Thailand : Country Report

The M-I-T Student Mobility Programme Review Meeting
September 24, 2011
Bali, Indonesia
Current Status and Implementation

• Organize the M-I-T Student Mobility Review Meeting on 31 Jan. – 1 Feb. 2011 in Bangkok
• Activities were
  - Prime Minister Courtesy Call
  - Study visit to Thai universities participating in M-I-T Programme
  - Introduction of I Award Project
Current status and implementation

- **Website**: updated information on M-I-T programme is on the process to be uploaded at www.inter.mua.go.th
- **Student manual** for students is being developed and will be posted on website to facilitate for the readiness of the exchange students
Current Status and Implementation

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Current Status and Implementation

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MU: Dr. Chairawee Anamthawat

PSU: Assist. Prof. Pimpaporn Suwatthigul

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## Current status: Updated Number of students for 2011

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Problem and obstacles

- Late contact from the university
- Lack of continuity and delay in correspondence
- Late registration
- Nominated more students than quota
- Students do not interest in the program offered
- Difference in the semester type
Problem and obstacles

Outbound Issue

- Students are unable to register for courses according to appropriate academic requirements of the home university

Coordination

- Communication Lost
- Late return of Students’ letters of acceptance
Problem and obstacles

Visa

• Unclear on the requirement of visa procedures

Information provision

• Necessary information particularly the names of the supervisors and an area of her/his interests
Recommendations

- Information sharing and updating periodically

- Providing a complete list of subject/courses available in prior of students’ departure

- Letter of Acceptance should be sent to students/IROs at least 1 month in advance

- Provide assistance to find appropriate accommodations to students.
Impression

Kind and helpful professors/lecturers

Well-managed and convenience of transportation service on campus

The ability to communicate in English

Pleasant surrounding areas
Possibility of expansion of the participating countries should be discussed in the policy level Meeting. ASEAN countries should be put as priority.