I think St. Theresa International College is very good. The teachers and students are nice. They help me whenever I have problems with my studies. By the way, I am from Vietnam. I am taking up Business English. I am connected to Camillian Social Center Prachinburi as a seminarian.

Nguyen Hoang Giang,  
Business English Y1

By: Aj. Arjey Castillon, Lecturer,  
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

I am a seminarian staying at Camillian Social Center Prachinburi. Right now, I am studying English courses with the Business English students. I think this institution is good for learning English. There are many good teachers here and the environment is a good place to stay.

Nguyen Dinh Minh Quang,  
Business English Y1

Everyone knows me by my nickname “Willy”. I am from Myawaddy, Kayine, Myanmar. I am 20 years old. I graduated from Sappawithakhom School. Before my graduation, I didn’t have any idea where to study and what major to take up. One day, Ajarn Korn Sinchai from STIC Marketing/Guidance and Counseling Team introduced St. Theresa International College to grade 12 students in our school including myself. During his presentation, I realized that this is what I really want for my tertiary education. Moreover, the college fees are not expensive and I would have the chance to study with real professors. Then, I made the decision to be here at STIC.

Aung Thu Rain Oo, Aeronautics Y1

My friends call me Rose. I am 18 years old. I am a Filipino but was born here in Thailand. I can speak both English and Thai. My parents have been working here for many years now. I have one sister. She is studying at Sacred Heart Convent School where I had finished my high school education. Currently, I am taking up Airline Business major here at STIC.

Rosanna Labrador,  
Airline Business Y1

I am from the Maldives. I am studying Aeronautics in this institution. I like to swim and dive. It’s a passion of mine to explore the underwater beauty. What I like most about the college is the hospitality given to me by each and everyone on the campus. It is grateful to have a friendly environment with great personalities.

Mohamed Shamaail,  
Aeronautics Y1

People call me Toby. I am a German citizen but I grew up in Australia and Thailand. I can speak English, German and Thai. Aviation has been a huge interest of mine. I am calm, curious and a people’s person. Doing adventures, going to different places, experiencing new cultures and cuisines are on my bucket list.

Tobias Kaiser,  
Aeronautics Y1

The Freshmen Orientation 2019 was held on June 6 at St. Mary’s Building. This annual event aims to orient and welcome the new members of the STIC family. At this stage of their college life, it is a MUST for them to become familiar with the new environment. Starting college can cause much anxiety in the heart of a new college student because of all the unknowns—“What should my major be? Will I make any friends? How will I find all of my classes? Whom do I ask if I have a question? This Freshmen Orientation is designed to guide students in answering all of these questions. It is the key to help the students with the first steps toward academic success. This program is a very fantastic experience where both the Welcome Session and the Program Information Session provided useful advice and information. The student volunteers were really helpful and friendly. The extremely helpful topics were clearly delivered by our respectful members of the administration. It also leads everyone to feel much calmer as the whole orientation was very valuable in informing and giving insights about college life and how to be successful. The event ended with so much information and knowledge that armored our students to be confidently prepared in facing the incoming challenges.
To welcome our STICIans on the new academic year, the library head and staff organized an event with different activities for the students. The event included many activities such as: introduction on how to use the library, film viewing, and several fun games with some prizes for the winners. The Library Open House ran from June 19 to June 21. This year’s theme was “Library WoW 2019 - COME TOGETHER TO SEARCH FOR KNOWLEDGE”. Students of St. Theresa International College are all welcome to participate especially the first year students who are studying “Library Skill” subject. This open house aims to give more insight on proper use of library resources, specifically the new students. The library gives prizes to students who consistently borrow books for both reading pleasure and study-related reasons. The library hopes that all the STICIans would love to read books and enjoy the ambience in the learning resources center. The library firmly believes that “Everything you need for a better and successful future has already been written. And guess what? All you have to do is go to the library”.

By: Halima Iskak, Master’s in Educational Administration

NEW CA ROOM

By: Lapanaporn Sakunkangsuksa, Communication Arts Y3

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, most specifically the Communication Arts Department, has continuously been improving its learning facilities to cater to the demands and needs of all CommArt students. CA students conduct their acting classes in the Drama Room located on the 3rd floor of the Administration Building. This room has a huge mirror on one of its walls for acting and dance rehearsals. Next to it is the Photo Studio which contains all the necessary equipment to capture the best shots. CA students learn and practice photography and videography in this room. The next rooms are the Study Rooms. These rooms accommodate the CA students as they learn the theories related to movies and television. The Computer Room provides the workplace for editing and searching for information. Finally, there’s the CommArts Board that displays all the impressive works of CA students. This board is open for public viewing especially during exhibitions and other activities. The CA community invites all the STICIans to have a look at our CA Zone.

