

Exchange of Lectures with Oversea Universities – *Teaching Trips Abroad Grant*

**ACTIVITY REPORT**

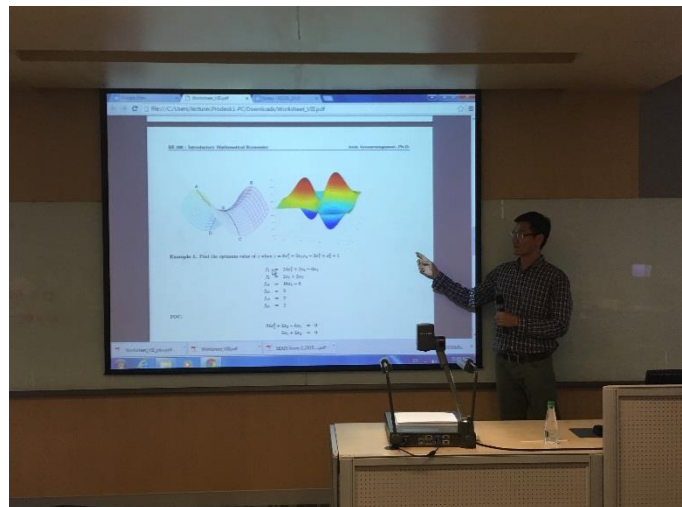
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<i>Trip Duration</i>	From: March 2, 2016 To: March 8, 2016
<i>Institutions visited / Country</i>	1) Thammasat University / Thailand
<i>Activity Summary:</i>	
<p>I was engaged in the following three activities through the Teaching trip to Bangkok, Thailand:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Giving 3-hour lecture to the Master's program students at Thammasat University</li> <li>2. Observing lectures at Thammasat University</li> <li>3. Discussing exchange programs at Thammasat University</li> </ol>	
<i>Details:</i>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Giving 3-hour lecture to Master's program students at Thammasat University</li> </ol> <p>Thammasat University gave an opportunity to give a three-hour lecture in the course of EE668, "Development Economics: selected topics I" (empirical development microeconomics and policy analysis) of which Dr. Chayanee Chawanote is the lecturer. It is a course in the Master's program with 13 graduate students. The students were highly qualified, including one students from the Bank of Cambodia. The topic was conflicts in developing countries. I went over theoretical frameworks of onset of conflicts, followed by empirical studies on relationship between onsets of conflicts and economic development. The same topic is covered in ECN325, "Economic Development" at AIU, but content is modified to be more advanced level to meet the expectation of graduate students. During the lecture, students raised many insightful and challenging questions, which became good preparation for upcoming lectures at AIU, especially for senior level courses whose level is keep rising in recent years.</p>	



(Teaching Development Economics: selected topics I)

### 1. Observing lectures at Thammasat University

I attended Mathematical Economics by Professor Aroonruengswat on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The course is preparatory course for sophomore students to take intermediate and advanced level economics courses. I attended that course because I am going to teach the same course from Spring 2016 at AIU. The lecture covers highly mathematical and abstract topics, but professor Aroonruengswat facilitated students' understanding of concepts through the provision of visual and concrete examples (see the following picture). At the same time, Professor Aroonruengswat did not entirely rely on presentations: he went through example problems, and solved them on board. By observing his lecture, I obtained clearer idea of course management of the new course for coming spring.



## 1. Discussing exchange programs at Thammasat University

I had an opportunity to discuss Professor Sukpanich, Vice Dean for International Affairs in the Economics Department at Thammasat University to exchange information on study abroad programs. Thammasat University has partnership with several prestigious university in Japan. International students from these institutions are also competent and highly motivated, providing positive academic atmosphere on campus. Thammasat University also has an all-English program of economics for Thai students and offers numerous economics courses in English, which was a good learning opportunity for future course offerings at AIU.

We also discussed possibility of the new exchange program between AIU and Thammasat University.



(Meeting with Professor Sukpanich, Vice Dean for International Affairs)