

Corporate Social Responsibility(CSR), Social and Cultural Activities at PSU

Buddy Program

Upon arrival, international students will be allocated a PSU Thai buddy. This makes transition into Thailand and PSU a much easier experience. It's also a fantastic opportunity to practice your language skills, while enhancing your cultural awareness of Thai culture.



Home Stay

Throughout the semester a number of Home Stays will be organized. This is a great opportunity to see the “real” Thailand that not many people get to experience. You will be hosted by a Thai family in the beautiful province of Phang Nga, which is considered to be the most beautiful province in Thailand, only a short drive from Phuket. You will cook, socialize and partake in lots of the activities the Thai family have arranged. It’s a truly magical, unforgettable experience.



Thai Cooking Class

A great opportunity to show off your cooking skills (if you've got any). Held in our state-of-the-art kitchen, international students will first learn about Thai herbs and species and then get the chance to cook a variety of dishes shown to them by a fully qualified PSU chef. The dishes cooked will vary but usually include delicious curry or spring rolls, just to mention a few.



Safe Sex Campaign

Now in its 3rd year, the PSU Safe Sex Campaign is one of the most popular CSR events of the semester. PSU students join forces with a local organization and make safe sex packs, which will later be distributed on the island by members of the Phuket Loves You Club, an organization that is working hard to reduce HIV infection rates in Thailand. To date, PSU students have made a massive contribution by providing 150,000 safe sex packs throughout Phuket.



Songkran

An annual favourite festival among many Thais and international visitors, Songkran is one big water fight held during April, which is considered to be the hottest month of the year. The Songkran festival is the traditional **Thai New Year's Day** and is celebrated from 13th of April to 15th of April. The most famous aspect of the Songkran celebrations is the throwing of water. The custom originates from spring cleaning aspect of Songkran. Part of the ritual was the cleaning of images of Buddha. Using the 'blessed' water that cleaned the images to soak other people is seen as a way of paying respect and bringing good fortune.



Give back | Clean the Beach Boot Camp (CSR Activity)

“Give some personal TLC to Phuket’s idyllic beaches by signing up for the Clean the Beach Boot Camp. The bi-monthly Saturday boot camps are held at different Phuket beaches. The premise is simple: first you train, then you clean. The 45-minute session mixes up functional training, games and drills, catering to all fitness levels. Once you’ve caught your breath, pull on a pair of gloves and get busy picking up discarded bottles, glass bits and bobs. It is a sobering experience, but you will leave feeling a sense of satisfaction that you’ve made a positive change.”



Phuket Has Been Good To Us Foundation (PHBGTOU) (CSR Activity)

Always a favorite with international students, PHBGTOU is an orphanage on the island of Phuket which looks after 120 social orphans. The foundation was originally set up as a direct result of the Tsunami in 2004, which devastated the West Coast of Phuket. International students will get the opportunity to arrange a surprise birthday party on the beach for 120 kids. PSU will supply food, soft drinks, transport and guidance ensuring that the kids have one of the best days of their lives. Your job will be to arrange beach games with the kids and above all-have fun.



A Night at the Surf House

Students will get the chance to try their hand at some free surfing at the Surf House in Kata. One lucky student will win an Open Water dive course worth 14,000 baht.



An Evening at Buddhist Temple

Makha Bucha Day (วันมาฆบูชา) is a Buddhist holiday, which takes place annually on the night of the full moon during the third lunar month of the year. “**Makha**” is the Pali word for the third Lunar month, while “**bucha**” means to honor or to venerate. Students will visit the temple and have the opportunity to pay respect and to show merit to the monks.

