



## Opening Ceremony



**Photo Caption:** Students were officially welcomed on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 09.00 A.M. and presided over by the vice-director of the Language Institute Chiang Mai University–Mr. Sakorn Ruanklai. During this session, the students had the opportunity to learn more about Chiang Mai University through a video presentation and were able to introduce themselves to the LICMU staff members along with the CMU buddies who were present during this session.

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## Ice-breaking with CMU Buddies



**Photo Caption:** The ice-breaking activity is an important part of program as it introduces the students to the CMU buddies for the first time. Ice-breaking is the process of breaking down the barriers which exist to make communication easier for people meeting for the first time, to engage one another with small talk and to find areas and topics of interest to talk about. After this session, students will feel more comfortable to contact one another and meet on a regular basis thereafter.

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## Meeting the Vice President for International Relations Chiang Mai University



**Photo Caption:** A special courtesy visit to meet the Vice-President for International Relations & Alumni Affairs, Chiang Mai University was scheduled on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The students had the chance to discuss with Assoc. Prof. Rome Chiranukrom about the past history and relationship between Griffith University and Chiang Mai University which has spanned over 15 years since 2002.

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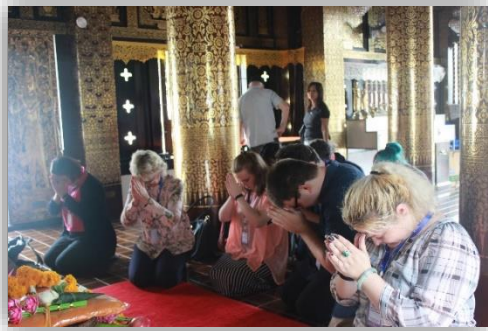
## Chiang Mai University Campus Tour



Photo Caption: Day 1 at Chiang Mai University saw the students take a campus tour with the Chiang Mai University buddies. During the tour, students had the chance to stop at the famous Ang Kaew Reservoir, which is a popular destination for CMU students to relax during the evening. Afterwards, students visited the religious pavilion of Sala Tam which is used for functions and various important ceremonies at CMU.



## Chiang Mai City Tour



**Photo Caption:** Chiang Mai is a culturally rich city with over 300 temples located in the city centre. During this tour students were taken to the Three Kings Monument, King Mengrai, the founder of Chiang Mai; his contemporary and reportedly good friend King Ramkamhaeng of Sukothai; and King Ngam Muang of Payao. Moreover, students were taken on a walk to the nearest temple which is named “Wat Inthakin”. It is a temple of the city navel, referring to the spot in the centre of town, which is a little temple in the heart of the old walled town of Chiang Mai. This experience would allow the students know about the knowledge of foundation of Chiang Mai city and learn more about the cultural significance of Lanna culture.

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## Welcome *Kantoke* Dinner & Dance



**Photo Caption:** At the end of day 1, students were treated to a northern Thai dinner and traditional dance performance. Set in an old traditional wooden house, students were treated to 8 different dance performances. The dinner itself consisted of various traditional northern Thai cuisines including fried chicken, tomato with pork, green chili paste with vegetables, sweet noodles, pork rinds, northern Thai curry with pork, and sticky rice.

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## Baan Tai Lue Visit



**Photo Caption:** The *Tai Lue* are an ethnic group from Thailand, Laos, China, Myanmar and Vietnam. There are approximately 280,000 Tai Lu people in the world. The group currently speak Southern Western Tai Language. Baan Tai Lue offers a unique insight into local wisdom through cooking activities, singing northern Thai songs, and weaving baskets. This session offers students the chance to learn more about ethnic groups in Thailand.

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## Thai Lanna Dancing



**Photo Caption:** The Thai Lanna Dancing activity introduces the students to the traditional art of dancing in Thailand. Thai Lanna Dancing is a northern style dance which gives an opportunity to both female and male students to participate in this traditional dance. The students learnt basic hand movements and footsteps as well as trying authentic costumes for this dance.

