

01. World's Libraries (Thailand)



Kasetsart University
<https://www.ku.ac.th/>



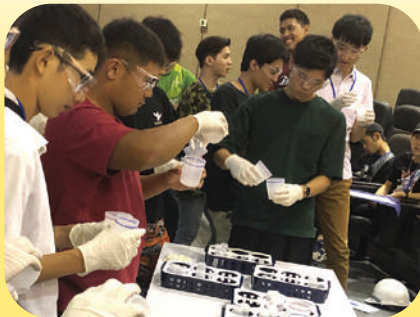
Kasetsart University is the national university, founded in 1943, and is the first agricultural university as well as the third oldest university in Thailand. There are many departments including Science, Art, Sociology, Humanities, Education, Engineering and Architecture, and they have four campuses including Ban Kaeng campus.

For information on how to use the Kasersart University, here is Youtube video (provided by Kasetsart University library):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3Hx419Oyol>



[Kingdom of Thailand]
Population: About 67.18 million
Capital: Bangkok
Languages: Thai

Mr. Koichi Tayama (1st grade of Department of Civil Engineering) Mr. Shinya Fukuzono (1st grade of Department of Civil Engineering)



We had an interview with Mr. Koichi Tayama, and Mr. Shinya Fukuzono (1st grade of Department of Civil Engineering), who joined the PBL (Project-Based Learning) program held at the Kasetsart University during 12-18 September.

Kasetsart University was huge. All the buildings in the campus, including the library, were very big and admirable. There was a building that seemed like a museum, convenience stores and even a hotel on-campus, and it was quite a different atmosphere from Japanese universities.

Before the visit, I had an image that Thailand is an agricultural country, but there were always traffic jams and we saw many big buildings in the town. The fact is, it was an industrialized and modernistic city.



It was good to have opportunity to spend a lot of time with foreigners. We had dinner with Thai students. Although many meals in Thailand were very hot, they were really tasty, and people in Thailand were very kind and friendly to foreigners.



Valuable books for studying abroad:



First Step of Thai Conversation



A Simple Method to Learn English for Globally Minded Japanese



Tabitomo - Bangkok

(Mr. Tayama) However we mainly planned to visit Ko Chang island, since there was a flood (heavy rain) and we couldn't visit there. In Japan, when we heard about the disaster, we imagine earthquakes, but in Thailand, they mainly imagine flooding. It was very good opportunity for me since I learned about things that we were not focused on in Japan.

(Mr. Fukuzono) While I don't have enough communication skills in English, I did all kinds of things to communicate with Thai students. To the students who want to go abroad, please don't be worried about English. Just go and study abroad!

DATA Thailand ↔ SIT
Number of international student
(fiscal year of 2018)

Thailand → SIT			
Short-term	Medium-term	Long-term	Total
201	17	31	249

SIT → Thailand 295 students

We had an interview with Ms. Napat Sukanun, an international student from Thailand (4th grade of Information and Communications Engineering: Prof. Aiba's laboratory).



Ms. Napat Sukanun
(4th grade of Information and Communications Engineering)

I'm from Chonburi, about an hour's distance from Bangkok. After a 3-month study of Japanese, I visited Japan. I chose SIT because my Japanese teacher recommended me to do so. I chose Information and Communications Engineering because it seems interesting. Since I am

interested in Actuarial Science, I have an intention to go on to graduate school. I haven't visited Kasetsart University but I've visited Chulalongkorn University's library. It was very fashionable and big. It is known for having a bed in the library of Faculty of Engineering.

We visited Tourism Authority of Thailand (<https://www.thailandtravel.or.jp/>)

We had an interview with Mr. Ohmori, who works there, and Ms. Norapan, an international student from Thailand.

Q: I wonder what subject most Thai students would like to learn in Japan?

A: There are many Thai students who want to study science-related subjects in Japan. (Ms. Norapan, who was at the reception, has visited Japan to study law as a governmental scholarship student from Thailand and will work for the Thai government in the future.)

