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DIVISION FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION (DGE*)

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NAIST Thailand Office 5th Anniversary Symposium

NAIST Thailand Office 5th Anniversary Symposium "NAIST and Thai Universities for Research and Education Collaboration Symposium 2022-Towards the Post-Pandemic New Normal" was held on September 6th, 2022. This symposium was organized to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the NAIST Thailand Office, which was established in March 2017 in the Faculty of Engineering at Kasetsart University as a central point in Asia for global collaboration in education and research. It was held in a hybrid format, onsite and online, and attracted about 100 participants.

In a post-pandemic situation where global mobility had become possible once again, from NAIST Prof. Jun Ohta (Vice President/Executive Director), Prof. Kenichi Matsumoto (Director of NAIST Thailand Office, Division of Information Science), Prof. Minoru Okada (Division of Information Science) and Prof. Hiroshi Takagi (Division of Biological Sciences) visited Bangkok to meet faculty members from partner institutions (Kasetsart University, Chulalongkorn University, Mahidol University, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi and Chiang Mai University) and Thai alumni who are actively working worldwide including Japan and Thailand.

In the symposium, Prof. Ohta gave an opening address as a representative of NAIST. Then Dr. Peerayuth Charnsethikul, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering of Kasetsart University, gave a speech on behalf of Thai partner universities and expressed his expectations for future collaboration and further academic



Prof. Hiroshi Takagi

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exchange. Then Mr. Takeshi Uchida, First Secretary of Embassy of Japan in Thailand, discussed expectations for the future roles of the NAIST Thailand Office in academic exchange

between the two countries and Prof. Matsumoto introduced the history of the collaboration between NAIST and partner universities.

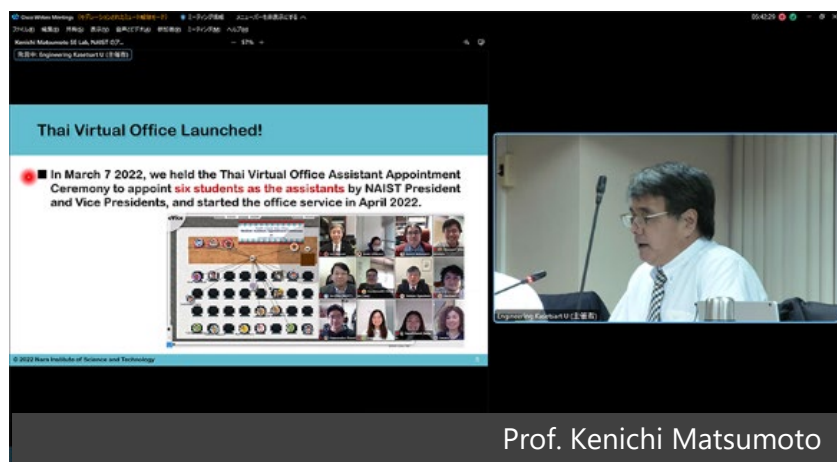
After the opening remarks, in Session 1 representatives from each partner institution gave presentations on their relationship with NAIST. In sessions 2-4, professors from NAIST talked about their history of collaboration with Thai universities in each division and Thai alumni/students presented their research and introduced their lives at NAIST.

In session 5, Prof. Matsumoto introduced the Thai Virtual Office with six Thai students who work as student assistants, who also introduced themselves.

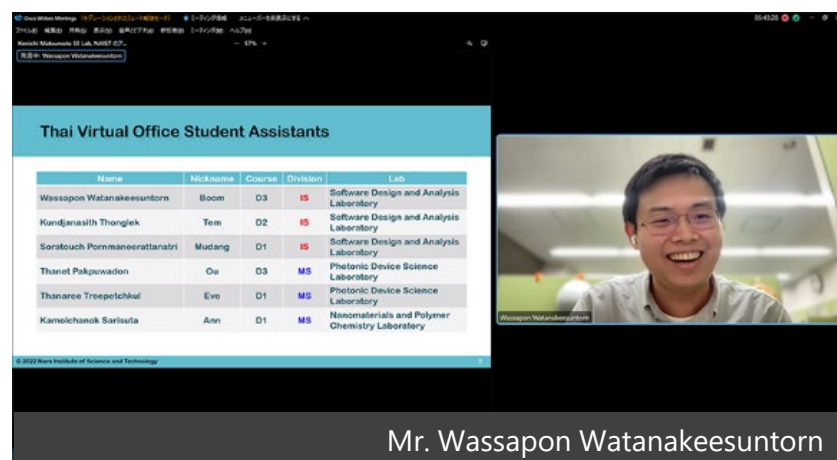
At the end of symposium, Dr. Teerapong Buaboocha, the Head of Department of Biochemistry, Chulalongkorn University, gave closing remarks and the symposium ended as a great success.



