

The 2nd Kyoto University Southeast Asian Forum “Technical Innovation for Sustainable Societies”

Technology is undoubtedly a universal tool for our society to overcome global problems such as global warming, environmental degradation and resources shortage. However, suitable application of advanced technology may differ by country and area reflecting their development path and process. Then, what are the suitable technologies for Southeast Asia, particularly for Thai society, and how can Kyoto University contribute to Thai society in developing her technology for the future? Two prominent professors will deliver lectures on energy and nanotechnology sciences.

We also invite Prof. Yoneo Ishii, one of the most well-known scholars of Thai history, to give us a keynote address on Thai society and technology.

Date and Time: 13:00 – 16:20, Saturday, 26th January, 2008
Venue: Queen’s Park Hotel, Bangkok
Organizers: Kyoto University and Kyoto Union Club
Supporter: Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology

Program:

- 13:00 – 13:30 Registration
- 13:30 – 13:40 Opening Addresses
Chair: ???
Prof. Yokoyama Toshio, Vice-President, Kyoto University
Dr. Wiwut Tanthapanichakon, President of Kyoto Union Club and Director of NANOTEC, NSTDA
- 13:40 – 14:00 Keynote Address “Sustainable Thai society from a Japanese viewpoint” (?)
Chair: Dr. Aroonrut Wichienkeo
Prof. Ishii Yoneo, President, National Institute for the Humanities
- 14:00 – 14:40 Lecture 1 “Energy for the future”
Prof. Yoshikawa Kiyoshi, Kyoto University
Chair: Dr. Sorapong (?) Rajmankala Institute of Technology Thanyaburi
- 14:40 – 15:00 Coffee Break
- 15:00 – 15:40 Lecture 2 “Nanotechnology: Does it truly benefit our society and how can we be sure it is safe?”
Dr. Wiwut Tanthapanichakon
Chair: Dr. Vilai Ringsardtong (?) KMITNB
- 15:40 – 16:10 Panel Discussion “Technical Innovation for Sustainable Societies”
(Discussion is in English, and the moderator summarize it in Thai.)
Panelist:
Dr. Bambang Subiyanto, Director, Research and Development Unit for Biomaterials, Indonesian Institute of Sciences
Vice President, Indonesian Alumni Association of Kyoto University
Mr. Banno Tetsuji, Marubeni Thailand Co., Ltd.
Prof. Krisada Visavateeranon, Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology
Moderator: Dr. Sucharit Koontanakulvong

16:10 – 16:20 Closing Remarks

Annual Meeting of Kyoto Union Club

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Get-together of Kyoto University Alumni and Alumnae

Date and Time: 17:30 – 19:30, Saturday 26th January, 2008

Venue: Kyoto University Bangkok Office

Organizers: Kyoto University Bangkok Office, Kyoto Union Club and
Bangkok Kyoto University Alumni Association