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SDG 1
No Poverty

Rajapruk University is committed to reducing poverty through education, offering a wide range of scholarships and financial support programs. These initiatives aim to provide equitable opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds, including those from economically disadvantaged families, disaster-affected individuals, and students with disabilities.

Scholarships available at the university include:

- Academic Excellence Scholarships for high-achieving students.
- Economically Disadvantaged Scholarships for students from low-income families.
- Skills-Based Scholarships in sports, arts, and other activities.
- Disaster Relief Scholarships supporting students affected by calamities.
- Support for University Staff and Children of University Staff to access higher education.
- Lunch Scholarships to assist economically disadvantaged students with daily meals.
- Educational Loan Fund, offering financial aid to students under the government's loan program.

The university also fosters community development, collaborating with local organizations like the Bang Mung Municipality to provide job creation and skills training. For instance, the university supports the "Three River Women's Community Enterprise" by offering services like website development and branding for small businesses.

By facilitating education, skill development, and community partnerships, Rajapruk University plays a significant role in breaking the cycle of poverty, offering students pathways to employment and better quality of life.

SDG 2 Zero Hunger
(Ending Hunger and Ensuring Food Security)

Rajapruk University is committed to achieving SDG 2: Zero Hunger by ensuring food security, improving nutrition, and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. The university has developed several policies and initiatives to address hunger and food waste:

1. Food Safety: Ensuring access to quality, nutritious, and safe food for all members of the university community.
2. Reducing Food Waste: Implementing waste management systems to repurpose food waste, encourage mindful consumption, and minimize losses.
3. Academic Support and Community Assistance: Offering academic services to support sustainable agriculture and efficient resource use, helping local communities boost food production.

To combat food waste on campus, Rajapruk University has initiated projects to reduce waste and promote sustainability. These include:

- Monitoring and Managing Food Waste: Regular data collection on food waste from key campus areas (cafeteria, kitchens, dorms) to identify waste patterns and implement proper management strategies.
- Composting Initiatives: Encouraging composting of food scraps, such as through the Nonthaburi Durian Conservation Center project, to enhance sustainability and reduce landfill waste.

The university also launched the **"Safe Food for Health in the University Project"** in 2023, aiming to encourage healthy eating habits and reduce food waste. The initiative involves on-campus food vendors, educating them on food safety, waste reduction, and promoting healthier food choices—such as reducing foods high in sugar and salt. The project is designed to improve the well-being of students and staff by enhancing food quality and promoting health-conscious consumption.

By addressing both food security and waste reduction, Rajapruk University plays an essential role in promoting sustainability and contributing to the global effort to end hunger.

SDG 3
Good Health and Well-being

The Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding on Teaching and Learning Management to Promote Health Literacy between the Nonthaburi Provincial Public Health Office and Rajapruk University

Dean of Public Health Faculty provides guidance to research article authors on health promotion and disease prevention at the Ministry of Public Health's academic conference.

The "Empowering Health Literacy for Lifelong Wellness" initiative at Rajapruk University aims to create an important impact on students' health literacy, equipping them with the essential knowledge and skills for informed health decisions. By addressing the specific health challenges faced by students, such as complex health information and stress management, the project endeavors to instill a culture of wellness and preventive health.

Throughout its six-month duration, the project is structured in a multi-phase approach, starting with a needs assessment to tailor content to student needs. It continues with a series of engaging workshops covering critical health topics like nutrition, mental health, and digital health literacy. This interactive learning is complemented by resource distribution, both in print and online, ensuring accessibility to credible health information for all students. A peer education program further enhances the initiative's impact by training student volunteers to serve as health literacy advocates, reinforcing and sustaining health-promoting behaviors within the campus.

Evaluative measures, including pre- and post-assessments, workshop feedback, and engagement tracking, provide a comprehensive understanding of the project's effectiveness. These metrics will assess improvements in health literacy, confidence in health decision-making, and overall engagement. Expected outcomes include heightened student awareness of health-related topics, increased confidence in making informed health choices, and the establishment of a sustainable peer education model that will continue to advocate for health literacy beyond the project's duration. Ultimately, this initiative fosters a positive shift towards healthier behaviors, promoting lifelong wellness for the university community. Through empowered health literacy, Rajapruk University stands to cultivate a more resilient, health-conscious student body, better equipped to navigate their future health journeys with knowledge and confidence.

