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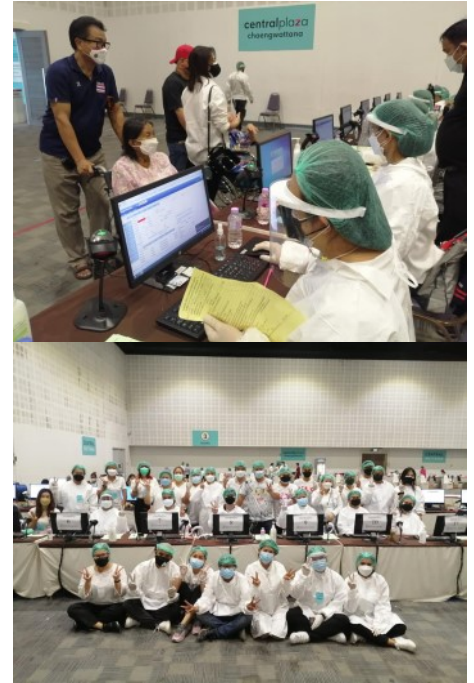


# LONG LIVE THE KING



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BODINDRADEBAYAVARANGKUN

# STOU side by side with the community



On 25-26 August and 2 September 2021, over 40 staff and students from Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University volunteered at Central Plaza Chaeng Wattana, one of the COVID-19 vaccination sites of Nonthaburi province, where around 10,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were given to the people in the community.

Vaccination is the hope for the community and the country to set our steps back into 'normal' life. COVID-19 has made life pre-pandemic a dream. Seeing family and friends, making travel plans, or working at office will be possible again with vaccination plan rolling.

STOU as a part of the community has answered to the call from the Nonthaburi Provincial Health and Pak Kret 2 Hospital to send volunteers operating at the vaccination sites. The STOU volunteers have worked together with the Province for around 4 months.

We hope that we can be a small part that helps alleviating the situation of the COVID-19 epidemic and making normal life possible again.

# GREEN STOU



## Knowledge Source

Rajamangalaphisek Educational Park embraces formal, informal, non-formal, and lifelong education concepts to create learning space within the entire campus in order to create a rich and diverse environment that helps us to realize the value of the environment, human-made objects, culture, wisdom and modern technology.



## Exercise Space

STOU Exercise Space welcomes personnel, students, families, and the community not only for workout, but also for recreational activities.



## Energy Efficiency Policy

STOU exercises paper saving, energy saving and electricity efficiency campaign.

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# "STOU SISA" App Launched



Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University (STOU) launched the application "STOU SISA" on 3 August 2021, to provide convenient and quick student services, available for IOS and Android.

SISA stands for Student Info Service Application. STOU SISA app provides student services including viewing school records, academic results, and enrollment with mobile payment. It also caters information about teaching and learning, examination venues and examination results.

Associate Professor Dr. Pranee Sungkatavat, Distinguished Member of the University Council, STOU Acting President said: "STOU has been continuously implementing the university reform plan. We focus on the development of distance education technology, the modern teaching and learning management, to be ready to provide quality services in this fast-changing society."

"Now that the STOU SISA app is launched, all the students will get access to a faster and more convenient services. The Application connects all students' information

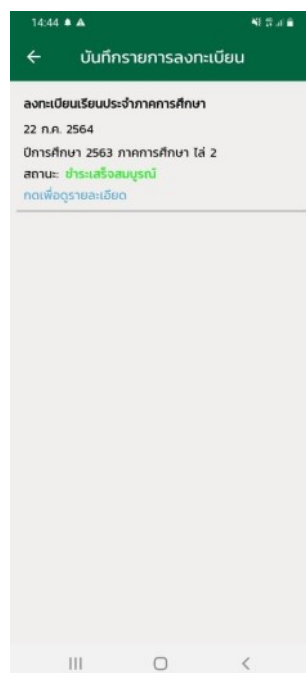
regarding their study and examinations. The system will facilitate all our 88,000 students both in the country and abroad, providing access to important student services all day every day .”

