



Mahidol University and Thai Union Grant Science Scholarships to International Graduate Students

28 August 2019, Bangkok –Mahidol University has partnered with Thai Union Group PCL to offer a scholarship scheme for international graduate students as part of a science and technology initiative project in human resource development.

The initiative was inspired by Thailand’s late King Rama IX who dedicated his life to the country’s education and development. This year, 11 graduate students from six countries have received funding to study in biochemistry, biotechnology, environmental biology, exercise physiology, forensic science, material science and engineering, microbiology and immunology, plant science, and toxicology.

Associate Professor Sittiwat Lertsiri, Dean of Faculty of Science, Mahidol University, said: “It is an honor to have Kraisorn Chansiri, Chairman, Thai Union Group PCL. with us here today. Mahidol University has a very long partnership with Thai Union in terms of R&D activities, technology and knowledge exchange in creating new innovation and technology as well as leading to a contribution in science and technology at national and global levels.”

Tunyawat Kasemsuwan, Group Director, Global Innovation at Thai Union, said: “Thai Union and Mahidol University have had a great relationship since 2015, when we founded the Global Innovation Incubator. This year, we have strengthened our collaboration together with Thailand’s National Innovation Agency with a project called SPACE-F, where we provide an incubator and accelerator program for foodtech start-ups. It is a great honor for Thai Union to join Mahidol University in providing scholarships for international Master’s degree students in science and technology. Thai Union hopes that these scholarships will truly benefit all students and every sector involved.”

ABOUT THAI UNION GROUP

Thai Union Group PCL is the world’s seafood leader bringing high quality, healthy, tasty and innovative seafood products to customers across the world for more than 40 years. Today, Thai Union is regarded as the world’s largest producer of shelf-stable tuna products with annual sales exceeding THB 133.3 billion (US\$ 4.1 billion) and a global workforce of over 47,000 people who are dedicated to pioneering sustainable, innovative seafood products. The company’s global brand portfolio includes market-leading international brands such as Chicken of the Sea, John West, Petit Navire, Parmentier, Mareblu, King Oscar, and Rügen Fisch and Thai-leading brands SEAELECT, FISHO, Qfresh, Monori, Bellotta and Marvo.



As a company committed to innovation and globally responsible behavior, Thai Union is proud to be a member of the United Nations Global Compact, and a founding member of the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF). In 2015, Thai Union introduced its SeaChange® sustainability strategy. Find out more at seachangesustainability.org. Thai Union's on-going work on sustainability issues was recognized in 2018 by being ranked number one in the world in the Food Products Industry in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, achieving a 100th percentile ranking for total sustainability score. Thai Union has now been named to the DJSI for five consecutive years. Thai Union was also named to the FTSE4Good Emerging Index for the third straight year in 2018.

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