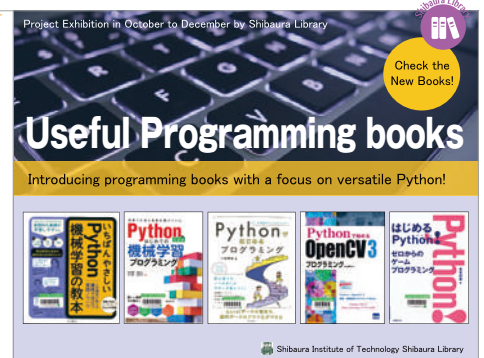
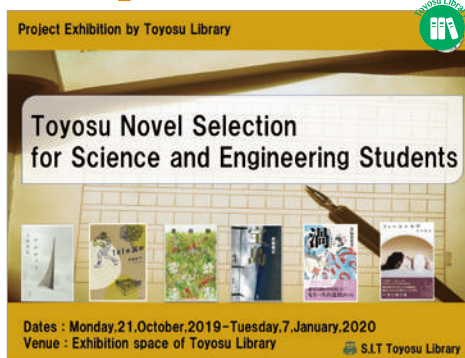
Although there are many students who came to Japan as a scholarship student from the Thai government, there are more students who came to Japan on a MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) scholarship. Student affair at the embassy will take care of their general living like introducing students to part-time jobs.

Q: Are there any famous libraries in Thailand?

A: A famous library in Thailand is the National Library. Amongst university libraries, there are many academic materials in the Chulalongkorn University library. There are many common users in Kasetsart University. For architecture, Neilson Hays Library has over 100 years of history and is very famous.



02. Special Exhibition



03. Library News



We carried out a library satisfaction survey!

We carried out the survey from 2nd Sep. to 14th Oct. through Scomb and at Library and Co-op's entrance from 1st Oct. to 14th Oct. Thank you very much for your cooperation. The result detail will be shown in our HP later. Also, our first trial survey of graduates is on-going. We will improve library services based on your feedback.



We have expanded "eBook introduction corner"

We purchased 97 titles requested through the eBook garden. We have a fulfilling lineup of eBooks. Popular series such as "Le Corbusier", "Materials series for architectural design", "Quarterly report on job-hunting" and various mini introductory materials are available. They are full of helpful information in the library.



Number of books lent after being introduced in the exhibition are increasing!

The exhibition [Future Engineering for Welfare] which was held from 3rd Jun. - 21st Sep. in Omiya ended with great success. We got positive feedback such as "While I didn't know this field, I got into the field", and the number of lent books in the field of welfare and human engineering are increasing. Here are best three lent books during the period.



Request for foreign books are increasing!

Foreign books requested through "Book Garden", where an opportunity to choose books that you want to have in the library via our "Request Sheet", are increasing. Foreign books are popular, as users commented saying "I am happy to read books which are useful for my study", "Foreign eBook is useful because it doesn't need to be returned to the library". 1st or 2nd grade students who want to read curious foreign books, as well as international students, are using these materials.



04. Library Best5

Graded readers

(Apr. 1st, 2019 - Aug. 31st, 2019)

- 1 Official TOEIC Listening & Reading Vol.4
Call number: 830.79/E24/Gogaku, The number of books lent: 119
- 2 Official TOEIC Listening & Reading Vol.3
Call number: 830.79/E24/Gogaku, The number of books lent: 72
- 3 TOEIC L&R Golden phrase of the examination
Call number: 830.79/Te31, The number of books lent: 65
- 4 Official TOEIC Listening & Reading Training(Reading version)
Call number: 830.79/E24, The number of books lent: 44
- 5 TOEIC TEST Must vocabulary!
Call number: 830.79/Ko33/Gogaku, The number of books lent: 41



The number of books lent by libraries (per person by faculty)

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