

## MUPY hosted the 2022 US-Thai Pharmacy Consortium Virtual Meeting



June 7, 2022

On June 7, 2022, from 07.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. (Bangkok local time), MUPY's administrative staff led by Assoc. Prof. Surakit Nathisuwan, the Dean, along with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Usa Chaikledkaew, the Deputy Dean for International and Public Relations, and faculty members attended the 2022 US-Thai Pharmacy Consortium Virtual Meeting via the Zoom Webinars platform. This international conference was hosted by Mahidol University's Faculty of Pharmacy, in collaboration with Chiang Mai University's Faculty of Pharmacy, and the Pharmacy Education Consortium of Thailand (PECT). Also, this online meeting was attended by more than 300 academic staff, scholars, researchers, and registered pharmacists from 19 Thailand pharmacy schools, 18 US pharmacy schools, and the pharmacy schools in ASEAN countries. The conference's activities comprised various topics of the academic lectures delivered online by invited speakers, 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 7, 2022: Assist. Prof. Supatat Chumnumwat joined as a moderator with Prof. Alan Lau.
2. On June 8, 2022: Asst. Prof. Dr. Luerat Anuratpanich, the Deputy Dean for Student Affairs and Quality Development, delivered the topic of 'Pharmacy school accreditation: US (ACPE) and ASEAN/AUN-QA Perspectives' with Prof. Michael Katz.

The objective of this international conference was to promote cooperative advancement of pharmacy education and research among 19 schools of pharmacy in Thailand, 18 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 in 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 every two years. The latest conference was virtually hosted by Chiang Mai University's Faculty of Pharmacy on June 7-9, 2021, via the Zoom platform as a result of the global spread of the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19). 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 (AACCP) 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 number of pharmacy schools and pharmacy faculty members in Thailand, and the subsequent training of

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