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**Educate the Public to
Improve the Quality
of Life and Escape
Poverty**

NIDA emphasizes the social responsibility of mitigating poverty in society and community, as well as for the marginalized groups within and outside of the Institute. This effort was achieved by establishing the Sustainable Development and Sufficiency Economy Studies Center which serves as a central knowledge dissemination mechanism for the public. In addition, the Institute has collaborated with the Social Enterprise Network by the Yunus Foundation, promoted research in this area, and coordinated with other universities, organizations, communities in providing academic services at both national and international levels.

Academic Conferences

NIDA organized the 2nd NIC-NIDA Conference, 2023 under the theme “New Frontiers of Sustainable Development through Designing and Implementing Re-globalization”. The conference invited Professor Muhammad Yunus – an economist who was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 2006. Professor Yunus pioneered the concept of social business and a founder of Grameen Bank, which is an institute founded for poor people in Bangladesh. As the Conference’s honorable guest speaker, Prof. Yunus gave a special talk titled “Zero Wealth Concentration for Ending Poverty” and graciously joined the Institute in the official opening of the YUNUS-NIDA Center to support innovation, social enterprise, and social capital development through intersectoral collaboration for sustainable development.



NIDA USR Cultivating Morality for Society

NIDA USR is an important project that brings together different units and divisions to provide support to the community and society through fund raising, financial and non-financial donations, and knowledge promotion. In the past year, various projects have been implemented, including Keeping for Sharing, Baan Nokkamin Foundation, Nam Jai Jak Pi Su Nong Project (Generosity from Brothers and Sisters to Little Ones) at Nalom School in Prachuabkirikhan province, Sharing for Samunyautit community in Bungkhum District, and Housing and Occupation Building project

for the underprivileged in rural areas which aimed to support low-income households based on the Thai People Map and Analytics Platform: TPMAP in Pongta Sub-district, Pakchong District in Nakhon Ratchasima Province.



Support for Low-income Population

The Institute provides funding for students who need financial aid which consist of Educational Scholarship (GA/TA) and financial aid for tuition fees. Furthermore, merit-based scholarships or Promotion of International Relation scholarships Type 1, 2, and 3 are annually available for advanced students for the master's and doctorate degrees for both Thai and foreign nationals. These scholarships help increase students' readiness and reduce financial burden. In addition, the Institute organizes counseling services and scholarships to the Republic of China (Taiwan) and National Chengchi University.



For NIDA's personnel with a monthly salary under 15,000 Thai baht, financial assistance for educational purposes is provided for a maximum of three dependents. Moreover, scholarships for children in the kindergarten to bachelor levels are provided for personnel with a monthly salary under 25,000 Thai baht. Financial loans for computer purchase are also available with a maximum of 50,000 Thai baht for bachelor or master's education levels.



The Integration of Teaching, Research, and Academic Services with the Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy for Poverty Eradication

The Institute aims at managing and promoting lifelong learning for people of all ages. This is to transform theory into practice through teaching, research, and academic services in order to drive sustainable development and eradicate poverty. In the past year, the Institute has conducted several projects and research studies to solve and rehabilitate various social and economic problems. In this capacity, the faculty and students have assisted farmers and communities in maintaining and stabilizing their income and thus becoming self-sufficient. This includes, for instance, the cross-border economic cooperation project in the Lancang-Mekong region; poverty mitigation and shared prosperity; and the integrated economic and social development project at the sub-district level upgrade project. The project titled "From Wisdom to Success for Community Enterprise in Baan Tha Yiem, Yasothorn Province" was another success story. Consistently driven and supported by the Institute, the Rim Tha Yiem team won the competition called "DOT Connect to Healthy Route 2023". Another successful effort is the project promoting the association of honest occupations and product development based on local wisdom which is supported by the Institute in collaboration with Thai Government Savings Bank. Our students have brought in the knowledge on creative tourism and helped educate the community in Baan Sumalee Nong Jork on how to move toward self-reliance, circular economy, and self-sufficiency learning center.



The Institute also welcomes local agriculturists in bringing in their agricultural products for sale on campus. The Institute's Cooperative additionally lends a hand in helping sell the agricultural products to its personnel. These efforts alleviate the producers' burden in product distribution and help increase income for poverty reduction.

