Dear friends of DAAD Thailand!

Dual education is both a trend in further education and a catchword that does actually create quite a bit of confusion. Last week I wrote a very complex piece for our newsletter about this topic, however the whole text was lost when my computer died. In a second attempt I’ll try to make the complex topic as simple as possible.

The term “Dual Education” describes a mix of practical work-experience and theoretical education. Germany has a long-standing experience with dual education in more than 350 professions related to craftsmanship, mechanics, electronics, administration and beyond. The trainee works a few days or weeks in a company and goes to a vocational training institution the other days or weeks. After two to four years of alternating theory and practice, a vocational degree is awarded. In Thailand there is an institution offering vocational dual education following the German model: German-Thai Dual Excellence Education (GTDEE). The chamber of commerce joined hands with the embassy, B. Grimm, BMW (Thailand) and Robert Bosch initiate and support GTDEE.

A more recent trend in education is the transfer of dual education to academic levels. Role model for Germany is the Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University (DHBW). It combines on-the-job training and academic studies to achieve a close integration of theory and practice. DHBW has 34,000 enrolled students, more than 145,000 graduates and over 9,000 partner companies.

The focus of post-secondary education is shifting from vocational training to academic training. While practical training has long been preferred over academic qualification in many professions like physiotherapists, pre-primary teachers or midwives, there is an on-going trend to include more professions in higher education and still implementing indispensable practical training through dual education.

All the successful examples have one common denominator: relevant education of both practical work force and academics needs a strong commitment from industry. GTDEE has strong founding partners, DHBW has nine thousand industry partners and a few months ago Times Higher Educations even confirmed the very traditional (i.e. non-dual) Ludwig Maximilian University Munich (LMU) to be the most successful university in the world in attracting industry funding to do their research.

With best regards from my summer vacation in Germany!

Yours Georg Verweyen,
Director of the DAAD Information Centre Bangkok
Germany’s policy best in supporting International Higher Education

The study “Shape of Global Higher Education” by the British Council emphasizes an outstanding performance of Germany in the global education system. According to the study, it scores the ranking ‘Very High’ in each analysed category. Germany provides sustainable policies and best conditions for international students and academics.

Water Security and Climate Change - Challenges and Opportunities in Asia

From 29th November to 1st December, 2016 this conference on sustainable water management will be held at the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok. Interested scholars are invited to submit abstracts until 30th July, 2016.

For further information please visit the website, and check out the conference flyer!

Medical professionals and former DAAD scholarship holders in the fields of public health and tropical medicine were invited to a special alumni network forum on 28th-29th June 2016 in Berkley Hotel Pratunam, Bangkok. The experts came from all over South East Asia, including representatives of national ministries of Public Health and the World Health Organization (WHO). The German Ambassador, H.E. Peter Prügel, held one of the opening speeches on 28th June, reflecting the successful partnership between DAAD and SEAMEO-TROPMED for more than 30 years. DAAD has constantly supported SEAMEO-TROPMED’s mission of promoting health and preventing diseases in South East Asia. The scholars discussed global health scenario and the impact of scholarships to the countries. We sincerely thank SEAMEO-TROPMED for the great organisation!

We kindly encourage other Alumni Networks to arrange own conferences and events!
Scholarships for the best/Stipendien für die Besten

DAAD-Scholarships 2017/2018 funded by the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) offers scholarships for post-graduate studies and research to Thai nationals for the academic year 2017/2018. Applicants should be academic staff members of universities or research institutes.

The scholarships are available in every academic field*. Applicants for Masters and Doctoral programmes should have graduated with marks well above average, not longer than six years ago. Applicants for doctoral programmes should not have started their Ph.D. programme more than three years ago. Applicants for Short-Term Research Stays should hold doctoral degree. DAAD Re-Invitation is a life-long opportunity for former DAAD scholars. Besides, applicants who have been resident in Germany for longer than 15 months at the application deadline cannot be considered.

