Introduction

Launched in 1989, the Bangkok Office was the third overseas liaison office to be established by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). In 1978, JSPS signed an MOU with the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) to promote collaboration in fields of the natural and social sciences and the humanities between Thai and Japanese researchers. Many of the JSPS Bangkok Office’s activities are carried out with NRCT’s strong support and cooperation.

JSPS Bangkok Office supports JSPS alumni association for following up JSPS former fellows’ activities. Currently, the office supports Thailand, Bangladesh, Philippines and Nepal.

Major activities

JSPS Bangkok office’s main responsibilities are promoting and exchanging scientific knowledge through organizing a series of seminars and JSPS guidance sessions for young researchers with the NRCT support, providing fellowship programs and RONPAKU (Ph.D. dissertation) program in Japan for international researchers, and courtesy visits to universities and governmental agencies.

JSPS Bangkok office is expanding the area of interest to cover across Southeast Asian and South Asian countries to play an important social contribution as a funding agency for the international cooperation.

List of activities in FY 2015

- JSPS-NRCT seminar “The future we want - Academic Challenge for better life -” and JAAT-JSPS-NRCT seminar “Nanomaterials and Cancer” at Thailand Research EXPO 2015 in Bangkok
- NRCT-JSPS-JAAT seminar “Academia Responsibility for Sustainable Society - Lessons Learned from Social Business” in Bangkok
- Exhibit a booth at National Science and Technology Fair 2015 in Nonthaburi
- Join Japan Education Fair organized by the Embassy of Japan in Thailand at Khon Kaen Univ., Naresuan Univ. and Prince of Songkla Univ. to hold JSPS guidance session
- JSPS guidance seminar in Thailand at Chiang Mai Univ., Mahidol Univ., Pathumwan Institute of Technology (PIT), Kasetsart Univ., King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMITL) and Mahasarakham Univ.
- JSPS guidance seminar outside Thailand at Yangon Technological Univ. (YMU), Univ. of Yangon in Myanmar, Dhaka in Bangladesh and Pasay in Philippines
- JSPS Alumni Association of Thailand (JAAT) 7th General Assembly and JAAT Executive Committee meeting in Bangkok
- JSPS Alumni Association of Philippines (JAAP) 3rd scientific symposium “Disaster Resilience through Science and Technology” in Pasay
- Bangladesh JSPS Alumni Association (BJSPSAA) 7th international symposium “Green Technology and Society” in Dhaka
- Nepal JSPS Alumni Association (NJAA) launching ceremony and 1st scientific symposium “Towards Sustainable and Resilient Development in Nepal” in Lalitpur

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