Students present their group projects about the literacy for good health behaviors and receive feedback from Peer review for project improvement

Students provide health education on using alternative public health wisdom for disease healing.

Student provides health education for protection the infectious wound.

SDG 4
Quality Education

Rajapruk University is committed to **SDG 4: Quality Education** by enhancing both formal and informal education, with a focus on lifelong learning and community development. The university provides a wide range of programs aimed at improving educational quality:

1. **Internal Education:** The Faculty of Education offers specialized programs to train future educators, ensuring the development of qualified professionals in the field of education.
2. **External Learning:** Rajapruk University promotes lifelong learning for the broader community through short courses such as **Digital Learning, Public Health for the Elderly, and Artificial Intelligence for Digital Business.** These programs aim to equip individuals with skills that improve their personal and professional lives.

Additionally, the university contributes to educational improvement at a national level by supporting local communities and external organizations. Through initiatives like the **Educational Quality and Local Development Project,** Rajapruk University mentor's schools in Nonthaburi Province. In 2024, it is guiding six schools in the region with five key projects:

1. **Interactive Teaching Media Development:** Enhancing teaching methods with interactive media at Wat Song Phlu School.
2. **Community Career Promotion:** Supporting sustainable career development in Plaibang Municipality.
3. **e-Learning with Google Classroom:** Teaching teachers and students to design e-learning lessons.
4. **Life Skills for Income Generation:** Equipping students with skills for career development at Khlong Yong and Numprasong Wittaya Schools.
5. **Digital Game Development for Education:** Creating educational digital games to enhance elementary students' learning at Wat Chalo School

By fostering creativity, improving literacy, and promoting career development, Rajapruk University plays a vital role in providing quality education that benefits students, teachers, and the wider community.

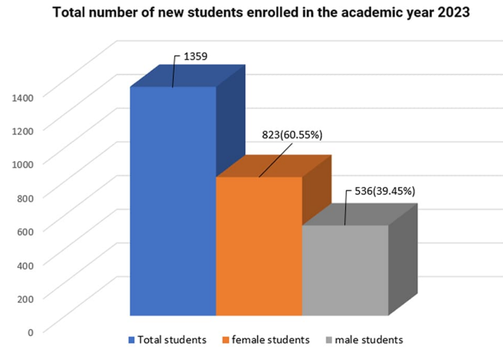
5 GENDER EQUALITY

SDG 5
Gender Equality

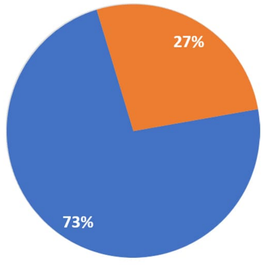
Gender Equality at Rajapruk University: A Multifaceted Approach

Gender equality is a core value at Rajapruk University, reflected in its strategic policies and programs that promote inclusivity and equal opportunities for all students and staff. The university's initiatives are multifaceted, addressing various dimensions, including educational access, leadership opportunities, mental health support, and workplace equality.

Expanding Access to Education. In the academic year 2023, a significant majority (60.55%) of the 1,359 newly enrolled students were female.



Notably, 27% of female students were first-generation university attendees. This highlights the university's commitment to breaking down barriers and empowering women through higher education.



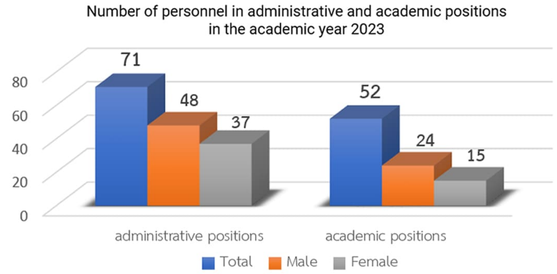
The proportion of female students who are the first in their family to attend university

To support these students, the university provides scholarships and learning tools, such as iPads, to mitigate financial and technological barriers.

Cultivating Leadership and Empowerment. Rajapruk University promotes gender equality through various activities that emphasize soft skills and leadership development. A significant number of student council members are female, and the university has made strides in LGBTQ+ representation with the election of an LGBTQ+ student as student president. Additionally, activities like Intramural sports and special projects, such as the "Activity Discovery Project," further encourage inclusivity and participation across all gender identities.