The 121st Philippine Independence Day’s Celebration in Bangkok

By: Samera Ibay, Master’s in Educational Administration

The 121st Philippine Independence Day’s Celebration in Bangkok on June 12, 2019 to celebrate the 121st Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Philippine Independence, as well as the 70th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Philippines and Thailand, which falls on 14 June. The cultural program featured Bangkok-based Maguindanaon students from St. Theresa International College Graduate Students’ Cultural Dance Troupe: Arah Bantas, Ellah Jayson Ali, Halima Iskak and Samera Ibay who performed Muslim dances such as Kapag-Asik, Silong sa Ganding, and Kapa Malong Malong. The rest of the evening was joyfully punctuated by music from husband-and-wife duo, playing the guitar and saxophone, and led attendees in singing, dancing and musical improvisation.

The celebration of the Philippine Independence Day was graced by the presence of the Ambassadors and other members of the diplomatic corps, prominent Thai business people, and officials from international organizations in Bangkok, as well as guests from the academe, media and the Filipino community.

By: Jaturapat Saikam, Air Traffic Control Y3

On June 28-30, the college lobby was filled with our dear students and their loving parents patiently waiting to affirm the student loan contract with the presence of STIC Student Loan Representatives. Most of our students take advantage of availing Thailand’s national student loan program to support their college fees. In order for their loan to be granted, they have to maintain a certain GPA score, partake in volunteering and other specific activities. Student loans have been helping a lot of our students. Some of them are already employed and paying back the favor.

By: Jaturapat Saikam, Air Traffic Control Y3
**New Lecturers. . .**

Name: Lily Grace N. Orcino  
Country: Philippines  
Academic Qualifications: Post Graduate Diploma in Business and Administration at Massey University in Palmerston North, New Zealand with Distinction in 2002  
• Doctor of Philosophy in Development Administration at Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University-Graduate Studies  
Mid La Un Campus with Highest Academic Excellence in 2013  
Her dissertation- “Jobs, Poverty and Economic Growth: The Case of Region I” was also accorded as Best Dissertation by the University of the same year. She presented her Dissertation to the Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA) International Conference in Jakarta, Indonesia in 2012.  
She has three international research publications in an International Peer-reviewed Journals and two course modules for PhD Program which are now being used in the PhD Program of the Open University System (OUS) of Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University.  
Among her academic experiences include as Professor1 and Program Head of the PhD, MPA and MBA Programs of the Graduate Studies of Union Christian College in the City of San Fernando, La Union, Assistant Professor of AMA International University Bahrain (AMAIUB) in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and a Visiting Professor of the PhD and MPA / MBA Programs of Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University.  
In her stint with the National Economic and Development Authority, she was a recipient of scholarships and awards to include short-term international courses and trainings on 1) Tourism Marketing Planning in Brugge, Belgium (with Honors) in 1995, 2) Environmental Assessment and Management in Agricultural Development at Wye College, University of London, 3) Agricultural and Rural Development Policy at the University of East Anglia Norwich, United Kingdom in 1993, and 4) International Study Meeting on Methodologies for Knowledge Management Measurement in 2007 and e-Learning Course on Knowledge Management for the Service Sector in 2011- both sponsored by the Asian Productivity Organization.

Name: Melven Acasio Morales  
Country: Philippines  
Academic Qualifications: Doctor of Education  
Working Experiences: Head of Math Department (Satit Rangsit, Thailand) & High School Principal (Misamis University, Philippines)  
Working in an institution that has a good reputation, being able to progress professionally, having a physical working condition that is safe are the good factors that one can be proud of working for. More so, if we are given the chance to use our abilities, surely it will give us a feeling of accomplishment.

Name: Corazon Villanueva Codera  
Country: Philippines  
Academic Qualifications: Ph.D. in Educational Administration  
Being a teacher/lecturer doesn’t mean performing duties that impart knowledge but a responsibility to mold the learner to become independent and competitive - ready to face challenges in life with dignity and integrity.  
And I believe that Education is life’s way of finding yourself and that we need to enjoy, to be happy – it’s all that matters.  
“To God be all the glory”.