Applicants are generally expected to be able to prove that they have a basic knowledge of German at the time of application and must prove that they have a good knowledge of English (TOEFL iBT 80 resp. IELTS 6.0), too.

The scholarship, which is extendible up to three academic years, includes a monthly allowance of Euro 750 for graduates and Euro 1,000 for Ph.D. candidates (approx. Baht 30,000 to 40,000) plus tuition fees, etc. Furthermore, travel expenses to and from Germany and an allowance for German health insurance coverage will be paid by DAAD.

Important: Application forms for the listed scholarship programmes must be filled online through DAAD-Portal.

Applicants are requested to submit one or two complete set(s) of “Application Summary” generated by DAAD Portal, including the application forms and required documents not later than the given deadlines to the DAAD Thailand (www.daad.or.th) or DAAD Germany (Only Master scholarships).

There are more scholarships available for students and researchers from Thailand, please consult www.funding-guide.de

*Note: Doctoral theses in the medical field requiring the scholarship-holder to work as a doctor unfortunately cannot be funded. For additional information on DAAD Research Grants for applicants from Medical Fields, please visit: www.daad.de/extrainfo

DAAD-Scholarships 2017/2018

I. Master Degree Scholarships
   – Study Scholarships for Foreign Graduates in the field of Architecture
   – Study Scholarships for Foreign Graduates in the fields of Fine Art, Design/Visual Communication and Film
   – Study Scholarships for Foreign Graduates in the field of Music
   – Study Scholarships for Foreign Graduates in the field of Performing Arts

II. Doctoral Degree Scholarships
   – Research Grants – Doctoral Programmes in Germany (1-3 Years)
   – Research Grants – One-Year Grants (7–10 months)
   – Research Grants – Bi-Nationally Supervised Doctoral Programme (“Sandwich Scheme”)

III. Short-Term Research Stay Scholarships (1–3 Months)
   – Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists
   – Study Visits for Academics – Artists and Architects
   – Re-Invitation Programme for Former Scholarship Holders

Deadlines for each program can be found at http://goo.gl/sVK7ZM
More than 20 Scholarship Awards by DAAD, Thailand

For 2016, more than 20 DAAD Scholarships are awarded to students and researchers from Thailand to pursue their study and conduct their research in Germany. 3 Research Grants were given for Doctoral Programmes in Germany (1-3 years) and 3 Research Stays were funded for university academics (including Re-Invitation Programmes for former DAAD Scholarship Holders). Furthermore we afforded many students the opportunity to undertake their Master Degree in Germany. In general we offer three different types of these Graduate Scholarships: Firstly for Development-Related Postgraduate Courses (EPOS), secondly in the field of Public Policy and Good Governance (PPGG or Helmut-Schmidt-Programme) and thirdly for students in the field of Fine Art, Design, Music or Architecture. Additionally the DAAD financed the participation of 7 students in University Summer Courses offered in Germany (HSK).

Monthly Presentations in Thai language will be held on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Auditorium of the Thai German Cultural Foundation Bangkok as follows:

- August 18
- September 22
- October 20
- November 17
- December 15

No need to register. For more information visit www.daad.or.th.

Closing Dates 2016

DAAD Information Centre Bangkok will be closed during the following Thai and German public holidays:

- August 12
- October 3, 24
- December 5, 12
- from December 25 to January 1, 2017

Appointment with this year’s PPGG-Scholarship holders
Call for applications!

Training on Internal Quality Assurance" (TrainIQA) in Southeast Asian 2016-2018

Since 2011 the ASEAN-QA partner organisations (AQAN, AUN, DAAD, ENQA, HRK, SEAMEO RIHED and University of Potsdam) have been cooperating within the frame of the DIES Programme in order to promote regional quality assurance (QA) in Southeast Asia.

The ASEAN-QA Partners are pleased to announce a new round for the “Training on Internal Quality Assurance" (TrainIQA) for Southeast Asian higher education institutions. The application for the new TrainIQA cohort is now extended to **9th August 2016**.

