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Online Course with IST University of Applied Sciences in Germany



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On March 11, 2020, Prof. Dr. Thomas Merz from IST University of Applied Sciences in Germany opened an online course on the topic: "Online Company Project and Business Simulation" for his students in Germany and students of the Faculty of Economics at SWU in Thailand. Dr. Danai Tanamee, Assistant Dean for International Relations and Communications, was the advisor for Thai students.

Academic Collaboration with South Korea

During January 21 – 15, 2020, Assistant Professor Dr. Adul Supanut, Economics Subject Area Chair, and Assistant Professor Dr. Peera Tangtamaruk attended meetings on academic collaboration between Srinakharinwirot University and institutions in South Korea such as Hanyang University, Seoul National University, and Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.



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Congratulations to the SWU economics student of the Global Korea Scholarship

Congratulations to Mr. Jirayut Monjapate, who has been selected to receive the 2020 Global Korea Scholarship to study in the Republic of Korea for three academic years (2020 to 2022). Mr. Jirayut will study Economics in the Master's Program at Korea University (ranked 69th in the world by QS World University Rankings in 2019) after his Korean language training at Chonnam National University.



The Global Korea Scholarship is a fully-funded scholarship sponsored by the National Institute for International Education, Ministry of Education, the Republic of Korea. The scholarship benefits include airfare, full tuition fees, language courses, monthly stipend, medical insurance, settlement allowance, research support, and completion grant.



The University Fair

On November 4, 2019, Assistant Professor Dr. Adul Supanut, Economics Subject Area Chair, Dr. Danai Tanamee, Director of the International Program, and SWU economics students attended the University Fair 2019 at Anglo Singapore International School to help high school students explore their educational and career opportunities in Economics.



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The University of Warsaw Visit

On November 6, 2019, Assistant Professor Dr. Lukasz Golota from the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, the University of Warsaw, Poland gave a talk on the topic: "Polish Experience in the Economic Transformation 30 Years Later" to SWU economics students.



Dual Degree Program in Economics



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On October 7, 2019, Associate Professor Dr. Aotip Ratniyom, Dean of the Faculty of Economics, Assistant Professor Dr. Suppanunta Romprasert, Associate Dean for Research and Academic Services, and Dr. Danai Tanamee, Assistant Dean for International Relations and Communications, had a meeting with Ms. Ann Gogerty, International Recruitment Specialist from University at Albany, State University of New York to discuss the progress of the dual degree program.





Closing Ceremony of the Meiji University Student Exchange Program

On August 28, 2019, the Faculty of Economics held the closing ceremony of the Meiji University Student Exchange Program. This three-week program allowed students from Meiji University in Japan to study in Thailand, visit famous Thai institutions, and learn the Thai culture. In the closing ceremony, Thai students from Srinaharinwirot University performed a Thai classical dance and contemporary music. Also, the Japanese students from Meiji University performed a pop dance.



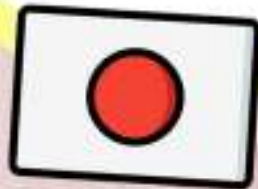
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Meiji University Student Exchange Program

On August 8, 2019, Meiji University in Japan and SWU economics students visited the Stock Exchange of Thailand. Japanese and Thai students learned basic personal financial management including an investment in the stock market.



Studying in Japan



Please introduce yourself.

I am Nutnicha Supamongkol. You can call me Namfon or Rainy. I am a senior in the Faculty of Economics, International Program. I was an exchange student at Meiji University (Tokyo, Japan) for 1 semester.



Why did you choose to study in Japan?

To be honest, in my perspective, being an exchange student is good for instructing my future career. I prefer Japan because I am interested in the amazing Japanese culture including architecture, food, and traditions. Also, I would like to exchange knowledge, language, culture, and meet multinational people.

What did you learn in Japan?

When I was in Japan, I learned many things such as how to live in a foreign country, to be able to adapt to foreigners, and to get prepared to handle circumstances that I have never faced before. I gained many experiences there both studying and traveling. For the study, there were various styles of professors teaching in the classes. The professor mainly taught me to analyze and get ready to show and debate the idea to other friends both Japanese and foreigners. My classmates have a lot of perspectives and expressions that are quite different from mine. So, I could learn and improve myself being assertive together with them. For my traveling, I have been to many places in Japan from the North to the South to learn and understand the cultural differences in each region. I, moreover, got many new friends in my journey. I enjoyed spending life there so much.



What would you say to students who are interested in studying in Japan?

Japan is amazing. If you are interested in studying in Japan, please try going there once to have many great things that you will never experience elsewhere.



Studying in Canada

Please introduce yourself.

My name is Jirayut Monjagapate, an Economics student from SWU. I had an opportunity to study at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada from January to May in 2020 with a full scholarship. In Canada, I did research related to elder policies with Dr. Joel Bruneau.



