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## Editorial

Dear Friends and Partners of DAAD Thailand,  
Dear Readers,

2015 marks a year of transition for the DAAD Information Center in Bangkok. First of all, our colleague Mrs. Roongporn Tuaprakone, who has been working for the Information Center since its very establishment in 1999, will leave us by the end of May; she will be succeeded by our new study counsellor, Ms. Piyakal Sinprasert, in June. We wish both Khun Roonporn and Khun Piyakal all the very best in their future endeavours! You can find their farewell respectively welcome letters on the following page.

Secondly, I myself will also return to Germany to start a new position as a post-doc researcher at the Freie Universität Berlin in April. As we say in German, I am leaving the DAAD Information Center "with a laughing and a crying eye", both being excited about the new research project as well as looking back on many wonderful experiences in Bangkok. Throughout the last eighteen months, I have enjoyed it very much to become more and more acquainted with a thriving study and research exchange between Thailand and Germany, which constitutes itself out of over eight hundred DAAD scholarship holders per year and over 160 university cooperations. I am sure that the new director of the DAAD Information Center in Bangkok will appreciate working in this fascinating academic environment just as much as I did.

Also, I hope that you enjoy reading about the more uplifting news that this letter has to offer: about our new DAAD master, doctoral, and research stay scholarship holders in Thailand, about Germany's excellent results on the latest Times Higher Education Survey, and about some of our most recent events in Bangkok, e.g. the DAAD Alumni Forum on e-Learning, hosted by King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok and our participation in the OCSC International Education Expo.

Please always feel welcome to stay in touch with the DAAD, be it as a young and promising student, as a renowned and experienced researcher, or as one of our many merited DAAD alumni in Thailand.

Alles Gute und Auf Wiedersehen

Dr. Johannes Görbert  
Director of DAAD Information Center Bangkok

## Hello and Goodbye at DAAD Information Center Bangkok

Study and Research  
in Germany

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Thai will be held on

**Thursdays at 6 p.m.**  
at the auditorium of the  
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May 21st  
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August 20th  
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December 17th

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May 1st  
May 5th  
May 13th  
June 1st  
July 30th, 31st  
August 12th  
October 23rd  
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December 10th  
December 25th to  
January 1st (2016).

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## Abschiedsgruß von Roongporn Tuaprakone

Seit der Gründung des Informationszentrums in Bangkok im Jahr 1999 habe ich für den DAAD gearbeitet. Die ersten zwei Jahre wurde ich als Honorarkraft angestellt, später im Juli 2001 habe ich eine Vollzeitstelle angetreten. Die Tätigkeit als Studienberaterin habe ich immer gern getan, aber auch die abwechslungsreichen Aufgaben haben mir sehr viel Spaß gemacht. Auch wenn dabei hohe Belastbarkeit und Flexibilität gefordert sind, denn man muss sich oft mit mehreren Themen gleichzeitig beschäftigen und ständig nach Lösungen suchen. Aber man hat dabei auch sehr viel gelernt.



mich jedes Mal beeindruckt und motiviert. Dafür habe ich dem DAAD zu danken, dass er mir diese Möglichkeiten gegeben hat.

Aus privaten Gründen werde ich nun diesen langjährigen Dienst beim DAAD verlassen. Auch wenn es mir schwer fällt, mich davon zu trennen und alles hier hinter mir zu lassen. Mir ist gar nicht egal, wie es hier weitergeht. Irgendwie ist das IC Bangkok ja auch mein Baby, da ich es von Anfang an mitgestaltet habe. Obwohl das Kind jetzt 16 Jahre alt geworden ist und sich mittlerweile prächtig entwickelt hat, hänge ich noch sehr an ihm. Deswegen werde ich versuchen, weiterhin mit ihm in Kontakt zu bleiben, gelegentlich auch bei ihm vorbeizukommen, um nachzusehen, ob mein Kind noch gesund bleibt.

Allen Institutionen, Organisationen, Hochschulen und Partnern, besonders auch allen Kolleginnen und Kollegen sowohl in Thailand, als auch in Deutschland oder sonst wo, mit denen ich über die Jahre Kontakt hatte und die mich tagtäglich unterstützt haben, danke ich ganz herzlich für die freundliche und gute Zusammenarbeit.

Viele herzliche Grüße  
Roongporn Tuaprakone / Nui

Willkommensgruß von  
Piyakal Sinprasert

Hallo! Mein Name ist Piyakal Sinprasert. Ich freue mich sehr auf die Zusammenarbeit bald. Liebe Grüße!

Die größte Freude hat mir der Kontakt mit den Studenten und unseren Alumni bereitet. Besonders wenn sie mir mit voller Begeisterung über ihre erfolgreichen Studien- oder Forschungsaufenthalte in Deutschland erzählt haben. Oder wie sehr der Aufenthalt ihnen gefallen hat und was sie alles während der Zeit erlebt haben. Da hat man schon ein gutes Gefühl bekommen und ihr Erfolg war zugleich auch mein Erfolg. Dann hat sich die ganze Arbeit wirklich gelohnt!