The TrainIQA course supports a selected group of Southeast Asian higher education institutions in order to build up systematic internal quality assurance (IQA) structures and to promote quality culture within their own organisations.

TrainIQA aims at preparing QA officers to become multipliers in the field of IQA at their universities. TrainIQA is based on a set of five modules with a strong practical focus, mainly concerned with designing a QM system, tools and procedures of QA, curriculum design and revision, change management and linkages between quality management and higher education management. The course will be accompanied by a blended learning module on data-based information management, data sharing and reporting.

TrainIQA is coordinated by the Centre for Quality Development of the University of Potsdam which hosts the ASEAN-QA Secretariat. Any questions related to the Call and the training course can be addressed to asean-qa@uni-potsdam.de

For more information on TrainIQA and application process, please see [http://goo.gl/D2EUgf](http://goo.gl/D2EUgf)
FUNDING PROGRAMMES
For our DAAD Alumni in Southeast Asia and Thailand

Scientific Literature Programme
Former one-year scholarship holders of all disciplines from developing countries and from the countries of Southeastern and Eastern Europe can apply once a year for specialist literature (books, journals, articles) produced by German publishers to help them advance their academic knowledge and qualifications (max. value of 200 euros per year).

Small Equipment Programme
One-year scholarship holders from developing countries and from the countries of Southeastern and Eastern Europe, especially those from the fields of engineering, technology and science and from the agricultural and forestry sciences, who received DAAD support for a period of 10 or more months can apply for a grant to buy small equipment and materials.

Material Resources Programme
Applications for scientific and research equipment can be submitted by academics and scientists working at a foreign university who completed part of their studies or research in Germany. Applications should be submitted in conjunction with a concrete research or teaching project.

Re-Invitation Programme
If you have been supported by DAAD for at least 6 months in Germany (postgraduate course, one-year grant or doctoral studies) and you have worked for at least three years back in your home country you can apply for a research stay in Germany (max. three months).

Alumni Events
DAAD alumni are invited to organise their own meetings or conferences on any academic topic relevant to the alumni in the region. DAAD can provide help in finding German guest speakers, fund travel, accommodation and meals, cover the costs of the event if a significant share of the participants are DAAD alumni.

For further Information please visit https://goo.gl/WBJpqt
DAAD Activities in the past months

From March to the beginning of July, DAAD Information Centre Bangkok have been invited to give information about Study and Research in Germany by many education institutions. We would like to thank you all for the invitations, supports and interest.

March:

7th March: "International Fair" at King Mongkut’s University of Technology Thonburi, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

8th March: Info-Session about Visa for studying in Germany (with the German Embassy), 1pm at the DAAD Information Center

18th March: Presentation "Study and Research in Germany", 4:30-6 pm at CPG, Thammasat University (Tha Prajan)

23rd March: Presentation and Info-Session about studying and living in Germany, 11 am at TGGS Open House & Summer Camp
DAAD Activities in the past months

April:

21st April: Monthly Presentation "Study and Research in Germany", 6-7:30 pm at the Library of the Goethe-Institut Thailand

28th April: Presentation and Info-Session about "Study and Research in Germany", 9 am-1 pm at Faculty of Sciences, and 2:30-4 pm at Faculty of Humanities, Kasetsart University

May:

19th May: Monthly Presentation "Study and Research in Germany", 6-7:30 pm at the Library of the Goethe-Institut Thailand

June:

2nd-20th June: Participation in the exhibition "Germany - Land of Inventors" at Siam Center, Bangkok - Info sessions on June, 4th, 1-7pm and on June, 7th, 9th, 14th, 12:30am-6pm

16th June: Monthly Presentation "Study and Research in Germany", 6-7:30 pm at the Auditorium of the Thai-German Cultural Foundation

28th-29th June: "DAAD-SEAMEO TROPMED Network Alumni Forum" at Berkley Hotel Pratunam, Bangkok

If you would like DAAD to come by and provide the information on study and research in Germany at your institutions, please feel free to contact us. We are glad to meet all of you!