Associate Professor Dr. Theppasak Boonyarataphan, Acting Vice-President for Strategy, Planning, Digital Technology and Innovation, added: “The main challenge of developing the STOU SISA app is that students must receive the correct information. The app should cut down the process and time in contacting the university. They should be able to check the information conveniently and quickly by themselves through the application.”

“STOU SISA contains the student’s personal information, event calendar, enrollment information, educational record, examination schedule, examination result, materials delivery status, course assignment, tutorial, training and professional experience programs schedule, and general university news. Most importantly, students can pay for the registration fee via the STOU SISA app, which is a new dimension for student services of STOU. STOU SISA is now available for download both for iOS and Android.”

Associate Professor Dr. Pranee Sungkatavat added: “The application will continue to develop to increase its efficiency. More information in various fields will be utilized to provide a wider range of student services. Hopefully, we’ll bring in AI technology soon.”

“STOU has delivered quality education for over 40 years. Our next goal is to become full-fledged digital university, while maintaining the quality as a leader in distance education.”



# Workshop and Training in responding to the 'New Normal' lifestyle



## School of Nursing – Transforming Practice (from Clinical Setting to the Community): The Future of Nursing

The School of Nursing, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, organized a workshop titled "Transforming Practice (from Clinical Setting to the Community): The Future of Nursing" on 26 June 2021. The training featured a special lecture by Asst. Prof. Dr. Rita Cui-Ramos, Senior Lecturer from the University of the Philippines Open University (UPOU).

The workshop was joined by both students and graduates of the Master's degree program in Nursing. The participants enjoyed the exchange of ideas and experiences on Transformation of the practice from the clinical facility to the community. They also discussed the information communication and digital technology used in nursing practice. The School of Nursing has also benefited from the workshop. The workshop helped gathering informative ideas and concepts for the improvement of the Nursing courses, to keep up with the social changes, and to answer to the vision of the Ministry of Public Health.





### SEAMOLEC: – Digital Learning Material Development: Whiteboard Animation

There is a dramatic shift sweeping through the education system. Learners of the 21<sup>st</sup> century are highly relational and demand quick access to new knowledge. More than that, they are capable of engaging in learning at a whole new level. With the world literally at their fingertips, today's students need teachers and administrators to re-envision the role of technology in the classroom.

One of the challenges for the teachers is the making of teaching materials. There are a variety of ICT-based tools for materials development. SEAMOLEC is aware of the phenomenon and aims to support the needs of the new paradigm happens in teaching and learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. SEAMOLEC proposed the "Digital Learning Material Development" initiative to be jointly conducted with other educational institutions.

On 1-2 July 2021, SEAMOLEC and Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University jointly conducted the Digital Learning Material Development program, focusing on Whiteboard Animation creation with Explee.

Whiteboard Animation is a moving image that is formed from a set of image objects arranged in an orderly manner following the flow of motion that has been determined at each time count increment that occurs.

By using animated drawing presentation media, it is expected that the teacher can give different delivery and experience to students. Submission of material that was previously still conventional, became an interesting learning by presenting changes in order to improve teaching materials in order to be able to suit the needs of students today using animation.

The workshop allowed the participants to be able to develop material concept map and making story board for teaching and learning, understand the concept of whiteboard animation, know whiteboard animation application tools, and finally develop thematic whiteboard animation-based digital teaching materials.