What is like to live in Canada?

At first, it was difficult for me because of the temperature. In Saskatoon, I came here in January. The temperature was -30. My jacket was not adequate in this kind of temperature. Please do not underestimate it. Canadians are nice and friendly. Everyone is willing to help you. However, regulations are very strict and have a strong penalty.



What did you do in Canada?

First of all, I completed my classwork at SWU already last semester. Therefore, I came to Canada to focus on my research. I did my research titled "The Awareness of People with Elder Policies." Moreover, I prepared to take the IELTS exam and improved my English skills. Living in Canada was a perfect time to improve my English because I was able to talk with native speakers and surrounded by English speaking environments.



Studying in Canada



Please introduce yourself.

Hello everyone – My name is Nasikarn Chuchailamkulwat. You can call me "P'Phloy." I am a fourth-year economics student, enrolled in the international program of Srinakharinwirot University, Bangkok. I feel privileged having been awarded a Canadian SEED scholarship for one semester to conduct research at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, Canada.

How would you describe your experience in Canada?

It was a really great experience for me. Even though the COVID-19 pandemic occurred worldwide in 2020, while I stayed in Canada, and the University of Saskatchewan had announced that all courses and classes were to be discontinued, by the middle of March, it is hoped that everything will be resumed and recovered soon.

Meanwhile, all this did not cause any big trouble for me as a student because my professor did maintain contact via email and video conference. Hence, I felt grateful for the technology that made everything easy

What did you do in Canada?

I had a great time while staying and doing research there. I consider it important to point out that each scholarship recipient will have their own supervisor while doing research there. Supervisors will guide and discuss with students on how to conduct their research, advise students on focusing their work, giving students direction while supervising them, and offer them guidance, step by step, and on developing or changing ideas. I had a meeting with my professor once or twice a week, depending on my progress in my learning and practicing the required new way and style of getting my work done. My advisor, Professor Dr. Nazmi Sari, is a very kind and supportive person. I felt honored to work under his supervision. He even invited me to attend his course teaching at the master's degree level, although I am an undergraduate student in the Bachelor's degree program.



Studying in Canada



Please introduce yourself.

Hello everyone, I'm Terapat Popuang, a student at the Faculty of Economics, Srinakharinwirot University. I had a wonderful opportunity to study at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Canada with the SEED Scholarship from the Canadian government. I had been in Halifax from December 2019 to May 2020. I would like to say thank you to everyone: Dr. Danai Tanamee, Dr. Suppanunta Romprasert, and other faculty members who supported me and gave me advice.

Describe your experience in Halifax, Canada

I was a lucky person to study at Saint Mary's University with my close friend. This was my first experience as an exchange student. I was excited at first. When I arrived in Canada, it was Christmas day and I felt so hungry at that time. I decided to walk to find a restaurant but no restaurant was open. It was a funny experience. Halifax is a natural city. It is a beautiful city with seaports. People are very friendly. If you like the sea, this city would be right for you. However, during the pandemic, I experienced a difficult time when I lived in Halifax. COVID-19 prevented me from traveling around the country. I planned to visit Toronto, Vancouver, and Quebec.

Describe your experience as an exchange student at Saint Mary's University.

Saint Mary's University impressed me since I first walked on its campus. The university was always ready to help international students and it was equipped with excellent facilities to support students, especially those in the field of Business or Economics. At Saint Mary's University, professors and staff were very friendly. They were ready to answer every question you had. Lastly, I recommend everyone apply for the SEED scholarship. You will have a good experience studying in Canada and enjoy transferring your academic credits back to SWU.

Studying in Germany



Describe Life in Neu-Ulm.

Neu-Ulm is a very small town. The university is not far from my dormitory. It takes about 15 minutes to get there on foot. My life in Neu-Ulm was simple. I spent most of time in my own room because outside was too cold. Almost all the shops (including supermarkets) are closed every Sunday. There was a Christmas Market in December which sold lots of Christmas related items. After 6.00 p.m. and on holidays, students can travel free on the buses, all they have to do is show their I.D to the driver. Transportation in Germany is punctual and run by a clear and efficient timetable.



Please introduce yourself.

My name is Sumon Bilson (or Silmie). I'm studying at the Faculty of Economics (International Program), Srinakharinwirot University. I was an exchange student at Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences which is located in Neu-Ulm district in Bavaria in southern Germany. I was there for one semester (Winter Semester 2019/2020)



How would you describe your experience of being an exchange student in Germany?

Due to Germany's location in the middle of Europe, it's very easy to travel to other European countries. I went to Austria, Switzerland and the Czech Republic during my holidays. Travelling alone was a new experience there. The experience in university was also amazing. I made many new friends from other countries. Studying in Germany was hard but fun. I really had a wonderful time here.



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