Auch das IC Seminar/Forum für Ortskräfte, egal ob es in Bonn, Berlin, Kuala Lumpur oder Bangkok stattgefunden hat, war für mich eine der besten Zeiten meines Lebens. Dabei habe ich, nicht nur nette Kolleginnen und Kollegen aus verschiedenen Nationalitäten kennengelernt, sondern auch viele nützliche Kenntnisse erworben. Der Erfahrungs- und Meinungsaustausch unter Kollegen war sehr interessant, produktiv und wertvoll. Das hat



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## DAAD Press Section

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## Meeting New DAAD Scholarship Holders for 2015



DAAD Information Center Bangkok wishes all the best to our new scholarship holders! Above is a picture of beneficiaries who came to our office for counselling prior to their departure for Germany. Here are the names, projects and universities in Germany of the seven candidates (from left to right, starting with third from left):

- Ms. Sasimali Madusanka Hannadige Soysa ("Biochemical and Biophysical Characterization of Outer Membrane Porins from E-Coli of V. Cholerae", Jacobs University Bremen)
- Ms. Issaraporn Kittiwisit ("Vocational Education and Personnel Capacity Building", Technische Universität Dresden)
- Ms. Prapakorn Saiprasit ("Evaluating Crack Propagation of Nanocomposites", Technische Universität Kaiserslautern)
- Mr. Pirawich Sa-ardta ("Clinical Study of Prevalence Diagnostics and Pathogenesis of Avian Bornavirus from Psittacine Birds in Thailand", Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)
- Ms. Hiranya Sritart ("Analyse von Gehirnaktivität von Epilepsiepatienten auf mehreren Skalen", Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg)
- Ms. Jongkon Saising ("Antibacterial Mechanism of Action of Rhodomycins Against Gram-positive Bacteria, Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen)
- Ms. Jirapa Kamsamrong ("Enhancing Smart Grid Development of Thailand", Technische Universität Braunschweig)

Structures for Internationalization/Weltoffene Strukturen

## International Ranking Confirms Excellent Reputation of German Universities

### Strong Demand Worldwide for German Higher Education

**Bonn, 11 March 2015.** The British magazine “Times Higher Education” released its current “World Reputation Ranking” earlier today. Germany, the United States and Great Britain are the top three countries worldwide with the most universities represented. Three German universities are ranked in the top 50 and another three in the top 100.

“The results demonstrate that our efforts in the higher education sector are bearing fruit. They also show the impact of the DAAD and other research organisations. Concise information about Germany as a place of higher education and research and successful research marketing have significantly contributed to generating better awareness of the high quality,” said DAAD President Prof. Margret Wintermantel.

The ranking confirms a positive trend which the latest higher education statistics substantiate. For years German universities have accepted an increasing number of foreign students and researchers, and indeed, Germany has meanwhile become the most important non-English-speaking host country in the world. According to the German Federal Statistical Office, some 320,000 foreign students enrolled at German universities in the winter semester of last year, a six-percent increase from the previous year. It would seem that Germany is well ahead of meeting the goal set by the DAAD and the German federal government to increase the number of foreign students to 350,000 by 2020.

DAAD President Wintermantel understands the criticism occasionally levelled at the relevance of such international university rankings. “However, it is indisputable that internationally mobile students also consider the existing higher education rankings when choosing universities. Therefore, strong placement of German universities in the rankings benefits our internationalisation efforts.”

#### Background

The British magazine “Times Higher Education” (THE) has published the “World Reputation Ranking” every year since 2011. It serves as a supplement to the THE’s renowned “World University Ranking” which evaluates universities around the world based on their achievements in the areas of research, teaching, innovative capacity and internationalisation.

For the “World Reputation Ranking”, the THE surveys top researchers from more than 140 countries. This year’s ranking is the culmination of over 10,000 responses. The THE’s ranking is recognised as the best-known international assessment for higher education in the world, along with the “Academic Ranking of World Universities” by Jiaotong University in Shanghai (a.k.a. Shanghai Rankings) and the “QS World University Rankings”. For universities worldwide, these rankings represent an important marketing instrument for recruiting foreign students and researchers.

Six German universities, some of which significantly improved their placement since last year, are among the top 100 which enjoy the best reputation worldwide. The front runner is the LMU Munich ranked 35<sup>th</sup>, followed by the University of Heidelberg (38<sup>th</sup>) and the Humboldt University of Berlin (41<sup>st</sup>).

## Structures for Internationalization/Weltoffene Strukturen

## DAAD Alumni Forum on e-Learning at KMUTNB



On December 2nd, DAAD Thailand and King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok (KMUTNB) jointly organized the DAAD Alumni Forum 2014 on the topic "New Communication, New Media: e-Learning in Thailand and Beyond." The event, which was followed by over 60 participants, included panel discussions as well as presentations by Prof. Phongsak Keeratiwintakorn, Director of the Thai-German Dual Education and e-Learning Institute at KMUTNB, Prof. Asawin Nedpogaeo, Director of the PhD program for Communication Arts and Management Innovation at the National Institute of Development Administration and Mr. Brian J. Phillips, Mahidol University International College. We thank all the participants for fruitful discussions and valuable insights on the topic of e-learning.

Above: Participants of the DAAD Alumni Forum at King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok on December 2nd, 2014

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## DAAD Thailand at OCSC Education Expo 2014



DAAD Thailand, along with other German institutions of higher education such as RWTH and FH Aachen, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, and SRH Heidelberg, once again joined the OCSC Education Expo at Siam Paragon on November 1st and 2nd, 2014.



More than 650 visitors of the DAAD booth gathered information about international study programs at German universities, scholarship and research opportunities in Germany.



Further German and Thai-German exhibitors at the OCSC Education Expo 2014 were the Goethe-Institut and the TGGG (Thai-German Graduate School of Engineering at King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok).

*Left:  
Some Impressions of the  
"German" booths at the  
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