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**Minutes of  
9<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting  
of  
JSPS Alumni Association of Thailand  
(JAAT)**

**Venue:** JSPS Bangkok Office

1016/1, 10th floor, Serm-mit Tower, 159 Sukhumvit Soi 21, Bangkok 10110

**Date:** Thursday, Sep. 20, 2012

**Time:** 14:00 – 15:30

**Participants:**

- Dr. Busaba Yongsmith, President
- Dr. Paritud Bhandhubanyong, Vice President
- Dr. Boonchai Techaumnat, Secretary
- Dr. Malee Uabharadorn, Treasurer
- Dr. Jiraporn Chauvalit, Receptionist
- Dr. Pornpen Pathanasophon, Registrar
- Dr. Porphant Ouyyanont, Public Relation
- Mr. Kuniaki Yamashita, Director, JSPS Bangkok Office
- Mr. Daisuke Yamada, Deputy Director Designate, JSPS Bangkok Office

**Agenda:**

1. Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting (Jun. 26) was approved without any comments.
2. Dr. Busaba reported about t JAAT Seminar on Research EXPO 2012. They had 160 participants in total, and 30% of them were young students. MOE is currently preparing an establishment of farming school and Seminar's theme was very timely.
3. JSPS Bangkok Office reported activities below in summary.
  - a) Courtesy visit to UNESCO Bangkok Office (July. 24)
  - b) Courtesy visit to Chulalongkorn University (July. 30)
  - c) Courtesy visit to Thailand Environment Institute (Aug. 9)
  - d) Courtesy visit to Naresuan University (Aug. 10)
  - e) Courtesy visit to Vietnam Federation of UNESCO Associations (Aug. 14)

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- f) Courtesy visit to Ministry of Science & Technology, Vietnam (Aug. 14)
  - g) Booth exhibition on Science Fair at BITEC (Aug. 17- 31)
  - h) JSPS-NRCT Seminar at Research EXPO 2012 (Aug. 26)
  - i) Courtesy visit to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, Nobel laureate (Sep. 12)
  - j) Meeting with Bangladesh JSPS Alumni Association (Sep. 12)
4. JSPS proposed to invite the president of Chinese JSPS Alumni Association to JAAT General Assembly as the first step for further cooperation between two associations.
- a) JAAT agreed to the idea and Feb. 8, 2013 was tentatively fixed for the date.
  - b) JSPS Bangkok Office will inform the JAAT will and date to China side.
5. JAAT bylaw and JAAT member list
- a) Dr. Busaba reported that JAAT was officially registered by Ministry of Interior dated on Sep. 14, 2012.
  - b) JAAT is required to be a member of League of Thai Association. Membership fee is B3,000 for lifetime.
  - c) JAAT bylaw was modified for following the Ministry rule. English version will be issued after the next GA.
  - d) Dr. Malee was appointed to update the JAAT member list.
  - e) The list should be updated with a special concern about membership-fee status.
6. Some positive comments were given to the tentative schedule and contents of JSPS-NRCT Seminar on World Heritage & Tourism on Jan. 2013.
7. Others suggested by participants
- JAAT kindly offered a farewell lunch for Mr. Hiroaki Tanabe, Deputy Director on Sep. 24, 2012.