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UOW ANTC Chair (2007-2010)
Asst. Prof. Linchong Chorrojprasert, Ph.D.

Hello everyone ☺ Greetings from the Chair and all committee members of the University of Wollongong Alumni Network-Thailand Chapter. This issue of our Alumni Newsletter includes some highlights of the activities we organized and joined in the past year and some interesting findings from our latest survey: AN-TC in 4D—A Study on how the AN-TC Discover, Dream, Design and Deliver together.

Since last September, the AN-TC together with the rest of Thailand have seen many exciting things and been through a long period of uncertainty and anxiety. After our function last year, Thailand has gone through quite a bumpy road toward regaining our peace and harmony for our society and people. The political turmoil began in October 2008, followed by a series of cases of violence, and topped off by the Bangkok International Airport taken hostage by the anti-government protesters. Since we met last year, we have now seen three Prime Ministers-- quite an impressive record in shorter-than-a-year period for our democratic country. In our original plan set for 2008-2009, the AN-TC were supposed to organize an array of fund-raising and charity functions, almost all of which had to be regrettably cancelled due to the political crisis crippling the country's economy as well as the well-being of the people.

However, we still managed to get something done besides the regular committee meetings, thanks to our good friends with great spirit and unbelievable courage from the Faculty of Education. A group of faculty members and students (a total of 27) came to Thailand for their overseas practicum amid the rumors of more violent clashes between and among those obsessed with different colors, and the threat of the H1N1 epidemic. We did our best to make their time here both productive and memorable. Among the students were some exchange students from Canada, and they were all truly impressed by the food adventures, the practicum at our local schools, cultural exposure, and of course-- the boat ride in our chocolate canals. And sure enough, most of them plan to come back for a longer visit in the near future.

Thank You Party



The Thank You Party hosted by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ian Brown, Associate Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Wollongong on June 18, 2009 at the Grand Millennium Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Guests of honors included the school administrators from the five schools where 25 student teachers from the Faculty of Education had their two weeks practicum. The Chair of the UOW Alumni Network-Thailand Chapter-Asst. Prof. Dr. Linchong Chorrojprasert-who coordinated the practicum project, gave a speech on behalf of the Thai participants and extended our sincere thanks and appreciation for the wonderful opportunities and beneficial experiences provided to the schools, teachers and their students.

To compensate for all the opportunities lost and to vent our frustration from being inactive for too long, we turned to something more academic, more meaningful and definitely less costly and much safer—a survey. We launched the survey earlier in August through the alumni website and followed up with phone calls, and we got back a satisfactory number of responses (over 20 sets) from our enthusiastic and not too busy friends. The majority of our respondents aged from 30 to 35 were Master's degree holders and employed in both private and public sectors. I went through the responses and tried my best to sum up the findings and the analysis for you within the limited time allowed.

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Findings & Analysis from the AN-TC in 4D:

Based on the responses we got back, the majority of our alumni had positive memories about their Wollongong experiences, ranging from pleasant to wonderful. They were also satisfied with most of the AN-TC activities and functions so far with the perceptions that we owed our success and accomplishments to the active participation and collaboration of our members and the dedication of the committee members. Some particularly pointed out our success in fund-raising last year and our talents in getting so many sponsors to support our activities.

When asked about their dreams, more than half of the respondents mentioned the forever and growing reputation of our beloved university, not only in Thailand but worldwide. Some wanted to see more involvement of our members, more charity activities and community services.

For design, most responses focused on keeping everyone updated with what was going on and what was in the plan. Most respondents wanted to see active committee members at work with fresh and interesting ideas to attract more members to join and participate in our activities. Among the numerous suggestions offered, e-newsletters and the appointment of an alumni representative for each batch of the graduates were repeatedly mentioned.

Concerning how to deliver all these dreams, most agreed that we needed more financial support from sponsors and members. Some pointed out that we should be more active in activities that would raise funds and contribute to the society at the same time. The timeframe they had in mind to see things happening ranged from 2 months to 2 years.

From those surveyed, it is safe to say that Thai alumni were satisfied with their Alma Mater because of their experiences with the people and friends in Wollongong and the life and professional achievements they now enjoy. They had strongly positive perceptions towards the AN-TC so far and they trusted that more of the beneficial activities, not only limited to the members but introduced to the Thai community at large, were possible within the caliber of the committee.

With the upcoming function, we too see a great opportunity to make possible some of these dreams and bring to our alumni family new ideas, devoted members, and hopefully more sponsors for our future activities together.

It has been a long year of much to remember and reflect on but all in all the year is almost over and we -all UOW alumni and friends-surely are looking forward to a brighter and better year to come, starting with our Alumni and Friends Function on September 12, 2009. Thanks from all of us to all of you for all your unfailing support and cooperation throughout the year. We hope you enjoy the function with all the fun, excitement and prizes as much as we enjoyed preparing it.

AN-TC Committee Members (2007- 2010)

On September 15, 2007, the applicants for the new ANTC committee held a general meeting in which the following members were voted as the ANTC committee for 2007-2010.



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**Message from Vice-Chancellor :
Professor Gerard Sutton AO**



It is with great pleasure that I provide this message to members of the University of Wollongong's Thailand Alumni Chapter. We are extremely honoured to have the King of Thailand, His Majesty Bhumibol Adulyadej as the only Doctor of the University of Wollongong and Professor Dr HRH Princess Chulabhorn as an Honorary Doctor of Science. The University of Wollongong continues to attract high numbers of students from Thailand - something that we are very proud of. We are delighted that our Thai Alumni Chapter has so many enthusiastic and committed members, who are determined to maintain links with their University, as well as with each other. We feel very strongly that the relationship between a graduate and his or her University should be a life-long connection. International Alumni Chapters play an important role in keeping that connection strong.

I commend UOW's Thai Alumni Chapter for your efforts, and wish you all the best for another successful year.

Our University is enjoying another outstanding year in 2009 and I look forward to telling you about our latest achievements and to seeing you at our Annual Alumni event in Bangkok 12 September 2009.

**Message from Alumni Relations Manager :
Amy Merlo**



Worldwide Community of the UOW Alumni Network

The UOW Alumni Network continues to expand - now with over 80,000 alumni worldwide and with 10 alumni chapters, sub-chapters and networks in Australia and overseas.

In April this year the UOW Alumni Relations team expanded the Career Ahead program to provide practical interview skills for current students across all faculties of the University. The program saw over 40 alumni return to the Wollongong Campus to take part in the speed interviewing program. More than 100 current domestic and international students benefited from the professional experience of UOW alumni through the program. Feedback from alumni and students alike was extremely positive, with alumni commenting favourably on the improvements to the program.

Through the Annual Alumni Fundraising Appeal held in July and August, we had the opportunity to engage alumni in the ongoing developments and expansion of the University of Wollongong. The Appeal was tremendously successful, not only reaching the financial targets set, but also enabling us to contact 3,000 alumni to gain their feedback on the Alumni Network and to advise them of future initiatives available to them.

Domestic alumni have seen a variety of networking events held in Wollongong, Sydney and Canberra in 2009, with a number of events still to come. We look forward to expanding our events program to involve a greater number of alumni in 2010.

I had the pleasure of visiting alumni in both Hong Kong and Singapore in late 2008, where a successful high tea event was held in Singapore that was well-attended by UOW alumni. I am now very excited to be visiting Thailand in September of this year and look forward to meeting the Chapter members and UOW alumni residing in Thailand.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Thailand Chapter for their ongoing contribution to the UOW Alumni Network. I am very much looking forward to celebrating the success of the Chapter when I attend the Alumni and Friends Function on the 12th of September.

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