# STOU-PUP OUS 4<sup>th</sup> Joint Multidisciplinary Online Research Colloquium:

*The Internationalization of education and research management for Ph.D. in Information Science*

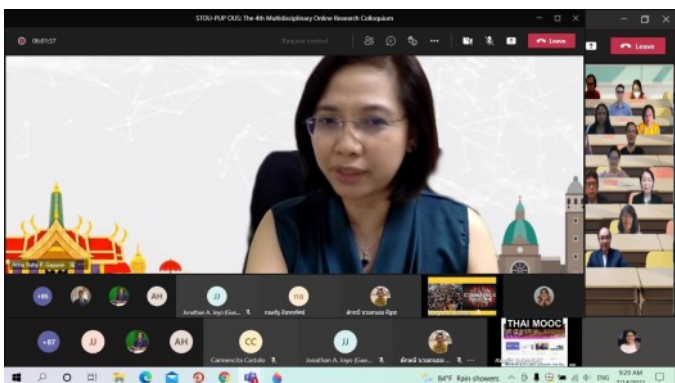
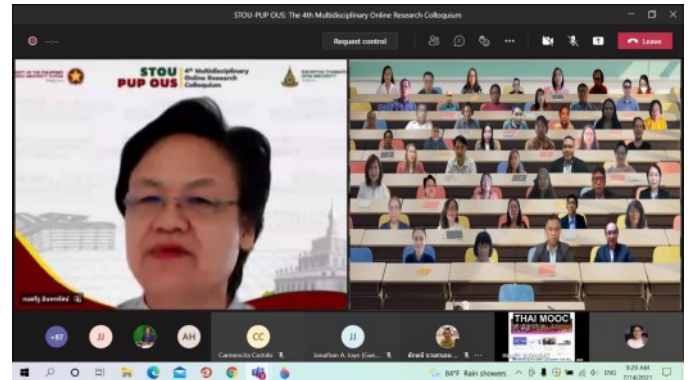


Despite the critical COVID-19 crisis, the Ph.D. Information Science program of Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University (STOU) did not stop the internationalization scheme for our students, alumni, lecturers, and academic network.

On 14 July 2021, the STOU School of Liberal Arts co-organized the STOU-PUP OUS 4th Joint Multidisciplinary Online Research Colloquium with Polytechnic University of the Philippines Open University System (PUP OUS). The event has been held consecutively for 4 years under the MOU between the two institutions. Led by Prof. Emeritus Dr. Chutima Sacchanand, this year colloquium is held virtually via Microsoft Team. There were over 190 participants from STOU and PUP OUS. STOU also conducted additional activities carried out in Thai language to add more productivity to the event.

The STOU-PUP OUS 4th Joint Multidisciplinary Online Research Colloquium 2021 themed "Optimizing Research Engagement and Virtual Classroom Experience in Open and Distance Learning." Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pranee Sungkatavat, Distinguished Member of the University Council, Acting President of STOU presided over the Opening Ceremony and gave a welcome speech. Dr. Manuel M. Muhi, President of PUP OUS, then gave the Introductory Remarks. Asst. Prof. Vasan Rattanapoka, Dean of the STOU School of Liberal Arts also joined the Opening Ceremony and attended several sessions in the colloquium.

The program started out with a lecture by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kamolrat Intaratat, Director of the Research Center of Communication and Development Knowledge Management (CCDKM)

