



Strengthening the Vision and International Experience in USA 2015 Program

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Introduction

Mahamakut Buddhist University (MBU) is one of the institutions of higher education in Thailand. MBU has started the Doctoral Program in Educational Administration since the academic year 2013. In this academic year, there are 14 students at the main campus (NakhonPathomProvince) and 16 students at the Isan campus (KhonKaenProvince). The main aims are to bring Buddhism teaching into management studies and to enable students developing a vision through international experience to be a strong driving force in the development and raise the quality of education in a competitive international.

To achieve such aims, in addition to the courses focus on the doctrinal management, the globalization of education, the ASEAN community, and the new educational paradigm for the 21st century, MBU also develops international activities for students, such as workshops in administrative education, and training skills in English with the support from the current and former professors of the Washington State University, USA. A 30-hours workshop is conducted in each semester giving the students to experience these activities via two workshops in each academic year.

“Strengthen the Vision and International Experience in the United States, Year 2015”, is one of the projects that MBU provides its students to strengthen their international skills more effectively. Participating in the project gives students an opportunity to learn from real life in the United States under technical progress, advanced economic, social, political, cultural and technological environment. Expecting that students will be able to integrate their experience into the core Buddhism teaching and use it to develop their own global vision and experience that could benefit the educational development of the country can be stronger.

Expectations

1. Experiencing student life in the context of economic, social, political, cultural and technological advances of the United States. Participating in the process of self-management and mutual aid. The principles of self-reliance all about communication, arranging transportation, the hotel, food supply, the place and the other to the learning experience.

2. Students participate in the “International Symposium on Educational Research and Practice 2015” at Washington State University, West campus in Seattle

3. Students attend the annual conference of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) in Chicago. To study the management of international academic with more than 12,000 attendees to the presentation of the research participants, model development personnel held in work. And have the opportunity to visit education in the tertiary one informally.

Itinerary

Date	Key activities
April 15	Travel to San Francisco by Air China CA980 (01.05am.) arrive at 12:20am. Stay at Travelodge Central San Francisco; 1707 Market St, San Francisco, CA 94103, United States. Phone:+1 415-621-6775
April 16	Visit Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman’s Wharf, Alcatraz Island, Cable Cars, Chinatown, Alamo Square, Red and White Ferry, and Union Squares
April 17	Travel to Seattle by Southwest Airlines. Stay at Best Western Loyal Inn 2301 8th Ave Seattle, WA, 98121, United States of America. Phone: 888 734 8503
April 18	<u>Research presentation at “International Symposium on Educational Research and Practice 2015” at Washington State University, West Campus in Seattle. 901 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2900 Seattle Washington 98164 Main reception: 206-448-1330</u>
April 19	Travel to Chicago by Southwest Airlines. Stay at Congress Plaza Hotel 520 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60605, United States Phone:+1 312-427-3800
April 20	<u>Attend the 2015 Annual Meeting "Toward Justice: Culture, Language, and Heritage in Education Research and Praxis" organized by the American Educational Research Association (AERA), Chicago, Illinois.</u> <u>About the Annual Meeting:</u> (www.aera.net) The AERA Annual Meeting is the largest gathering of scholars in the field of education research. It is a showcase for ground-breaking, innovative studies in a diverse array of areas -- from early education through higher education, from digital learning to second language literacy. It is where to encounter ideas and data that will shape tomorrow's education practices and policies, and where to connect with leading thinkers from the U.S. and around the world.
April 21	Travel to Washington DC by Amtrak.
April 22	Stay at Howard Johnson Express Inn Washington DC 600 New York Ave NE Washington, DC, 20002, Phone:+1 202-546-9200 and visit University of Maryland.
April 23	Visit the Smithsonian, U.S. Capitol Building, the White House, Pentagon City
April 24	Travel to Philadelphia by a coach rental. Stay at Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites King of Prussia N Gulph Rd, King of Prussia, Phone:+1 610-768-9500
April 25	Visit Villanova University, and recreation King of Prussia Mall.

April 26	Travel to Buffalo, New York by coach rental. Stay at Super 8 - Niagara Falls / Buffalo 7680 Niagara Falls Boulevard, NY 14304 Phone:+1 716-283-3151 and visit the University at Buffalo.
April 27	Travel to New York by a coach rental. Stay at Super 8 JFK Airport 139-01 Jamaica Ave, NY 11435 Phone:+1 718-658-1866
April 28	Visit landmarks like the Statue of Liberty, World Trade Center Area, Time Squares. Visit University of Columbia, and New York University.
April 29-30	Return to Thailand by Air China CA979. Arrive April 28, 2558 at 23:40 pm

Participants

1. Phra Pariyatsaravethee, Dr. (Dean, Faculty of Education)
2. Phraathikan Suwitchai Detsakdaporn
3. Associate Professor Dr. Wirot Sanrattana (Chair of Doctoral Program in Educational Administration)
4. Mr. Pradist Junna
5. Mr. Sutthipong Thakong
6. Mr. Mitchai Mungkung
7. Mr. Akkharadet Neelayothin
8. Mr. Chawalit Robroo
9. Mr. Watsanai Lonlua
10. Mr. Phoopat Krailat
11. Mr. Sathorn Klubsri
12. Mr. Thanakit Ratchatasirakul
13. Miss Nantima Piwton
14. Miss Karuna Khantong
15. Mr. Monchai Chanintaraleela
16. Miss Pimsurang Chanintaraleela
17. Miss Praewpitcha Chanintaraleela
18. Mrs. Ratanaporn Watcharaattayaphon
19. Mr. Sompong Watcharaattayaphon
20. Miss Pakjira Watcharaattayaphon
21. Miss Saralporn Watcharaattayaphon
22. Mrs. Sruangmon Sidhisamarn
23. Master Sruang Sidhisamarn
24. Master Sinn Sidhisamarn
25. Mr. Pitaya Namngoen
26. Mrs. Yupa Namngoen
27. Mrs. Manatsawee Srinont