

Minutes of Meeting: Executive Committee of JSPS Alumni Thailand

9th April 2014

Participants:

Executive Committee members

1. Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl, President
2. Dr. Danai Tiwawech, Secretary
3. Dr. Jiraporn Chauvalit, Receptionist
4. Dr. Pornpen Pathanasophon, Registrar
5. Dr. Pacharee Thongkamkoon, Committee
6. Dr. Suratwadee Jiwajinda, Committee

JSPS Bangkok Office

9. Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita, Director, JSPS Bangkok Office
10. Mr. Daisuke Yamada, Deputy Director, JSPS Bangkok Office
11. Ms. Hiromi Todoroki, International Program Associate, JSPS Bangkok Office
12. Ms. Buabuchamane Ritthaisong, Liaison Officer, JSPS Bangkok Office

NRCT

1. Ms. Pimpun Pongpidjayamaad, Director, Office of International Affairs, NRCT
2. Ms. Pawanee Chaleeratnakul, Policy and Planning Analyst
3. Ms. Nattha Paisuwan, Foreign Relations Officer

The meeting started at 2 pm.

The president informed the members that JSPS Alumni Association of Thailand (JAAT) had been already registered as an association. This was the first meeting of the new executive committee after the four new positions (as shown below) were elected in the 5th meeting at Maruay Garden Hotel. Totally, the new executive committee consists of 11 members.

1. Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl, President
2. Dr. Danai Tiwawech, Secretary
3. Dr. Supawadee Aramwittaya, Treasurer
4. Dr. Suratwadee Jiwajinda, Committee

After that, the president proceeded 12 meeting agenda as follow.

Agenda 1

Introducing an International Program Associate (new trainee) of JSPS Bangkok Office, Ms. Hiromi Todoroki (working from April 2014 to March 2015)

Agenda 2

Editing the minutes of General Assembly (Mar 14, 2014).

Also, the ending term of the current committee was considered and concluded that it should be in February 2015, which will be during the next meeting of JAAT, and there should be an election for the new committee.

Agenda 3

Preparation for JSPS-JAAT-NRCT Seminar at Research Expo, 8th Aug 2014, JAAT AM./JSPS PM. NRCT invited JAAT and JSPS Bangkok Office to participate in Thailand Research Expo 2014 having the main theme of “Research for quality of life, sustainable economy and society” and 8 sub themes:

1. Research for production and value added agricultural products
2. Research for energy
3. Research for developing prototype technology for industrial sector
4. Research for health and medicine
5. Research for learning management, local wisdom and community involvement
6. Research for cultural, arts and education conservation
7. Research for business building, small and medium enterprises promotion
8. Water management

In the Research Expo,

9.00-12.00: JAAT selected to hold the 4th sub theme, Research for health and medicine. Dr. Danai Tiwawech was assigned to give a lecture on Simple Prevention and Treatment of Cancer for public health. JAAT will invite a Japanese guest speaker to talk about Healthcare for Longevity. (Dr. Danai will send the Japanese speaker name to JSPS later for the support.) Initially, the title of JAAT seminar is “Long Life without Cancer” which will be discussed in more details again.

13.00-16.00: JSPS Bangkok Office selected to hold the 5th sub theme, Research for learning management, local wisdom and community involvement. There will be 3 Japanese guest speakers.

Agenda 4

Approval of JAAT Bylaw in English

JAAT Bylaw (English version) was approved by the committee and the additional correction could be informed afterward.

Agenda 5

Updated Regular Membership of JSPS Alumni Association of Thailand

There have been totally 288 scholars since the scholarship program was started. However, there are only 98 names in JAAT (43 people are registered and 55 people are non-registered). JAAT will send letters to the 98 scholars to inform about JAAT activities and JAAT membership privileges and persuade them to support JAAT.

Agenda 6

Management of registration fee and membership fee

JSPS Bangkok Office will support JAAT to create member directory in order to collect more names and information of JAAT scholars and invite and attract more members. Also, the membership application form should contain the question asking the applicants to join JAAT after receiving the scholarship which is another way of recruiting new members. Ms. Buabuchamanee informed that the form was already edited by Dr. Supawadee. Moreover, the president assigned Dr. Danai Tiwawech to coordinate to renew the authorized name list of the disbursement of funds from the JAAT account.