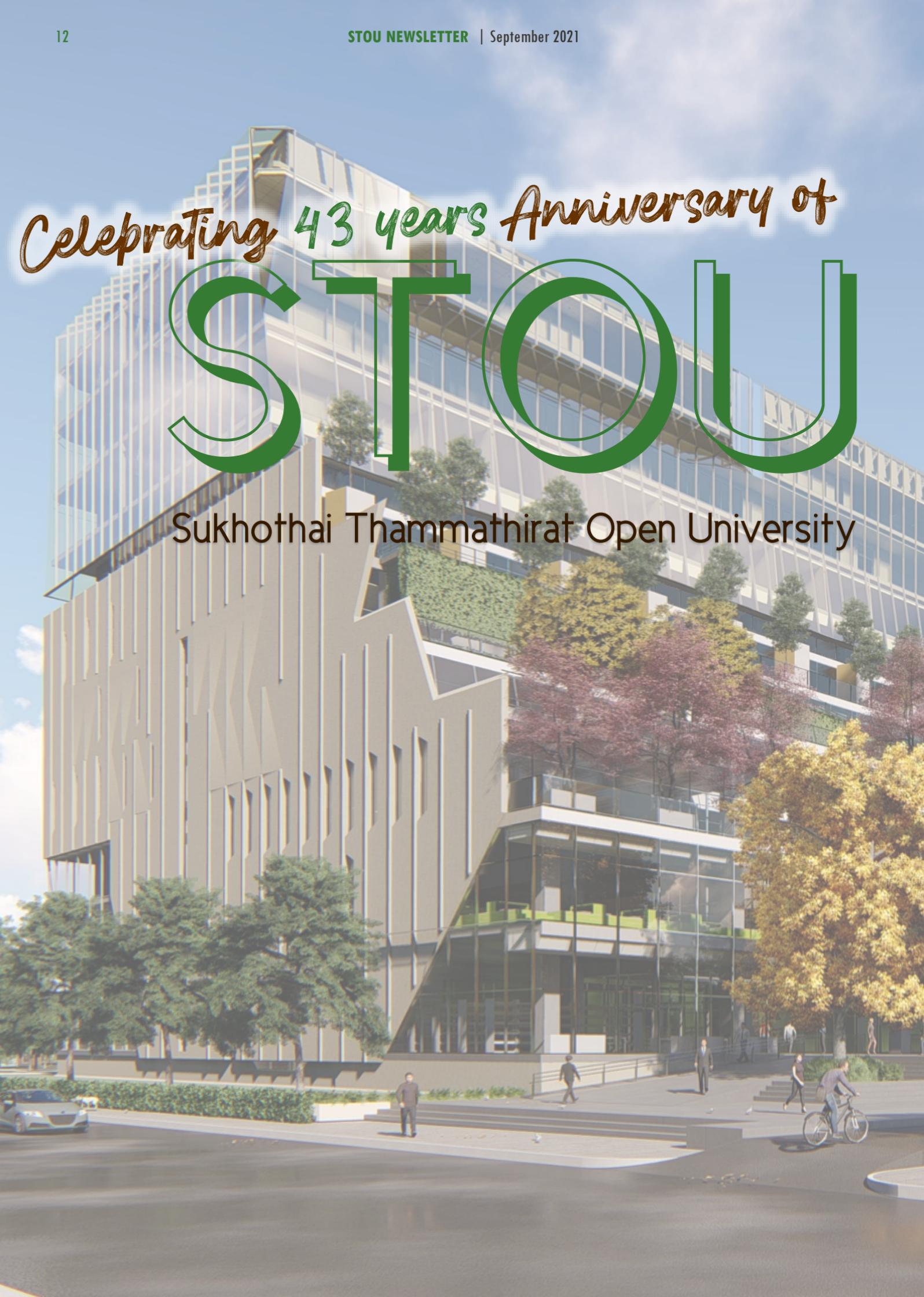


from the STOU School of Communication Arts. This was followed by a lecture by Dr. Anna Ruby P. Gapasin, PUP OUS Vice-President for Research, Extension, and Development. The program continued with the presentations of the academic work by the Ph.D. students and the graduates of STOU and PUP OUS. There were 107 presenters joining the virtual colloquium from Thailand, the Philippines and Japan.

This year, STOU conducted the pre-colloquium workshops on "Effective Presentation in English" continuously before the event to equip the presenters with the skill to make presentations in English, which is not their mother language. on 31 July 2021, a post-colloquium discussion was held to review the lessons learned from the virtual colloquium.

The event not only benefited the current Ph.D. students, but also the alumni. There were also lecturers, international guest professors joining the activities. This made the colloquium reached out to more audiences. The virtual platform also made it convenient for the participants. The activities have successfully created a research atmosphere in open learning and distance learning. The assessment showed that the participants were satisfied with all the sessions carried out.

Additionally, the event was beneficial to the internationalization of education and research management for the Ph.D. in Information Science program and the School of Liberal Arts. It also played a part in the university's academic outreach mission.



