London
- Opportunity to spend a semester studying abroad at one of our partner universities
- Tuition Fee: € 12.900



Master Chinese-European Economics and Business Studies

- Benefit from the international experiences in both study places: Berlin and Chengdu
- Full-time 4-terms study programme, start in October
- Taught in English
- Double degree available on request
- Tuition Fee: 9.800 €



For more information see: www.mba-berlin.de

DAAD Activities in the past months I

From October 2016 to January 2017, DAAD Thailand regularly provided information on study and research in Germany. We visited many universities, schools and education fairs. We thank you all for your invitations, support and interests! If you also want DAAD to come by, feel free to contact us. We are glad to meet all of you. Now, please take a look at some of our activities in the past months.

October:

18th October: Monthly Presentation "Study and Research in Germany", 6-7:30 pm at Goethe Saal, Thai-German Cultural Foundation

November (1):

7th November: Information event on "Good Reasons to Study in Germany" at the International Affairs Division, Kasetsart University

9th November: Information booth at the University Fair at Pattana International School, Bangkok

10th November: Participation in the MUIC Exchange & Study Abroad Fair 2016 at Mahidol University, Nakhon Phathom

12-13th November: Participation at the OCSC International Education Expo at Siam Paragon, Bangkok

15th November: Information event on "Good Reasons to Study and doing Research in Germany" at Silpakorn Univeristät, Nakhon Pathom



*Crowd at the DAAD Information Booth,
OCSC International Education Expo*



DAAD Staff at OCSC International Education Expo



Information Speech at Silparkorn University

DAAD Activities in the past months II

November (2):

17th November: Monthly Presentation "Study and Research in Germany", 6-7:30 pm at Goethe Saal, Thai-German Cultural Foundation

20th November: Information booth at „Ohrwurm Sing Contest“ by Goethe-Institut at Voice TV, Bangkok

23th November: Information events on “Study and Research in Germany“ at Khon Kaen University and Rajamangala University of Technology Isaan (RMUTI), Campus Khon Kaen

December:

6th December: Information event on “Study and Research” at Naresuan University, Phitsanulok

7th December: Information on Application for Student Visa to Germany in cooperation with the German Embassy at the DAAD Information Centre, Bangkok

20th December: Monthly Presentation "Study and Research in Germany", 6-7:30 pm at Goethe Saal, Thai-German Cultural Foundation

January:

19th January: Monthly Presentation "Study and Research in Germany", 6-7:30 pm at Goethe Saal, Thai-German Cultural Foundation

27th January: Christiane and Goethe – A Literary Evening performed by students of the universities Chulalongkorn, Thammasat and Silparkorn at Goethe Saal, Thai-German Cultural Foundation (sponsored by DAAD and Goethe-Institut)



Our monthly Presentation at Goethe Saal, TDKS



Students performing Goethe poems at the Literary Evening