The international internship at CHIANG MAI Univ. in Thailand

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Information Engineering in Graduate school of Mie University I had to been Thailand during 10/Sep - 06/Oct.

I got many great experiences in there.

In this report, I write about some of the experience week by week because I hope this report will help for next internship students.

1. My purpose of this program

I had 3 purposes of this international internship.

• Improving my English skill

I wanted to improve my English 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 in alone and to work at the company in other country.

• Exchanging the cultures each other with local people in other country.

I wanted to make my view widely by learning other culture.

I show my internship program sent by the Thai teacher.

Period:	September 10 - October 5, 2012		
Venue:	Faculty of Engineering, CMU, Thailand		
Advisor :	Dr. Yuthapong Somchit		
Laboratory	DENT Laboratory, Department of Computer Engineering		
		Tentative Schedule	
	Week 1	Detail	Key Person
	September 11 - September 14, 2012	Detai	Key reison
	Day 1	Orientation & Department Tour	A.Yuthapong
	Day 2	Lab Meeting and Research Discussion	A.Yuthapong
	Day 3	Faculty's Computer Network Structure Explanation	Sithichon
	Day 4	Thai Cultural Tour	Daranee
	Week 2		
	September 17 - Stember 21, 2012	Detail	Key Person
	Day 1	Traning Discussion	A.Yuthapons
	Day 2	Preparation of presentation	71. Tunapon
	Day 3	Lab Meeting & Presentation	Lab Member
	Day 4	Department's Computer Network Structure Discussion	Sithichon
	Day 5	Thai Cultural Tour	Daranee
	Week 3		
	September 24 - September 28, 2012	Detail	Key Person
	Day 1	Wireless Quality Evaluation Discussion	A. Anya
	Day 2	Preparation of presentation	71. 7 Hiya
	Day 3	Lab Meeting & Presentation	Lab Member
	Day 4	Department's Internet Quality Discussion	A. Pruet
	Day 5	Thai Cultural Tour	Daranee
	Week 4		
	October 1 - October 5, 2012	Detail	Key Person
	Day 1	Internet Reliability Discussion	A. Traspong
	Day 2	Preparation of presentation	
	Day 3	Training Report Presentation	Lab Member
	Day 4	Training Result Discussion	A. Juggapon
	Day 5	Submitting Training Report	Yuthapong
	Note: Schedule can be changed or rearranged		

2. The Lab.

I visited to Computer Networking Lab in Chiang Mai University (CMU).

But I belong to Computer Architecture Lab in Japan.

So, the lab members, teacher and I got bewildered what we should do.

At last, the teacher gave me a small project on 2^{nd} week.

The lab has 3 teachers, 2 Ph.D. students and 7 master coarse students.

I joined in the lab as a master coarse exchange student.



The left photo shows a symbol of the faculty of engineering in CMU. It is imaged GEAR. All of the engineering students take photo in front of this when they graduate.

The right photo shows a temple in CMU. In spite of University, there has a temple demanded on religions because many students whose religion is Buddha need it.

3. 1^{st} week

I joined in the conference for students who want to go japan as an exchange student.

I did presentation for them about Mie Univ. at there.

There are also many Japanese students who are exchange students from many kind of Univ.



the poster of the conference.

the conference room.



This photo shows 2 presenters on the right.

One is a Japanese student and other one is a Thai student as a translator.

All Japanese students used Thai language or translator. Only I used English for my presentation but my presentation was success.

I got some Thai friends who interested in my presentation at this conference

It is a meaningful conference for me.

I also joined in an English class for the undergraduate students. The English class is not same in Japan. I was impressed that. So, I describe some difference of English class.

	Thailand	Japanese
Study point	Conversation, English thinking	Grammar, R/W
In class	Quiz, Proverb, Acting play	Read, Write, Memory
Language	Only in English	Sometime in English
Last exam	10min personal interview	Reading/Listening test.
Students feel	Fun	Boring

The English teacher doesn't use a blackboard and power pointer. The teacher only picks up mistakes of grammar or meaning of words when the students have a mistake in their speaking. Almost students can speak English well or with confidence because of this class.

