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and Friday  
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## Dear Friends of DAAD Thailand,

There is a big event coming up for DAAD Alumni in Thailand: The Secretary-General of the DAAD, Dr. Dorothea Rüland will be visiting Thailand in end of March 2020. She will invite all DAAD alumni to attend a conference under the motto "Global Challenges and Industry 4.0". If you have received a DAAD scholarship to Germany for at least six months OR you have been supported by DAAD to do your Masters or PhD in Thailand, please **save the date: 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> of March**. You can find updates on this event on our website [daad.or.th/alumni2020](http://daad.or.th/alumni2020).

This year, we are looking back at **20 years of the DAAD Information Centre** in Thailand. In 1999 it was the first office of its kind, where a German lecturer offered regular consultation for students and researchers from all subjects to promote the academic exchange with Germany. The founding director, Dr. Christian Hülshörster, still has a link to Thailand; today he is overseeing all scholarship programmes for the southern hemisphere at DAAD.

In September, we had the pleasure of hosting the second Falling Walls Lab Thailand together with our friends and colleagues from Euraxess, KMITL and NSTDA. In November Dr. Udom Sae-Ueng from Biotech went to represent Thailand in the **Falling Walls Finale in Berlin**, together with a delegation from NSTDA and me, more on page 3.



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On the first of December, DAAD received a **record number of applications** from undergraduates Forty-nine students from ten universities applied to do an advanced German language course at a German university next summer. Last year DAAD has been able to send ten students on a journey that not only boosts the language skills, but also allows first-hand impressions of life in Germany.

On the second and third of December, five professors from different Thai universities conducted **interviews with 19 young researchers**, who wish to do their PhD research at a German university. The topics cover a wide range from theoretical physics and haematology to Buddhist scriptures.

We are glad to see an increased interest in research in Germany, and I'd like to encourage you: If you know any promising PhD candidate who could benefit from a research stay in Germany, tell them that we support any subject, be it science, engineering, social science humanities or arts. All it needs is an outstanding research project and the support of a German professor, willing to supervise.

With the very best wishes for 2020,

Yours Georg Verweyen

### Easy steps to prepare yourself for study in Germany

These ten video clips will easily explain step by step what you need to know and what needs to be done before studying in Germany.

Study in Germany is not complicated as it sounds. Let's get started!

[Step 1: Find programme and university](#)

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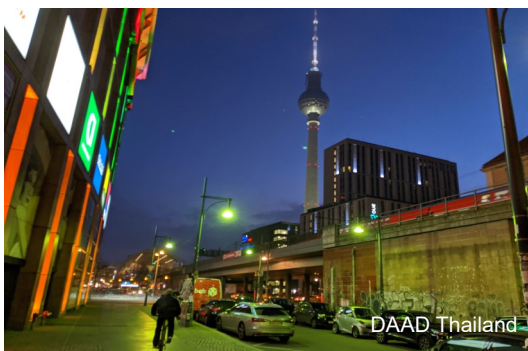
More video clips on topic „Study in Germany“, please visit

[www.youtube.com/user/DAADBonn](http://www.youtube.com/user/DAADBonn)

## Falling Walls Conference 2019



This year Thailand saw the second **Falling Walls Lab**. The event was jointly organised by DAAD Thailand, Euraxess, KMITL and NSTDA. Thanks to this strong network Falling Walls Lab had a superb level of outreach, training, scientific impact and a wonderful venue. Among fifty applicants, twenty presenters were trained during an event organised by KMITL Research and Innovation Services. The Falling Walls Lab Thailand was kindly hosted by the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA). Dr. Udom Sae-Ueng from the National Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology stood out both scientifically and by his presentation skills, so the jury lead by HE Georg Schmidt decided to nominate him to represent Thailand in the grand finale in Berlin.



### The Falling Walls Conference 2019

remembered the fall of the Berlin Wall exactly 30 years earlier on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1989. As a special feature the venues for both days of conference meetings were situated in the former death strip, the no-go-area between East and West Berlin. Not less than one hundred young researchers and innovators from around the globe presented their ideas.