Prof. Jun Ohta



Prof. Kenichi Matsumoto



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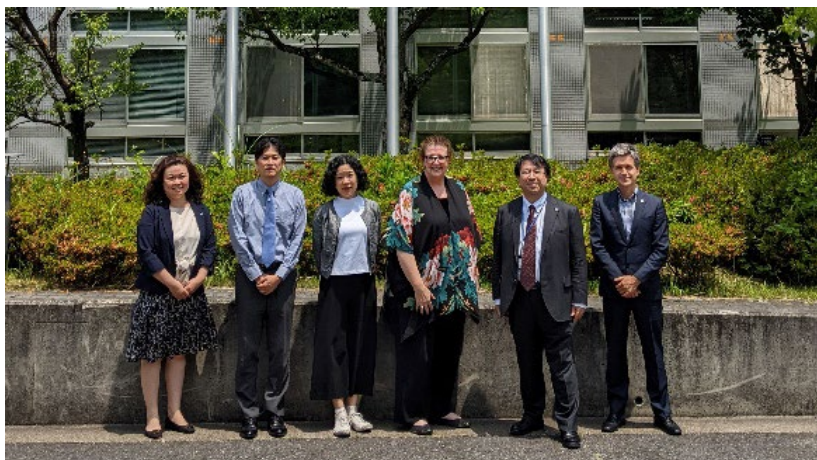
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Diplomatic Delegation Visits to NAIST

Australian Embassy Delegation Visit to NAIST (June 3, 2022)

Ms. Janine Pitt, Counselor for Education and Research of Australian Embassy Tokyo, visited NAIST on June 3rd, 2022. Ms. Pitt introduced how Australian Government promotes international student mobility through the New Colombo Plan and the Destination Australian Program. She explained that Australia wants to increase student exchange between Japan and Australia through the above programs as well as through double degree programs. After the courtesy visit, the delegation visited the Ubiquitous Computing Systems Laboratory to see its Smart Home.



Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember Delegation Visit (September 15, 2022)

On September 15th, 11 faculty members and students from the Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS), represented by Dr. I Ketut Eddy Purnama (Dean, Faculty of Industrial Technology), Dr. Diana Purwitasari (Vice Dean) and Prof. Mauridhi Hery visited NAIST. After the courtesy visit, the delegates visited the Social Computing Laboratory and the Large-Scale Systems Management Laboratory (both of the Division of Information Science).



Ambassador of Israel to Japan visit to NAIST (June 8, 2022)

Mr. Gilad Cohen, Ambassador of Israel to Japan, visited NAIST on June 8th, 2022. Ambassador Cohen discussed how Israel promotes innovation creation as a nation and actively develops academia-industry collaboration with NAIST executives. Israel also aims to strengthen ties with Japanese institutions and the Embassy offered to help in the conclusion of agreements with Israeli institutions. The delegation then visited the Division of Information Science Director, Prof. Michiko Inoue and Affiliate Prof. Fukuhito Ooshita introduced the Japan-Israel joint research project funded by JST, ICT for a Resilient Society, of which he was the principal investigator. In closing, they visited the Organic Electronics Laboratory.



Kasetsart University Delegation Visit (September 22, 2022)

On September 22nd, Prof. Kanapol Juthamane (Director of Kasetsart University Institute for Advanced Studies (KUIAS)), Prof. Tanapon Chaisan (Assistant to the President for Research and Creation) and Prof. Nisa Leksungnoen (Vice Director of KUIAS for Academic Affairs) visited NAIST. After the courtesy visit, delegates visited the Software Engineering Laboratory in the Division of Information Science, and the Nanomaterials and Polymer Chemistry Laboratory in the Division of Materials Science, where KU graduates are currently working as faculty. In the afternoon, delegates visited three laboratories in the Division of Biological Science, the Plant Growth Regulation Laboratory, the Plant Developmental Signaling Laboratory, and the Plant Secondary Metabolism Laboratory.



Event Report

Takayama Rice Planting & Matcha Tea Event (June 4)

NAIST and Ikoma city held a rice planting & matcha tea event on June 4th for international students and local community members to experience planting rice by hand and then relax and enjoy matcha and Japanese sweets together.



Tag Rugby Event with Ikoma Junior Rugby Club (June 5)

10 members of the NAIST community participated in a tag rugby event held at the nearby Kitayamato Grounds by the Ikoma Junior Rugby Club (IJRC). This event was organized by IJRC for the NAIST to introduce tag rugby and to strengthen ties with the community.



INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS 2022.6.2~11.1
110 overseas partnerships from 28 countries/regions as of November.1, 2022

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- ▶ Biotechnology Institute, University of Minnesota (U.S.A)
- ▶ Justus Liebig University Giessen (Germany)
- ▶ University of Trento (Italy)
- ▶ Bandung Institute of Technology (Indonesia)
- ▶ Faculty of Science, University of British Columbia (Canada)
- ▶ Jenderal Soedirman University (Indonesia)
- ▶ Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (Malaysia)