Name: Ashish Tamta  
Country: India  
Academic Qualifications: pursuing Ph.D. in Tourism  
Working Experiences: Academic Researcher for 5 years & Lecturer for almost 2 years  
St. Theresa International College has a loving and caring environment.

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**Faculty Orientation**

By: Phattaraporn Thanintrawat BE Y1  
On 12 June 2019, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences had held the Faculty Orientation in the Exhibition Room, Joseph Marie Building. It was an awesome meeting. Business English and Communication Arts freshmen were enthusiastically paying attention to every word that the speakers uttered. We were told how to live and learn perfectly in a new environment. The skilful and delightful Humanities and Social Sciences Dean Assistant Professor Dr. Ubon Dhanesschayakupta, together with some of our caring professors, shared some of their thoughts on college life and how to survive all the challenges that may come our way. They also expressed valuable ideas on how to achieve our goals and how to be successful. Moreover, they also told us to be careful and taught us to be strong and patient while we’re in college. Things may be hard but if you work hard, everything will be as easy as 1-2-3.

By: Panudech Puntumsen, AB Y1  
At first, I didn't really care about the orientation activity. But when I walked into the event, I immediately had a change of mind. The most important thing I learned from this activity is the sharing of words from every noble teacher both Thai and foreign. They mentioned things on how to study well in the college and how to achieve our goals. What I remember very well are the words of the Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration Aj. Prachuap Trinikorn. He said, “Language comes opportunities, good future, and good work. That’s the reason why you came here. We can't give you that opportunity but we can give you the way and a path to achieve your goals.” I don't know what other people thought about this activity, but for me, it set a fire in me and motivated me to fight the battle of life and achieve success. After that, we had a meeting with the seniors. I think it is a very good chance for us to hear some encouraging words from them. We exchanged some suggestions for learning and socializing. Overall, this faculty orientation is quite good.
On June 27, 2019, at St. Mary’s Building, after the Wai Kru Ceremony, the board of directors, teachers, and students enthusiastically sang a birthday song for their beloved Madam Dr. Theresa Virachanee Phromsuntron. She warmly thanked everyone, offered her advice and blessings. She also shared cones of ice-cream for all the STICians.

A few minutes after, there was a luncheon party to celebrate her special day. Her family members and STIC family expressed their warm wishes and gratitude to the birthday girl. There were also songs of faith to thank the Creator for an additional year in her life. Birthday presents were also given to her as an expression of their sincerest love to the mother of STIC. Later after the birthday greetings and gift-giving, mouth-watering dishes were shared by all the birthday wishers.

Lastly, the 75 year old Madam Dr. Theresa Virachanee Phromsuntron delivered her message of thanks and appreciation for the unconditional love that is being bestowed upon her by the Creator and from the never-ending compassion from her family and colleagues.

Ms. Tanchanok Intarak & Ms. Kontharos Wacharaprapakornkul, Business English Y2
Thai officials paid homage to Her Majesty Queen Suthida in honour of the country's new Queen.

Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha initiated the alms giving ceremony to several Buddhist monks near the Grand Palace in Bangkok.

Moreover, Thai citizens gave alms to the monks in the morning to make merits for the Queen. They also wrote birthday messages in greetings books placed in if different locations, including the Sahathai Samakhom Pavilion inside the Grand Palace.

Long Live the Queen!

Her Majesty Queen Suthida Tidjai, also known as Suthida Vajiralongkorn Na Ayutthaya, was born on June 3, 1978. She was formerly a flight attendant for Thai Airways.

The position of commander of Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn’s household guard was appointed to her in August 2014. She then became the Commander of the Special Operations Unit of the King’s Guard and stepped to the rank of General on December 1, 2016.

On October 13, 2017, she was given the title of Dame Grand Cross (First Class) of The Most Illustrious Order of Chula Chom KlaO which bestows the title of “Than Phu Ying”.

She became a household name when His Majesty King Vajiralongkorn (Rama X) married her on May 1, 2019, at Bangkok’s Dusit Palace, days before the coronation of His Majesty.