In the evening, there was a marvellous reception in the Museum for Natural History of Berlin. The Thai representative Dr. Udom, the NSTDA team and the director of DAAD had the honour of being invited to the Royal Thai ambassador's residence in Berlin. The big conference of Falling Walls brought together top researchers and science communicators from around the world and was rounded off with a dinner hosted by NSTDA for all ASEAN participants.

After the main events in Berlin, representatives from the ASEAN region had the chance to explore one or more European research institutes with a travel grant provided by Euraxess.

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## Letter - Magazine for DAAD Alumni

[www.daad-magazin.de/letter.html](http://www.daad-magazin.de/letter.html)

## Alumniportal Germany

[www.alumniportal-deutschland.org](http://www.alumniportal-deutschland.org)

## Study in Germany

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

## Research in Germany

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

## Facts about Germany

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

## Stories of the Winner of Falling Walls Lab Thailand 2019



### Dr. Udom Sae-Ueng from National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (BIOTEC)

It occurs to me that several times in my researcher life, I have been asked a seemingly simple question “what research are you working on?” even by my mom for example. While it is fair to say that this type of question, not only for researchers but also for other professionals, usually takes at least 5-10 minutes to answer and explain, the real question is that why one cannot simply answer it in a few minutes.

So, when I first heard about the Falling Walls Lab (FWL) competition, I immediately knew that this is a good chance to challenge myself. With the goal to attend the competition, I would have a chance to think through the significance, the novelty, and the impact of my research. More importantly, I would present my work in front of the judge panel that would evaluate both my work and my presentation. Therefore, for me, there was nothing to lose to attend the FWL competition.

Similar to several research works, my research was actually the collaborative effort of three research teams at National Science and Technology Development Agency – Biomolecular Analysis and Application Research Team, Plant Viruses and Bacteriophages Research Team, and Nano-characterization Research Team. We discovered a novel

bacterial virus that can kill pathogenic bacteria. The bacteria cause a disease named bacterial wilt disease in major crops such as tomato, potato, and chili leading to an annual loss of about 1 billion US dollars loss around the world. Developing stabilizing formulation for the naturally isolated virus to control the bacteria will reduce chemical usage and contamination in our environment, plant products, and eventually human.

For me, the challenge was how to lead the audience into the idea of using virus, which sounds quite deadly, to eliminate our real enemy, which was the bacteria.





### Funding programmes for DAAD Alumni in SEA and Thailand

Our alumni programmes provide ongoing support to former DAAD scholarship holders and offer them various funding opportunities within the global DAAD alumni network.

#### [Scientific Literature Programme](#)

#### [Small Equipment Programme](#)

#### [Re-Invitation Programme](#)

#### [Alumni Events](#)

We would be very happy, if you stay in touch with us.

„DAAD Alumni Thailand“



## Stories of the Winner of Falling Walls Lab Thailand 2019

I decided to use an analogy saying that “the enemy of the enemy is a friend”, and it seemed to work well for the audience and the judge. So, as someone has suggested this to me, using an analogy to explain your idea will help with the presentation.

Having a chance to compete in FWL Thailand and to represent Thailand to compete in FWL Berlin has allowed me to create collaboration in Thailand and at international level. In Thailand, I made many new friends from undergraduate students, graduate students, researchers, and college professors and listened to all great innovative ideas. This actually encourages me to keep my research going since I feel like I am not alone. All of us are trying our best to make Thailand a better place through science and innovation.

In Berlin, the stage was much more challenging. Each presenter was the best from his or her own country. I actually felt like the first place could be given to any of us since all of the pitches were outstanding. Meeting new people and potential colleagues from around the world was also certainly unforgettable experience.

Lastly, I would like to encourage all to participate in the FWL Thailand. As I said

earlier, there is nothing to lose here. You will meet many new people and have a chance to refine your pitch via valuable feedbacks and questions from the judge panel and the audience. The next FWL Thailand winner can be you.



