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December 16, 2014

The 4<sup>th</sup> FY2014 JAAT Executive Committee and NRCT

**Time:** December 16, 2014 (Tue), 13:30-16:00

**Venue:** Bunnak Conference Room, Building 3, NRCT

## **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. Suratwadee Jiwajinda, Committee
7. Dr. Savitree Limtong, Committee

### -JSPS Bangkok Office

1. Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita, Director
2. Ms. Hiromi Todoroki, International Program Associate
3. Ms. Natthida Veeramongkornkun, Liaison Officer

### -NRCT

1. Ms. Pimpun Pongpidjayamaad, Director, Office of International Affairs
2. Ms. Tiwa Ngaowichit, Foreign Relations Officer, Senior Professional Level
3. Ms. Woramanee Mongkolson, Foreign Relations Officer
4. Ms. Saijai Keeratiyanan, Foreign Relations Officer

### -Observer

1. Dr. Kittisak Sawanyawisuth, Department of Medicine Faculty of Medicine, Khon Kaen University

## **Agenda**

1. Sharing of the minutes of JSPS-JAAT Meeting 3/2014 on October 8, 2014
2. Report activities and works featured
3. Update number of JAAT member
4. JSPS Alumni Badge distribution
5. FY2014 JSPS RONPAKU Medal award and JAAT General Assembly on Friday 27 February 2014
6. Report financial status of JAAT
7. Report about JSPS Guidance seminar at Naresuan, Khon Kaen, and Mahasarakham University
8. JAAT Member Directory 2015
9. Symposium
10. Others

## Minutes of JSPS-JAAT Meeting 4/2014 on December 16, 2014:

Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl started the meeting at 13.30 pm.

### Agenda 1. Sharing of the minutes of JSPS-JAAT Meeting 3/2014 on October 8, 2014;

- Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl shared the minutes of the 3rd JSPS-JAAT-NRCT Meeting to the Committees and the minutes was approved without modification.
- ❖ The Committees approve the minutes of JSPS-JAAT Meeting 3/2014.

### Agenda 2. Report activities and works featured;

- Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl invited the JSPS Bangkok Office to report activities and works featured.
- At the beginning of the report, Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita informed that Mr. Daisuke Yamada could not attend the meeting. Then, Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita reported that regarding activities of last Executive Committee meeting, there is one guidance seminar that held by Japanese Embassy and then Khon Kaen University has a very successful seminar. Thus, he asked Dr. Kittisak Sawanyawisuth to give a briefly report to the Committees.
- Dr. Kittisak Sawanyawisuth reported that as the representative of JAAT and JSPS Bangkok Office, he coordinated with the vice president office. This year they make the seminar bigger by asking the vice president International Affair of the University to join the seminar. There are 40 participants to attend the JSPS activities. He further informed that Mr. Yamada gave a talk on several kind of JSPS-scholarships for Thai researchers and scientists of his University are very interested in several scholarships from JSPS. This year, the seminar has invited guest, Prof. Yukifumi Nawa, a visiting Prof. at Khon Kaen University, to give a talk on his experiences about research in Japan, and other 2 speakers which are himself (Dr. Kittisak Sawanyawisuth) and Associate Prof. Dr. Sakda who had scholarship from Thai Society to study Ph.D. in Japan. These later 2 speakers told the participants about their experiences during research in Japan. However, he got some comment from the participant that the information of the seminar is still limited. So, next year he plan to have more to announce earlier and then may check the title to more informative, like a "research and study opportunity in Japan conducted by JSPS".
- Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl asked Dr. Kittisak Sawanyawisuth "Do they have any problem to find the host scientist in Japan?"
- Dr. Kittisak Sawanyawisuth replied "Yes, it is very important issue, we discuss about how to find the Prof. or host Prof. in Japan and Mr. Daisuke Yamada advised to email or search from the academy activity whatever research you were interested in. He also suggested that we have the alumni from several faculty, several university in Thailand so you may share or ask if you have the similar project you may ask the Japanese Prof. to be your host directly.
- Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl gave an information that many year ago, JSPS in Tokyo invited JAAT Committees and the representative from NRCT, about 10 persons, visit Japan just to looking for the host scientists in order to list them out and distribute to many Thai University because most of them couldn't find host scientist in Japan since they don't have any connections. Finally, she would like to ask JSPS to consider for inviting some of us to visit the University in Japan such as Tokyo University, Kyoto University and Waseda University again in the future to looking for the host scientists.