Agenda 7

Job assignment of JAAT Executive members

According to the section 3 (page 8) of JAAT regulations, JAAT has to have a vice president. The committee agreed that Dr. Paritud Bhandhubanyong, the former vice president, should continue his term as a current vice president.

Mr. Daisuke Yamada stated that JSPS had bilingual (English and Thai) website to promote its activities. He also suggested that JSPS scholars from Thailand, Bangladesh and the Philippines should communicate through the website.

[www.http://jsps.th.org/alumni](http://jsps.th.org/alumni)

Furthermore, he asked help from Dr. Porphant Ouyyanont to manage JAAT website contents as well. Ms. Buabuchamanee suggested the president to consider writing self-introduction article as the new JAAT president and attach the JAAT membership form in JSPS quaternary journal, which is distributed to 288 JSPS Fellowship every 3 months. For the JAAT membership form, receipt and membership number, Ms. Buabuchamanee will have to discuss with Dr. Supawadee in more details.

Agenda 8

Appointment of EC members from Chiang Mai University, Naresuan University, Khon Kaen University

The new JAAT executive committee is supposed to have 15 members; however, currently there are only 11 members. The committee would like to invite personnel from Chiang Mai University, Naresuan University, and Khon Kaen University to be EC members because they will be the contact center for other provinces. The official announcement of the new EC members will be in JAAT general assembly, Feb 2015. Mr. Daisuke Yamada, Deputy Director of JSPS Bangkok Office, already asked Dr. Kittisak from Khon Kaen University to join. However, JAAT still has to select the personnel from Chiang Mai University and Naresuan University.

The committee planned to invite the 3 new temporary EC members to attend the next three JAAT meetings which JSPS will support the travel expenditure for them.

Agenda 9

Recruitment JAAT members (already included in Agenda 8)

Agenda 10

JSPS guidance seminar (in April-May, 2014)

Apr 2014: Executive committee meeting

2nd May 2014: guidance seminar at Mahidol University

30th May 2014: guidance seminar at Chiang Mai University (Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl, the president, and Dr. Jiraporn Chauvalit would like to join this seminar in order to promote and select the additional JAAT committee.)

Nov 2014: guidance seminar at Khon Kaen University (organized by Japanese embassy)

Dec 2014: guidance seminar at Naresuan University

Jan 2015: guidance seminar at Ubon Ratchathani University

Feb 2015: guidance seminar at Prince of Songkla University

* Kasetsart University, Chulalongkorn University, Phramongkutklao University have not yet replied.

* In each place, Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita is pleased to have 2-3 JAAT members sharing field study and training experience in Japan which JSPS Bangkok Office will support the expenditure.

Agenda 11

New Logo of JSPS will be used in General Assembly (Feb 2015). The position of the adding word, "NRCT", will be discussed again.

The president asked NRCT for strong participation in JAAT activities and support for facilitation of the meeting. JSPS Bangkok Office will also inform JSPS Tokyo Office about the great collaboration of NRCT, in which 1. Ms. Pimpun Pongpidjayamaad, Director of International Affairs Division, once said she was willing to cooperate with JAAT.

Besides the president would like to invite the secretary of NRCT JAAT to attend the meeting if he has time.

Agenda 12

JAAT Yearly Schedule (Annual Plan)

The President would like to invite Japanese diplomat and the secretary of NRCT to be JAAT honorary members and also any other people who are benefit to JAAT. Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita suggested that there should be no problem for inviting the Japanese diplomat and the secretary of NRCT is an honorary member of JAAT by law. However, Director of JSPS in Tokyo and Director of JSPS in Bangkok may reject this offer.

Agenda 13 (Others)

Next meeting is on 2nd July 2014, at 13:30 pm, National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT).

The meeting room will be informed later.

The meeting finished at 4.30 pm.