They feel very fun for this English class. I felt fun too.

I thought that if Thai style English class was in Japan, I would more like English!

4. 2^{nd} week

I got my project in CMU from the teacher.

My project is to make software to monitor the Wi-Fi environment in the building of the faculty.

It was not difficult project but it was very difficult for me because I didn't have the basic knowledge of the Computing Networking.

So, I started to study about Networking and How to monitor the Wi-Fi.

I joined in the seminar of the lab and I did presentation about my research in Japan in there.

It was very difficult to make them understanding my research because of the difference from our research fields.

I talked basic knowledge and my easy idea.

In my presentation, I asked them that they could understand many time.

Finally, they could understand my research field and had interest in my research.

In this weekend, we went to study the history of Chiang Mai.



Left photo shows the entrance of royal flower garden. There are many flowers loved by the king and some building for king to live. Everyone cannot enter without long pants. They said entering without long pants means affront for the king. But then I took with short pants, so, I had to rent long pants at the garden.

Right photo was taken at the temple on the top of the mountain in Chiang Mai city. There are golden temples I was very impressed.

Many people walked around the golden one 3 times with praying. 8 gods are on this temple, one is a top of the gods. Other gods are related with each days of a week. Every Thai people know own day of a week of their birthday. But I don't know my day of a week. So, I couldn't pray for my "right" god of days of a week.

5. 3rd week

All students had final exam term since this week. But many students took me out for me.

I did presentation about my project in CMU and my research in Japan again in the lab seminar.

I got some advice for my project by teachers and students.

By this time, I became to understand about the character of Thai people day by day.

I describe some of their character.

• Thai people do love the music.

Every Thai people love to listen and sing songs in the car, in the lab, in the drinking, everywhere. They say music is our life. Recently, Korean music is their trend.

• Don't afraid foreigners.

Almost Thai people are not shay to talk with foreigners in other language. If they cannot speak English, they are not afraid to take communicate with American because they can use body language and smile. They have really good communication skills. I learned what the communication is from them.

• To be angry is opprobrium

Because of this custom, they are very suaveness and buoyant.

They have many good characters, but they also have bad character. For example, they downplay about their time, work, and promises and so on. In this weekend, I learned an interesting activity of Chiang Mai people. Chiang Mai city is not big city but many people want to feel nature. So, many Chiang Mai people visit to a boathouse in weekend.



The boathouse is on a big dam. People have to go to the boathouse by ship.



We can see the boathouses with 10min by ship. Many houses float on the dam. Some of them are near the ground, and some are around water.



The left photo shows high class boathouses. It has private bed rooms and private bathrooms (usually class one has only very small rooms to sleep and doesn't have a bed.). It is near a shop (the right photo) that sells foods, snacks and drinks.

Many Chiang Mai people go to there to spend their weekend with nature to relax. Some people arrive at there at midnight and play Karaoke in all night. This is popular weekend life of the workers in Chiang Mai.

6. 4^{th} week

I had final presentation about my project in the lab seminar. So, I study my project in this week. My presentation was success. I don't have anything to write because I did only my project in this week. So, I show some Thai foods I ate.



This is "KauSoi" like carry noodle, traditional north Thai food.

In Thailand, eating noodle with sound is bad manner. But I ate it with sound because it is very delicious!! The left foods on the photo are topping for the noodle, pickle, onion and lime.



These Thai foods "Pattai" like boiled noodle are one of the most famous food in Thailand. There are many kind of Pattai. Left one is to eat with nuts powder and lime. Right one is "Omu" Pattai. Both Pattai are very delicious. We should try many Pattai in Thailand.

7. At last

Before I went to Thailand, I felt bad to go to Univ. as an International internship student because I wanted to go to company in Thailand.

But I could know about Thailand at the Univ. very much.

If I went to company, I could not do it and got many friends.

So, it was good for me to go to the Univ. in this program.

Thank you so much for your help to make me to go to Thailand as an internship student.

I hope that more many students can get a chance to join in this program.