- Dr. Pornpen Pathanasophon informed that from the member of RONPAKU from the file that she sent to Dr. Danai Tiwawech, we have the history of age full study and field of study, so, you can look at what is the field of your interested in then we can directly connect from the email to the member to ask for his or her suggestion. That is the most easy and successful way because relationship is better than to look for someone that you don't know before.
  - Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl thanks to Dr. Pornpen Pathanasophon for providing the information and ask JSPS Bangkok Office to report for another issues.
  - Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita informed that there is another guidance seminar at Naresuan University and he asking Ms. Hiromi Todoroki to make a briefly report.
  - Ms. Hiromi Todoroki reported that JSPS Bangkok Office held the JSPS guidance seminar together with Japanese Embassy on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Naresuan University. There are 2 speakers, one is this year RONPAKU awardee, Dr. Ratchanee Mukhjang, who talking about her experience as a RONPAKU fellow and also another speaker was Dr. Siripong Premjit who was invited to Japan as a short term visit fellow. Most of their talk was very effective to give information about how research environment in Japan and also how to contact with Japanese researchers. One important thing is Dr. Siripong Premjit later visited the JSPS Bangkok Office and at that time he apply for JAAT and now he became our JAAT member.
  - Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita informed that on November 28, NRCT held the 6<sup>th</sup>ASIAHORC (Asia Head of Research Council), and then 10 countries including Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, China, Japan, India, Singapore, Vietnam and Korea are attended. Dr. Jiraporn Chauvalit and Dr. Danai Tiwawech also attended this meeting. His President, Dr. Ansai, also participated. At that time, Dr. Ansai has only one night stay in Bangkok and he could not even visit the JSPS Bangkok Office. However, he is really appreciated the work of JAAT here and he would like to come back next year to see us.
  - Ms. Pimpun Pongpidjayamaad gave some more detail about 6<sup>th</sup>ASIAHORC meeting and informed that next year in November the 7<sup>th</sup>ASIAHORC joint meeting will be hold in Supporo City, Hokkaido, Japan.
- ❖ The Committees note.

### **Agenda 3.** Update number of JAAT member;

- Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl invited Dr. Pornpen Pathanasophon to report on this issue.
  - Dr. Pornpen Pathanasophon reported that she just received the registration form from Ms. Natthida Veeramongkornkun (Khun Bom), there are 6 persons applied for JAAT new member, one is from Kasetsart University, one from Khon Kaen University, one from Chiang Mai University, one from Naresuan University and two from Mahidol University. Totally, JAAT has about 57 members now.
  - Dr. Pornpen Pathanasophon asked JSPS Bangkok Office about the next guidance seminar.
  - Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita informed that the next guidance seminar will be hold on 3-5 February 2015 in Ubon Ratchathani University and 11-13 February 2015 in Prince of Songkla University.
- ❖ The Committees note.

#### **Agenda 4.** JSPS Alumni Badge distribution;

- Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita suggested to distribute JSPS Alumni Badge following the minutes of the last meeting (agenda 4) *"JAAT will send the receipt, \*certificate (member card) and JSPS Alumni badge to the new member after his/her registration was completed. In addition, JAAT has to give JSPS Alumni badge to all JAAT old member at the next General Assembly"*.  
\*JSPS BKK: Prof. Yamashita suggested to send only receipt and Alumni badge. Member card would be optional.
- Dr. Suratwadee Jiwajinda informed the website of JAAT was finished, but now we lack of the JAAT member, so she would like to grouping the name of JAAT member into 2 groups, the already applied and non applied group. She suggested to the JSPS Bangkok Office to introduce participants about the JAAT-website and how to apply for JAAT member when JSPS Bangkok Office hold the Seminar next time.
- Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita asking about the progression of the JAAT member directory.
- Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl replied that it is ongoing. She will design the format and the contents of the JAAT member directory and send to Dr. Danai Tiwawech. Then, Dr. Danai Tiwawech will forward such information to Dr. Suratwadee Jiwajinda to upload on the JAAT-website.
- Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita has been discussed with Dr. Supavadee Aramvith (Treasurer of JAAT) and she informed that the treasurer of JAAT will send only receipt to the complete registered member but the JAAT member card and JSPS Alumni badge would have someone to take responsibility.
- Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl suggested that there are 2 ways to distribute JSPS Alumni Badge, the first way is by post and the other way is by inviting all 57 JAAT members to join the General Assembly Meeting in order to get JAAT member card and JSPS Alumni Badge. Later, JAAT will send member card and JSPS Alumni Badge by post for those members who could not attend the General Assembly Meeting and JAAT will pay for the expense of the post.
- Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl will take responsibility for making 57 pieces of JAAT member card by using a budget from JAAT while JSPS Bangkok Office will keep JSPS Alumni Badge.
- ❖ The Committees approve and asking Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl to make the JAAT member directory and 57 pieces of JAAT member card by using JSPS and JAAT budget, respectively.

