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Thailand Cochran Program Fellows come to ASU

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Government officials from Thailand in their Cochran Fellowship training program on “Agricultural Trade Policy.”

Special points of interest:

- Come join us for International Coffee Hour in the Office of Global Programs Conference Room, every Friday at 10 a.m. during the fall and spring semesters.
- Global Perspectives Certificate Program:

In July, the Office of Global Programs hosted a distinguished group of government officials from Thailand who came to Alcorn to train through the Cochran Fellowship Program, sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA-FAS). The fellows were:

- Mr. Slun Booppasiri, Senior Statistician in the Office of Agricultural Economics - Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (OAE-MAC)
- Ms. Achara Iyarakanjankul, Economist in the OAE-MAC
- Ms. Angkana Puttasri, Economist – Senior Plan and Policy Analyst in the OAE-MAC
- Ms. Chalermwan Jarayanapiwat, Trade Officer in the Department of Trade Negotiations - Ministry of Commerce (DTN-MC)
- Ms. Kejpiroon Kohsuwan, Executive Director in the DTN-MC
- Ms. Kridipak Mongkolyuth, Senior Plan and Policy

Analyst – Trade Officer in the DTN-MC

The fellows were accompanied by Mr. Sakchai Preechajarn, Agricultural Specialist with the USDA-FAS in the Bangkok, Thailand office.

The topic of the training was “Thailand Agricultural Trade Policy.” The overall goal of the program was to train six fellows from Thailand on how the U.S. Government formulates and implements domestic and international agricultural policy. The fellows spent one week at Alcorn, attending lectures, workshops and taking field trips to local agricultural organizations and businesses. The next week, the Thai group, with Dr. Dovi Alipoe, director of the Office of Global Programs, traveled to Washington DC to meet with representatives from several governmental agencies related to agriculture.

The Cochran Fellowship Program provides short-term training opportunities to agricultural professionals from middle income countries, emerging mar-

kets and emerging democracies. Cochran fellows come to the United States, generally for 2-3 weeks, to work with U.S. universities, government agencies and private companies. They receive hands-on training to enhance their technical knowledge and skills in areas related to agricultural trade, agribusiness development, management, policy and marketing.

The goals of the Cochran Fellowship Program are:

- to help eligible countries develop agricultural systems necessary to meet the food and fiber needs of their domestic populations; and
- to strengthen and enhance trade linkages between eligible countries and agricultural interests in the United States.

Since its start in 1984, the Cochran Program has provided training for more than 16,300 fellows from more than 120 countries. The program is named for U.S. Senator Thad Cochran of Mississippi.

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International Notes

- The OGP, through the School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, implemented a grant received from the Association of Research Directors from January to December 2016. The overall goal of this pilot project was to initiate a nationally recognized curriculum leading to a formal Certificate in Global Perspectives. The program, when approved, would be geared to students who major in Agriculture and selected science-based disciplines.
- During the first summer session, several students and faculty from the Alcorn Department of Agriculture, took part in a study tour to Costa Rica. The topic of study was "Tropical Environmental Sustainability and Ecology." The trip was supported by funds from the Global Perspectives Certificate Program and a Capacity Building Grant in the Department of Agriculture. The students received 6 credit hours for the course.
- Alcorn welcomed Dr. John Eleblu, a recipient of a 2016 Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship. Dr. Eleblu's project was to genetically improve and promote cucurbits in the diets of Ghanaians towards improving



Instructor from Veritas Universidad in Costa Rica talking to Alcorn students on study tour for Global Perspectives Certificate Program.

upon the food and nutritional security in Ghana. Dr. Chunquan Zhang, assistant professor in the department of Agriculture, is mentoring Dr. Eleblu. He was at Alcorn working on his research through the end of November 2016, then returned to his native country of Ghana.

World Current Events Question

In what Middle Eastern country is there a civil war being fought between government led forces, rebel forces, and ISIS with assistance from the United States and Russia?

- A. Yemen
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Syria
- D. Egypt

Answer: C

Upcoming Event

Interested in Study Abroad for the Fall of 2018 and are a Pell Grant recipient? Be sure to stop by the Office of Global Programs at the start of the Spring 2018 to learn about the Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship. Workshops will be presented.