On 3rd June, Her Majesty celebrated her first birthday as the Queen of Thailand. The Kingdom of Thailand celebrated with her with some ceremonial events held in nearly all schools, private, and government offices throughout the country. It was after the Cabinet declared that June 3 this year onwards will be considered a national holiday.
Wai Kru Day or Teachers’ Appreciation Day at St. Theresa International College was held on the morning of June 27, 2019 at St. Mary’s Building. This ceremony is annually celebrated for Thai students to thank and pay a special respect to their teachers. The event began when Madam Dr. Theresa Virachanee Phromsuntron arrived at the venue. All the students stood in front of their teachers. Two students from every major offered beautiful and creative floral trays to the members of the administration. Students usually make use of traditional Thai flowers which have different meanings such as respect, patience and discipline. Songs for teachers were also sung to express their love towards their second parents. In addition, Blessing of the Books was initiated by the College President Dr. Piyada Wattanasan. It was followed by the tying of the holy threads on the students’ wrists, wishing them luck and blessing them with kind words. The ceremony ended with a Thai traditional dance performance from the nursing students. The ceremony has taught us the most important thing - we must remind ourselves to always give respect and appreciation to all our teachers, not only during Wai Kru Day but every moment of our lives with them.
Rub Nong is one of the most-awaited activities of higher educational institutions throughout Thailand. It is an activity mostly organized by the second year students to welcome the freshmen with different initiating activities. St. Theresa International College is one of the many colleges in Thailand that still practices this activity. On June 27, we occupied the area beside St. Mary’s Building and across the football field to conduct the activity. There were games and some military-like activities set in every station that every faculty/major prepared. These stations are made to test the patience, loyalty, brotherhood, and teamwork of all the freshmen. In addition, the students’ survival and critical thinking skills were put to the test as they went through difficult obstacles. On that day, our juniors looked so exhausted while covered in dirt and rubble. Despite of this, the students still had so much fun. For us who made efforts to prepare all the activities, it’s a fulfilling emotion to activity. There were games and some military-like have.

By: Ms. Jenjira Mungdee, Business English Y2
In an endeavor to felicitate the Aeronautics Students, St. Theresa International College held its 3rd Decorating Ceremony on 18th and 19th June, 2019 in the Mock-up room. The main motto of the ceremony is to encourage the students and to make them understand their responsibilities.

The program began at 10.00 am with a welcome speech by Air Chief Marshal Wallop Meesomsup, the Head of the Department of Aeronautics. Aj. Praveen Shaju and Aj. Saran Kumar had also attended the event to help us out.

Mr. Kiratti Khamkaew, the Student President of the Department of Aeronautics described about the importance of the epaulette to the dignitaries for wing pinning.

Aj. Wallop felicitated the students with the epaulette and gave the presidential address to explain the importance of the ceremony to the students. The meeting ended with words of thanks from Aj. Praveen Shaju.

The Guidance and Counseling team of St. Theresa International College had a wonderful trip in China and Hongkong on June 22 – 29. They were in awe seeing magnificent views of buildings and the airport at Shenzhen, China. The buildings look so clean and modern which is completely opposite from the old images and stereotypical impressions of China which is considered congested with both cars and people, and also the cities polluted by smog. In addition, after hearing the information about this city from our guide, we were astonished that the city took only 40 years to build. All their buildings, shops and transportation look far better from that of the past. From our point of view, it is considered as a beautiful country. Furthermore, there were no clutter of electric wires and toxic fumes from cars. The government has imposed strong rules that citizens aren’t allowed to drive cars using diesel.

On our trip, we went to an island named “Hisso”, more popularly known as Hong Kong, the city that never sleeps. We took a train from Hong Hom station to Kowloon. It was a bit unfortunate that there were protesters on the street, so we changed the plan to go to Kowloon and Lantau instead. It was not a disappointment. We went shopping on every street, buying from genuine brand-name products coming from around the world, on the tax free prices! It was really fun to shop until I ran out of money. The food here is not really so different from Mainland China. We went to the 3 most important temples in the island. We spent only 12 hours in Hong Kong because of the protesting. We came back to China again and started with a night trip in downtown Shenzhen. I thought it was in the center of Seoul because this city is quite well-known to most Chinese teenagers. There are 19 million people who are in the age bracket of 15-25 years old. Moreover, the city has many universities and popular companies. Communication is a bit challenging because 90% of the locals can’t communicate in English. We spent 4 days and 3 nights in China and Hong Kong. We learnt many new things such as history, famous products, exotic foods, and amazing attractions.