

## MUPY executives attended the 2021 US-Thai Pharmacy Consortium



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On June 7, 2021, at 08:00 a.m. (Bangkok local time), MUPY's administrative staff led by Assoc. Prof. Surakit Nathisuwan, the Dean, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Usa Chaikledkaew, the Deputy Dean for International and Public Relations, along with academic staff attended the 2021 US-Thai Pharmacy Consortium via the Zoom Meeting platform. This international conference was organized by the Faculty of Pharmacy, Chiang Mai University, and the Faculty of Pharmacy, Mahidol University, in collaboration with the Pharmacy Education Consortium of Thailand (PECT). Also, this online meeting was attended by more than 400 academic staff, scholars, researchers, pharmacy students, pharmacy residents, and registered pharmacists from 18 Thailand's pharmacy schools, 16 US pharmacy schools, and the pharmacy schools in ASEAN countries. The conference's activities composed of various topics of the academic lectures delivered online by academic staff, experts, and scholars from hosting pharmacy schools. Regarding this, MUPY's academic staff had an opportunity to be an invited speaker and moderator as follows. 1. On June 9, 2021: Assist. Prof. Suparat Chumnumwat's topic was 'Pharmacist Immunization in Thailand'. 2. On June 9, 2021: Lect. Jennis Meanwatthana joined as a moderator with Prof. Alan Lau in the session entitled 'Immunization by Pharmacists: Experiences from the US and Philippines; Expanding Scope of Practice in Thailand'. The objective of this international conference was to promote cooperative advancement of pharmacy education and research among 18 schools of pharmacy in Thailand, 16 schools of pharmacy in the United States of America, and those from ASEAN countries, resulting in increasing the roles of Thailand's universities as the leader of pharmacy education in the region. It also provided a platform for the exchange of ideas and strategies in pharmacy education as well as to foster research collaborations among the pharmacy schools of two regions. Additionally, this conference advocated a technology transfer among the pharmacy schools at an international level. Normally, the US-Thai Pharmacy Education Consortium Meeting is scheduled for every two years. The latest conference was organized on June 11-12, 2018, at USA's College of Pharmacy, University of Kentucky. As a consequence of the global spread of the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) in 2020, the steering committee of the Consortium agreed to postpone the conference to be arranged in 2021 via the online platform. Furthermore, the US-Thai Consortium for the Development of Pharmacy Education in Thailand was founded in May 1994 when nine schools of pharmacy from the United States and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with eight schools of pharmacy in Thailand and the Committee for Pharmacy Manpower Development of the Thailand Ministry of University Affairs. The Consortium fosters a formal link, on an institutional basis, that supports the long-term development plan of the Ministry of University Affairs to enhance the academic, research, and clinical programs of their Schools of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. The mission of the consortium is to foster a formal link, on an institutional basis, in recognition of the long-term development plan of the Ministry of University Affairs to enhance the academic, research, and clinical programs of their Schools of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. The long-term goal of the program is to expand the