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Bangkok Liaison Office: Chip passed away

This is to announce that Ms. Samchai "Chip" Kuraitonsuk, a staff member of the Center's Bangkok Liaison Office has passed away on December 23, 2007, as a result of injuries sustained in a traffic accident a few days earlier. Ms. Chip has been with the Bangkok office since 1978 and is one of its oldest staff member. She was known to be devoted to her work, always punctual in starting the day and ever quick in her should be wit and humor. She was also open to learning about things that drew her curiosity, especially those that pertain to new cuisine. Faculty members and researchers who had worked with her in Bangkok have put their full trust on her, and many could never forget the sumptuous dishes she prepared.

For all of these talents and for her humanity, the Center and its staff will miss Ms. Chip's presence dearly. We express our deepest condolences to her family for their loss of a loved one.

On April 5, 2008, Ms. Chip's memorial service was held at Wat Lum Khao in her hometown, Pak Thong Chai District, Nakhon Ratchasima Province. Dr. Mamoru Kanzaki of Graduate School of Agriculture, Prof. Mamoru Shibayama, Prof. Yoko Hayami and Prof. Yasuyuki Kono of CSEAS attended the service.



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Photos of Ms. Chip's Funeral



Photo1 Ms. Chip and Professor Yoneo Ishii (Dec. 22, 2004)



Photo2 The accident site in Motasai (note the chalk line on the road)



Photo3 The hospital where Ms. Chip was taken



Photo4 Entrance to Intensive Care Unit



Photo5 Main building of the temple for the funeral ceremony



Photo6 Professor Shibayama, bowing to bid farewell to Ms. Chip (Dec. 24, 2007)



Photo7 Buddhist ceremony hosted by the Bangkok Office (1)(Dec. 26, 2007)



Photo8 Buddhist ceremony hosted by the Bangkok Office (2)(Dec. 26, 2007)



Photo9 Buddhist ceremony hosted by the Bangkok Office (3)(Dec. 26, 2007)



Photo10 Buddhist ceremony hosted by the Bangkok Office (4)(Dec. 26, 2007)



Photo11 Main ceremony (Dec. 27, 2007)



Photo15 The reading of the suras before the crematorium (Dec. 27, 2007)



Photo16 The coffin being carried to the crematorium (1) (Dec. 27, 2007)



Photo17 The coffin carried to the crematorium (2) (Dec. 27, 2007)



Photo18 The coffin in front of crematory (Dec. 27, 2007)



Photo19 The crematory



Photo20 Eighty or so relatives from Korat who attended the funeral (Dec. 27, 2007)



Photo21 Monk and Doctor whom Ms. Chip respected



Photo22 Memorial service before cremation (Dec. 27, 2007)



Photo23 Silent prayer before cremation (Dec. 27, 2007)



Photo24 Dedicating flower petals to the remains (Dec. 28, 2007)



Photo25 Service for the remains (Dec. 28, 2007)



Photo26 House of Mr./Ms. Chip



Photo27 Family gathering before her house (Dec. 28, 2007)



Photo28 Handing retirement allowance to the family in his house (Dec. 28, 2007)



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Photos of Ms. Chip's Memorial Service



Photo1: Ubosot (Buddha Hall) of Wat Lum Khao. Ms. Chip donated the gate of this hall in her lifetime.



Photo2: Ms. Chips name is engraved on the foundation.



Photo3: Ms. Chip's ashes are placed in the base of the roof.



Photo4: The memorial service at Wat Lum Khao.



Photo5: Monks at Wat Pho performed Buddhist rite.



Photo6: From her hometown and Bangkok, many friends and relatives attended the memorial service.



Photo7: Ms. Chip's family home where the youngest sister lives by herself after their mother passed away.



Photo8: With her mother and sisters. Mother and elder sister (from left in the front row.) Ms. Chip, younger sister, and youngest sister (from left in the back row.)



Photo9: A portrait of Ms. Chip in her teens.