*Celebrating 43 years Anniversary of*  
**STOU**

Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University

**S**ukhothai Thammathirat Open University (STOU) was officially established by the Royal Charter on September 5, 1978 as Thailand's eleventh state university. His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej (King Rama IX) graciously bestowed the university its name in honor of King Prajadhipok (King Rama VII), who once held the title "Prince Sukhothai Thamaracha" prior to his accession to the throne.

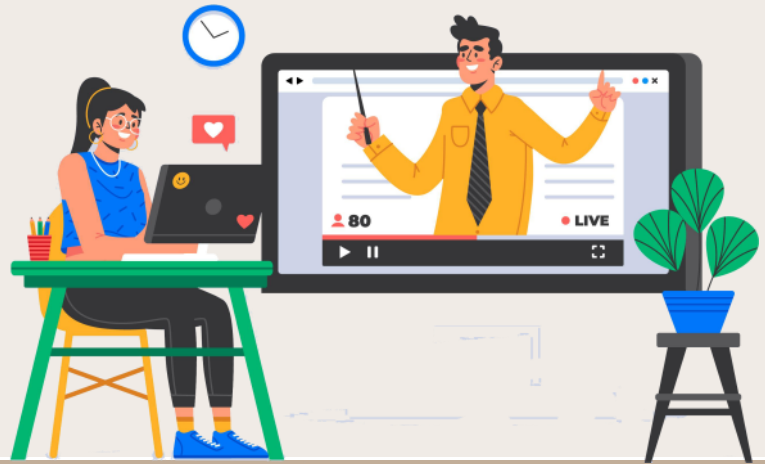
STOU has followed lifelong education philosophy by employing the distance learning system to expand higher education opportunity to all Thai people regardless of sex, age, social status, and living location. Since its establishment, STOU has enabled the development of individuals and communities throughout Thailand and beyond.



In celebration of the 43<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the university, STOU conducted various academic activity under the theme “The Learning Space for New Forms of Distance Education” during 23 August – 13 September 2021.



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| <p>School of Agriculture and Cooperatives</p>                                       | <p>Academic discussion on the topic of "Agricultural products trade in the new normal era"</p> <p>Demonstrations on various topics including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making money during COVID-19 with hydroponic vegetable business</li> <li>• HAPPY MONEY: Personal financial planning</li> <li>• Guidelines for using economic trees as loan collateral</li> <li>• Modern agricultural technology and innovation</li> <li>• Raising Asian water monitor and economic benefits.</li> <li>• Growing vegetables and herbs in urban areas</li> </ul> |
| <p>School of Economics</p>  | <p>Research presentation themed “Economics: Concepts and application to area-based development”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sufficiency Economy to the Community: Lessons Learned, Learning and Development</li> <li>• Community Title Deed and Economic Development</li> <li>• Price Structure Analysis of the Oil Palm Fruit and Palm Oil System</li> </ul>   |
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| <p>School of Liberal Arts</p>   | <p>Seminar on “Developing academic cooperation networks in Information Science education management”</p>   |
| <p>School of Nursing</p>  | <p>Academic Conference on “Trends in Nursing Education Management in the New Normal Era with Distance Education System”</p>  |



### School of Educational Studies

Academic discussion on the topic “Learning Space: A New Model of Educational Management for Student Competency Development”

Group discussion in the following topics:

- Learning space for student competency development
- Online classrooms: Happy and fun space for knowledge sharing
- Designing performance assessment with evidence-centered design concept
- Learning management to support learning space
- New psychological guidance and counseling for learners' support and competency development
- Learning in the Next Normal: creating passion for life-long learning.

### School of Human Ecology

Academic discussion on “Distance education via online media and promotion of family and community business with science and technology in food and nutrition”



### School of Science and Technology

Online workshop on “Label design in the New Economy”

### Office of Educational Technology

Academic Conference on “Artificial Intelligence (AI): Challenges and Distance Education