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## Muay Thai Kickboxing



**Photo Caption:** Muay Thai is Thailand's national sport, which is a combat sport that uses stand-up striking along with various clinching techniques. Students had an opportunity to learn the ancient art of Muay Thai with some basic hand and foot movements.

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## Thai Cooking



**Photo Caption:** Thai cooking is a great activity for students to learn how to create their very own meals which can be useful for the future when the students return back home. During this session, students cooked 3 unique dishes including: stir-fried pork with basil leaves, sweet and sour egg with tamarind and black jelly in milk.

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## Elephant *Mahout* Training Camp



**Photo Caption:** Always a popular activity amongst international students is the chance to visit an elephant nature park. During this visit, students took care of their very own elephant for the day which includes feeding and bathing the elephant before taking a short jungle ride. The elephant camp is located 60 minutes from Chiang Mai University.

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## Monk Chat Visit



**Photo Caption:** On behalf of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya Buddhist University, the Monk Chat Program was founded by Pra Dr.Saneh Dhammavaro and his staff. Students had an opportunity to informally talk with the monk and receive an in-depth view about monk's way of living, Thai Culture and Buddhism in society with a tour of Suan Dok temple.

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## Doi Suthep Temple Visit



**Photo Caption:** *Doi Suthep* temple is the highest temple located in Chiang Mai city. It is the most revered temple. During this visit, students will navigate the 300 steps to reach the summit of the golden pagoda and learn about traditional Buddhist merit making activities, which involves walking in a clockwise direction around the golden pagoda 3 times whilst repeating a phrase. At the top of *Doi Suthep* temple, students are treated to specular views of Chiang Mai.

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## **Bhubing Palace Visit**



**Photo Caption:** *Bhubing* Palace is the royal winter residence in Chiang Mai where the royal family stays during seasonal visits to the people in the northern part of Thailand. It's also the royal guesthouse for prominent state visitors from abroad. During the visit, students enjoyed a wide variety of flowers—not only the famous Thai orchids, but also roses grown here that are not commonly found in Thailand.

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## White Temple Visit



**Photo Caption:** Wat Rong Khun, also known as “The White Temple” is one of the most recognizable temples in Chiang Rai. The temple outside the town of Chiang Rai attracts a large number of visitors, both Thai people and foreigners, making it one of Chiang Rai’s biggest tourist attractions. Students have a chance to visit a unique temple that stands out through the white colour and the use of pieces of glass in the plaster, sparkling in the sun where was designed by Chalermchai Kositpipat, a famous visual artist in Thailand.

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## Black House Museum Visit



**Photo Caption:** The Black House (Baandam) Museum is a sprawling complex which is built and designed by the Thai National Artist Thawan Duchanee. The buildings are in a variety of styles, but most have been made with the colour black predominant. Students have visited and took a look around the museum in Thawan Duchanee's collections in Thai architecture style.

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## Golden Triangle Park Visit





**Photo Caption:** Golden Triangle is the intersection where the three borders of Thailand, Laos and Burma meet, and the area was once famed for its opium production, hence the “Golden Triangle” moniker. Students could find local markets selling northern handicrafts, clothing, novelties and souvenirs, as well as river rides up and down the Mekong.

## Introduction to Thai Language



**Photo Caption:** This course aims to provide a short introduction language course to students. The students learnt about tone marks, greetings, places of interest, talking about daily life activities, numbers, food and drinks. The teacher also provided them some basic foundation and knowledge about the Wai, social etiquette and other important aspects regarding Thai culture.

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## Teaching Internship



**Photo Caption:** GU Students became trainee teachers assigned to teach high school students at Hopra School and Wichai Wittaya International School. Following a pre-designed lesson plan were required to teach communicative English. Language Institute Chiang Mai University provided the experienced instructors to observe the trainee teachers in class and provided detailed feedback to assist them in order to develop their teaching skills.

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