#### **Agenda 5.** FY2014 JSPS RONPAKU Medal award and JAAT General Assembly on Friday 27 February 2015;

- The venue of next General Assembly of the JAAT-JSPS-NRCT and RONPAKU Medal Award Ceremony was discussed. Finally, NRCT selected Maruay Garden Hotel as a venue for the this event.
- Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl suggested to discuss on agenda 5 together with agenda 9.
- After friendly discussion, the tentative schedule of the next General Assembly of the JAAT-JSPS-NRCT and RONPAKU Medal Award Ceremony was divided into 2 sessions, morning session (close for JAAT members) and afternoon session (open for public), as followed;
  - 10.00 Executive Committee Meeting
  - 11:00 General Assembly

- 11:30 JSPS-NRCT RONPAKU Medal Awarding Ceremony
- 12:00 Lunch (only JAAT members are invited)
- 13:00 Joint Symposium
- 16:00 Medal Awardee's Presentation (7 persons, 10 minutes for each presentation)
- 17:00 Dinner (JAAT members, Awardee and new members are invited)

❖ The Committees note.

**Agenda 6.** Report financial status of JAAT;

- Dr. Danai Tiwawech informed that on 15 December 2014, after Dr. Supavadee Aramvith withdraw 8,535 Bath from Thai Military Bank, JAAT has money in this Bank about 117,666.54 Bath.
- For the withdrawal money 8,535 Bath, Dr. Supavadee Aramvith refunded 3,330 Bath for the former advanced payment of air ticket to Chiang Mai of Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl and Dr. Jiraporn Chauvalit and 205 Bath for receptionist. Dr. Supavadee Aramvith keeps the cash 5,000 Bath in hand.
- Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl informed that Thai Military Bank, is not allowed JAAT to change the number of person who can sign for withdrawing money from 3 persons to 2 persons. JAAT have to solve this problem later, probably by changing the present branch (Siam Square) of the Thai Military Bank to Sripratum University branch in the future.

❖ The Committees note.

**Agenda 7.** Report about JSPS Guidance seminar at Naresuan, Khon Kaen and Mahasarakham University;

- Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl mentioned that JSPS Guidance seminar at Naresuan and Khon Kaen University are already reported in agenda 2 but not Mahasarakham University.
- Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita asking Ms. Hiromi Todoroki to make a briefly report on this.
- Ms. Hiromi Todoroki reported that in JSPS Guidance Seminar at Mahasarakham University there are 3 JSPS Fellowships there and 2 of them give a speech about their experiences in Japan whereas the JSPS Bangkok Office introduced the participants about the JAAT activities.

❖ The committees note.

**Agenda 8.** JAAT Member Directory 2015;

- Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita confirmed that Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl will take responsibility for the JAAT member directory.
- Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl informed that she will design the contents of the JAAT member directory and send to Dr. Danai Tiwawech. And Dr. Danai Tiwawech will forward to Dr. Suratwadee Jiwajinda for uploading on the website. At the same time, Dr. Pornpen

Pathanasophon will contact with 57 JAAT members by email for collecting pictures and other information. She will CC to Khun Bom at JSPS Bangkok Office after she got all reply emails.

- Dr. Suratwadee Jiwajinda offered to design for the cover of the JAAT member directory.
- Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl suggested that JAAT should finish the member directory (B5 size book) before April 2015.
- ❖ The committees approve.

#### **Agenda 9. Symposium;**

- Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl informed that agenda 9 was discussed in agenda 5 already.
- ❖ Resolutions note

#### **Agenda 10. Others**

- As for the JSPS Bridge Fellowship Program, by the end of March 2015, we will have the committee to select the appropriate candidate(s).
- Dr. Kittisak Sawanyawisuth informed that Mr. Daisuke Yamada asked him to report about the activities in term of representative of JSPS, so he plan to form the group of the member who have apply for JAAT (which he already have the name from Ms. Hiromi Todoroki) and the alumni of Japanese student in Khon kean University. He thinks they should join together and work together.
- Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl was agree that JAAT should join with alumni of Japanese student in Khon Kaen University and she asked Dr. Kittisak Sawanyawisuth to prepare the discussion in next month when she visit Mahasarakham University.
- Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita mentioned that we must have the registration book at the General Assembly for JAAT members to sign for showing their present or absent in the meeting.
- JSPS will provide air ticket for Awardee of RONPAKU and JAAT executive member only for the General Assembly.
- Dr. Sunee Mallikamarl asked NRCT to prepare document for the Government Office of JAAT members to allow their personnel to attend General Assembly of JAAT.
- ข้อความสีแดงควรตัดออกเพราะผิดกฎหมาย การเลือกตั้งให้เป็นสิทธิของสมาชิกที่จะทำการเลือกในวันประชุมใหญ่ เพียงแต่เป็นการคุยกันนอกรอบว่าควรประชุมใหญ่ เพียงแต่เป็นการคุยกันนอกรอบว่าควรเป็นใครโดยไม่ต้องระบุในรายงานการประชุม ให้ใช้ข้อความใหม่ เป็น "Regarding the election of Executive Committee, Prof. Kuniaki Yamashita suggested that we should consider representatives from regional university such as Khon kaen university, Naresuan university. Let members of the General Assembly vote."

**Meeting adjourned at 16:30 pm.**

**Minute was recorded by Dr. Danai Tiwawech and Ms. Natthida Veeramongkornkun**