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## Coming soon!

### More DAAD scholarships for applicants from Thailand 2020/2021

- Scholarships for PhD candidates
- Scholarships for Master degree in fields of Architect and Arts
- Scholarships for short-term research stays

Stay tuned and keep update by following our facebook: DAAD Thailand or visiting our website: [www.daad.or.th](http://www.daad.or.th)

## DAAD Road Trip to Northeastern Thailand 12 - 13 September 2019



### Our destination for the Road Trip this year

was in the north-eastern part of Thailand, Nakhon Ratchasima and Khon Kaen provinces. Before leaving to this long road trip, we tried our best to create plan and schedule for both provinces in order to provide counselling and outreach effectively within two days. After the Falling Walls Lab event, we took a van with full of information flyers and leaflets and made our way northeast heading to the first university - Suranaree University of Technology.

This is the first time we are here providing information on study and research in Germany for students and lecturers in Nakhon Ratchasima. With well-organized

facilities provided by the university, we got more than 80 participants registered for our session and we finally had a successful start here. In the afternoon, we headed to Khon Kaen and prepare ourselves to visit two schools and one university on the next day.

Kaennakhon Witthayalai and Kanlayanawat School offer German courses for upper-secondary pupils. There are various of reasons why they have chosen to learn German and we came to enhance their motivation by telling about Germany, presenting different academic opportunities as well as exchanging our experience.

The last stop was in Khon Kaen University, one of the large and well-known universities in the northeast of Thailand. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough time to answer all questions we got. But the good thing is that students know where they can find further information and how they can get in touch with universities in Germany and, of course, with us!



We have reached almost 500 students during our road trip. This is really worth the drive approx. 900 km. there and back. We would like to thank all students and teachers for helping us organise and make this event happen. We are already excited and curious where will our next destination be.





## DAAD Activities in the past months

Apart from big events such as the the Falling Walls Lab Thailand and our Road Trip, the DAAD Thailand has participated in many information events in the past few months. We are always glad to visit every school and university that have invited us to give information about study and research opportunities in Germany. And as you may know, we regularly hold an information evening on the third or fourth Thursday of each month. You can keep updated about our next event at <https://facebook.com/DAAD.Thailand/>. We are truly pleased to hear that there are more people interested in studying abroad, especially in Germany. That's why we are here to support all of you!

Another big event on 2-3 November 2019 was the **OCSC International Education Expo 2019** at Siam Paragon hosted by Office of the Civil Service Commission. Our booth always seemed so small among a crowd of people standing and waiting to talk to us. Thanks to a great effort of our team, we have reached out to more than 400 people in two days at our booth!

Regarding to the DAAD scholarships for university summer course in Germany, our director has travelled to several universities in Thailand conducting the onSET test. Students must provide proof of language at the minimum level of B1 in order to apply for this scholarship. Last year we got 11 scholarship holders and we hope that there is going to be more fundings this year.

Thank you everyone for joining us at every event. We hope to see you again next year!



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February 10

April 1 and 13-17

May 1, 4, 6

June 3

July 6, 7, 28

August 12,

October 13, 23

and from December 25 to January 1, 2021

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Our Information Centre is open for consultation every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10.00-12.00 and 13.00-16.00 hrs.

Or you can reach us at 02-286 8708, 09 info@daad.or.th

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**Dear Alumni,  
please save the date, 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> of March, for our Alumni  
Conference next year!**

**DAAD Thailand Team**

**Frohe Weihnachten und  
ein gutes neues Jahr!**

**Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!**

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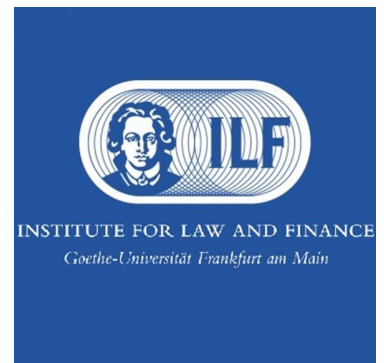
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