



# ไทย ไทย Thai Thai

Thai  
language  
program scaling  
the next height

## THAI LANGUAGE PROGRAM AT NUS...

13 years of dedication in establishing and anchoring NUS as the largest Thai as a Foreign Language offering in South-East Asia

Sawatdii khâ (khráp) ☺

Welcome to the inauguration issue of ไทย ไทย, the NUS Thai language program's newsletter. This is a new channel of communication among the teachers and the students in the program. As an authentic Thai newsletter, ไทย ไทย will be published as and when it is convenient for the editorial board to do so. Such newsletter is called in Thai a ราชสดวก newsletter, as opposed to ราชวัน ราชสัปดาห์ ราช

เดือน ฯลฯ , a new vocabulary item proudly introduced to the students in this issue ! ☺

The Thai language program hopes that you will enjoy reading the newsletter and following all the excitements that the program is bringing to you. There will never be a dull moment in your NUS life once you join the Thai language program ! ☺

Ajarns ☺



### Wai Khru Ceremony:

One of the Thai favorite pastimes is to enjoy delicious food together after important events like this Wai Khru Ceremony in 2010. The ceremony was organized by the Sawatdii Club. It is an opportunity for students to express their love, respect and appreciation to their Thai language teachers.

## The 13 Years Milestone... Growing from Strength to Strength

For a person to be 13 years old is to become a young adult. In old Thai tradition, 13 years old children will have their topknot shaved off and start wearing their hair long, a symbol of entering adulthood.

For the Thai language program, the past 13 years were the time that the program built up its strength and expanded its offerings. Founded in 1998 at the then Southeast Asian Studies Program, with the total number of 21 students, who majored in Southeast Asian Studies, the program was moved to the newly established Centre for Language Studies in 2001, offering Thai language modules to students across NUS. At present, 6

about 200 students each semester. Besides the interactive classroom learning activities, the program also organizes immersion program, field trips, and various cultural events, which also include Thai music and dance workshops which are supported by the Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts, **Chulalongkorn University** and **Absolutely Thai** company. In 2010, the NUS students' interest group, **Sawatdii Club** was founded under the program's guidance, to promote the study of Thai language and culture at NUS through various fun and meaningful activities.

The Thai language program now is a grown up program, and continues to grow with new innovative activities to make your study at NUS a fulfilled one. Stay tuned, and join the rides with **us!**



## NEVER A DULL MOMENT



## 13 Years of Excitement

Various fun and enriching activities from past till now. The fun is still on... come and join the rides!!!



# Songkran 2011

Date: 9th April 2011  
Venue: LT13, AS3 FASS, NUS  
Time: 2pm-5pm

- Free Yummy Thai food!
- Performances by NUS students with guest artists from Thailand
  - Lucky Draw
  - B.Y.O.G

Bring your own (water) gun  
-or get one at the event

Shoot me!

refill with water!

aim at target!

Organised by:  
NUS Thai Language Programme  
& NUS Sawaddee Club

my awesome gun!  
where's yours?

Main Sponsors:  
The Royal Thai Embassy,  
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and Center for Language Studies.

**YOU ARE GOING TO GET ALL WET..**

A  
**RARE** opportunity to aim  
at your Thai language **teachers**  
and make sure that they are  
**WET!!!**

## THAI LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM

In line with the efforts to enhance the knowledge of Thai language and culture to the learners of Thai, the established Thai language immersion program, co-organized by the Thai language program at the CLS, NUS and the department of Thai, Fine Arts University, Nakhonpathom, Thailand, has been providing the opportunities for students learning Thai who have completed at least

Thai 2 (Beginners 2) to immerse

themselves in the three-week

program in Thailand. The students who embark on the Thai language immersion program, organized yearly during either June-July or December, are engaged in the content/culture-based language lessons in which hands-on experiences are the main

approaches. The Thai language immersion program which is well-received as ever will send a current badge of participants to the partner university in this coming June, 2011. The program will be conducted during 13 June and 1 July, 2011. The majority of the participants will have completed their Thai 2 and 3 (Beginners 2 and Intermediate 1) by the end of this semester. In the next issue of our newsletter, how the Thai language immersion program has broadened the cultural perspectives and helped develop the communicative competence of our students will be one of the highlights. Stay Tuned!

## WHAT'S UP ?

### COUNTDOWN TO THAI 1'S CULTURAL WORKSHOP

- 14-15 APRIL 2010

#### 'Thailand In A Day'

is designed to expose Thai 1 students to Thailand and her rich cultural heritage in accompaniment to learning the language. Students are assigned as a group to research different areas such as Thai mannerisms and etiquette; Thai traditional games; Tourism to Thailand; and H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej's contributions to the nation. Students have ample opportunities to connect with one another and to get to know each other better while working on their group project. They will also share their various talents, such as singing and acting during their presentations at the end of the module.

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