Thailand’s NIDA Renews Its Exchange Relationship with Indiana University

The National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) is Thailand’s leading educational institution that concentrates exclusively on graduate studies in fields related to national development, offering master’s and doctoral degree programs in business administration, social development, applied statistics, and others. Since its inception in the mid-1960s, NIDA has had a long-standing association and history of cooperation on various projects with Indiana University that go back more than 25 years.

In October, a six-member delegation from NIDA, headed by President Preecha Jarungidanan, came to Indiana University to renew the relationship between the two institutions. A formal agreement was first signed in 1985 through the Office of International Programs to promote mutual understanding. The renewal this fall will allow more student opportunities and short-term faculty and staff exchanges to both the Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses.

Accompanying the president were Vice President for Administration Chindalak Vadhanasindhu, Vice President for Planning Nattapong Thongpakde, Director of the Economics Ph.D. Program Wichai Turongpun, Dean of the School of Business Administration Thakol Nunthirapakorn, and Assistant to the President Wasita Boonsathorn.

The delegation was also interested in learning more about the U.S. academic system and various administrative units and structures. On both the Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses, they were able to meet several deans and faculty members of the schools of public and environmental affairs, business, education, and the graduate school, as well as administrators in the budget office, university information systems office, planning and institutional improvement and instructional technology, and international programs. At IUPUI, they were present at the dedication of the new informatics building housing the School of Informatics.

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