

# The International Internship at CHIAN GMAI University in Thailand



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I had been in Thailand during 05Sep – 02Oct.

I got many great experiences there. In this report, I write about some of the experiences week by week because I hope this report will help for next internship students.

### **My purpose of this program**

- I wanted to improve my English communication skill by living on the place where I cannot use Japanese.
- Getting some experiences that I cannot get in Japan. I wanted to get experiences to live in other country in long time alone.
- Exchanging cultures each other with local people in other country.

I wanted to make my view widely by learning other culture. Also I wanted to know their thinking about Japanese country and the future.

### **Chiang Mai University**

I was dispatched to Chiang Mai University. It is in northern Thailand. The campus occupies about 4km<sup>2</sup>. It's so broad.

### **My Lab**

I belonged to the division of energy technology for environment , faculty of engineering. At this Lab, They study biomass gasification and solar energy.

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## Schedule

I stayed in Thailand for 4 weeks.

Following tables indicate schedules in Thailand.

1st week

6(Sat.)-7(Sun.)	Free Day
8(Mon.)	Meeting
9(Tue.)-10(Wed.)	Free Day
11(Thu.)	Meeting
12(Fri.)	Shoping Mall
	Royal Flora

2nd week

13(Sat.)	New student Festival
14(Sun.)	Wat Lampang Luang
15(Mon.)	Meeting
16(Tue.)	Thai language
17(Wed.)	Meeting
18(Thu.)	Thai language
19(Fri.)	Free Day

### 3rd week

20(Sat.)	Free Day
21(Sun.)	Sunday Walking Street
22(Mon.)	Meeting
23(Tue.)	Thai language
24(Wed.)	Free Day
25(Thu.)	Thai language
26(Fri.)	Free Day

### 4th week

27(Sat.)-29(Mon.)	Free Day
30(Tue.)	Meeting
	Elephant Camp
1/Oct(Wed.)	Japanese class Party
2(Thu.)	Sending Off Party

## 1st week

First of all I took walks around university in free day. Because I wanted to know supermarket and pharmacy etc. There is

convenience store. It takes 10 minutes on foot. Similarly, Supermarket is 15 minutes. Pharmacy is 10 minutes. Coffee shop is 5 minutes. You can easily get around here.

On Monday, I met my buddy first time. Her impression is really good. She taught me various things and took care of me. And I saw their Lab. Lab member accepted me as a member of a group. I got new seniors and friends.

On Thursday, I started do task. It is reading a paper and discuss about it. After that, when I was free day, I did task.

On Friday, I went to shopping mall near university. Japanese products were sold by here.



On Saturday, There was a most big event which is a New student Festival. New student must participate in this festival. And they climb a steep slope to Doi Suthep mountain by only walking. It is

16km from university. I also participated it. I am usually lack of exercise. Therefore, I almost gave up to walk many times. But after



about 4 hours, I was somehow able to finish climbing the mountain because, Lab member supported me a lot. I was very tired but it was very fun.

On Sunday, I went to Wat Lampang Luang.

On Tuesday, I studied Thai language in class. Class style was different from Japanese class. In the first place, students positively asked teacher a question during class. Therefore, teacher could intensively teach us a weak point. Also, I could practice conversation in Thai language. It was writing style rather than speaking style.

**3rd week**



On Sunday, I went to Sunday Walking Street. There are many street stalls on both sides of a road. It is like a Japanese summer festival. We can buy Thailand original goods. And I can **practice** speaking Thai language. I had studied how to buy in last Thai language class.

#### 4th week

On Tuesday, I went to Elephant Camp with my Lab member. I have seen elephant in Japan. But I have never seen close to it for the first time. Needless to say, I have never touched elephant.

They can draw picture and play soccer and basketball.

They are trained by elephant driver. They and elephant driver have a special skill.







## Japanese class party

My friends invited me to the party. This party was participated in Japanese class students. They can speak Japanese very well.

## Food culture

Taste of Thai Food is difficult from Japanese one. First there are sugar and red peppers on the table. When they eat noodle, they sprinkle sugar and some red peppers. And, they eat fruits with sugar and some red peppers. It is amazing taste. Also there was a food that was topped with mango on top of the glutinous rice.

It is best strange to taste. I thought to be unlikely. However it is an addictive taste. After one month I had liked it. I feel like a Japanese Ohagi. Finally, they eat an insect as side dishes of sake. For example it is a worm, a larva of a bee, a cricket.

Furthermore, When we eat noodle, we must be quiet. It is easy. However I forget it to not hope this habit.

## **culture**

Thailand has vegetable days for nine days. We can only eat vegetable. This days drive from Buddha.

## **Finally**

I had a lot of valuable experiences on internship.

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