

### **PCSHSnews**

Thailand - Japan Student ICT Fair 2019

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The participants are registering for their arrival

# Japanese delegates arrive to PCSHSM

Warmly welcomed by the members of Princess Chulabhorn Science High School Mukdahan (PCSHSM), the Japanese delegates, both teachers and students, arrived to PCSHSM, today, December 19th, 2019, for this year's Thai-Japan Student ICT Fair (TJ-SIF) 2019. From today until the 23rd, they will be here in Mukdahan to exchange knowledge and culture and to collaborate on innovative technological projects with their Thai counterparts.

Aya Sasaki, a Japanese student, said that she was so excited, and that the campus was very big. She also wanted to make many friends while she is here.

Riko and Aika said "It's really far away and I'm tired, it's very beautiful and so large and I want to know about what other schools are researching and their way of researching."

Dr.Keishi Okamoto said that his trip to Thailand was easy because he just had a direct flight from Sendai to Bangkok. He also expressed his feelings toward the event by saying that the school was spacious and different from some schools in Japan, which are crowded. When asked what he expects from this event, he said, "We are exchanging students, and have and agreement about student exchange and we want to send our students to Thailand."

Upon their arrival, the esteemed visitors registered at the Student Affairs Office and checked-in at the campus dormitories. This was immediately followed by the poster set up at the school gymnasium, the local wisdom exhibits at Dormitory 1, and orientation at the auditorium. All of tomorrow's activities and more await the participants of the TJ-SIF 2019! We wish all the participants a great week ahead here with us at PCSHSM!

## TJ-SIF 2019 kicks off with orientation and icebreaking activities

To help the visiting delegates for their five-day stay at Princess Chulabhorn Science High School Mukdahan (PCSHSM) campus dormitories, an orientation and icebreaking activities were held last night, December 19th, 2019, at the PCSHSM auditorium.

During the first part of the event, the participants enjoyed icebreaking activities by the MC staff and made relationships with new friends. They played two games in which they got to sing and dance together. Some of the participants were shy in the beginning but they were finally confident to show their personalities and enjoyed the icebreakers.

The participants were equipped with the basic information they need with regards to their stay at the campus, the important locations, the essential information, emergency personnel, rules, daily schedules and other relevant information by Mr.Supachok Thonkaew After the orientation talk, the student delegates gathered and headed back to the dormitory.

After the night's event, the students went back to their respective accommodation, and this morning are now ready for today's series of activities which include the opening ceremony, oral presentations from the Thai and Japanese students, the Japanese keynote presentation, a visit of the PCSHSM chairman to the ICT exhibits, poster presentations, and the welcome dinner and Thai Cultural Show.





The participants are joining the icebreaking activities



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Thai hosts sharing their culture



#### Local wisdom

Today, December 19th, 2019, Thai and Japanese students and teachers arrived at Princess Chulabhorn Science High School Mukdahan. They then joined the local wisdom event. These activities were held to provide knowledge and expose students and teachers to Thai Isan culture, beautiful Thai wisdom such as weaving the Thai carp and grasshopper figurine, and wonderful traditional Thai costumes.

In this presentation, they watched and played Thai national musical instruments and performances called 'Rao kra tob mai'. Mr.Prasit Poohuarai teacher from PCSHSM, who prepared this activity, said "We have been preparing it for 2-3 weeks. Students have to be careful in each step so that the bamboo won't hit their legs. It's a traditional activity. We present the traditional culture of local people to foreigners." and Mr. Hiroyki Mizumoto from Japan Nara prefecture said that it was very nice. He wasn't familiar with the music but he was enjoying the music. "Thank you very much!" he commented at the end.

The next activity was Thai food and herbal drinks such as lemon butterfly pea tea, Thai dessert, grilled sticky rice. Following this, they made an example of a toy that is made from coconut leaves, called a Grasshopper figurine and weaved the Thai carp from palm leaves.

Lastly, Mr.Chatree Pradutchon, the director of PCSHSM, visited the local wisdom section and said that he was proud to be Thai and Isan, and of the students who have shown interesting and impressive Thai culture to foreigners. Our students were well prepared for the performances. They were talented at music, local wisdom and weaving the Thai Carp and grasshopper figurine. This was part of Thai culture conservation. Ouak, Minny and Meuy, students from PCSHS Chiangrai, said it was fun and the performances were attractive. They had never seen this before in Chiang rai and their favorite activity was Rao kra tob mai.

On the following day, they will have a welcome dinner and Thai cultural shows. To be continued.



People enjoying local deserts

#### Tomorrow activities

- > Opening ceremony
- > Oral project presentation
- > Presentation by Japanese Keynote speaker
- > Poster presentations
- > Welcome Dinner & Thai cultural Show