Mental Health and Well-being The university prioritizes mental health support, particularly for female students. Preventive counseling, group sessions, and techniques like the "Butterfly Hug" are employed to address substance abuse, mental health issues, and stress. Personalized counseling services are also available to provide tailored support.

Gender Equality in Employment and Leadership Rajapruk University demonstrates a strong commitment to gender parity in the workplace. Women hold a significant proportion of leadership positions, both in administrative and academic roles. These figures highlight the university's efforts to provide equal career advancement opportunities for women.



Anti-Discrimination Policies To ensure a safe and inclusive environment, Rajapruk University has implemented comprehensive anti-discrimination policies. These policies provide a framework for reporting and addressing instances of discrimination and harassment, fostering a culture of respect and equality for all members of the university community.

Commitment to a Gender-Equal Future
By prioritizing gender equality in all aspects of its operations, Rajapruk University is not only empowering women and marginalized groups but also making a significant contribution to SDG5: Gender Equality.

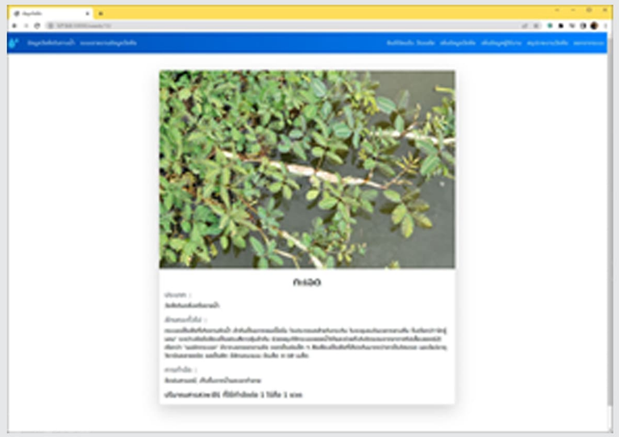
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

SDG 6
Clean Water and Sanitation

Rajapruk University Water Conservation Collaboration with the Royal Irrigation Department"

Rajapruk University places a high priority on water conservation. To this end, the university has initiated a campus-wide water conservation campaign and is actively involved in national water security efforts. In collaboration with the Royal Irrigation Department's Research and Development Division, the university is developing a comprehensive approach to water resource management.

A critical component of water management is the timely removal of aquatic weeds from water bodies nationwide. To facilitate this process, the university has developed a web-based application for the Royal Irrigation Department. This application enables officials from all 17 regional irrigation offices to quickly and accurately report aquatic weed infestations within their jurisdictions. This standardized data collection will allow the Royal Irrigation Department to efficiently plan and execute weed control measures, ensuring a smooth and timely supply of water for agriculture.



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

SDG 7

Affordable and Clean Energy

Universities, as centers of learning, are significant consumers of electricity, particularly during daylight hours when academic activities and research are conducted. This high energy consumption has led to a growing interest in adopting solar energy or photovoltaic systems. Rajapruk University, aligned with its green university strategy and commitment to environmental sustainability, has installed a solar rooftop system. This initiative aims to reduce the university's energy costs and contribute to a greener community."

A 159.60 kilowatt solar rooftop project for the 60th Anniversary of His Majesty the King's Accession to the Throne building.

Rajapruk University, aiming to be an environmentally friendly institution, has been promoting the use of renewable energy on campus. To reduce electricity costs, the university has installed a solar rooftop system on the 60th Anniversary of His Majesty the King's Accession to the Throne building. This system has a maximum capacity of generating 18,000 kWh of electricity annually, which will be used to power various electrical equipment within the building, such as air conditioners, computers, and lighting.

Reducing coal-fired electricity consumption by 20%

Utilizing the university's existing electrical system, the estimated electricity consumption is 300 kW. The solar cell system can generate up to 82% of its installed capacity. This solar rooftop project offers the following returns:

- Monthly energy generation: 18,000 kWh
- Monthly cost savings: 93,600 baht
- Annual cost savings: 1,123,200 baht
- Payback period: 4.08 years
- Total project return: 19,288,000 baht"

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

SDG 8

Decent Work and Economic Growth

Rajapruk University is dedicated to fostering **SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth** by promoting inclusive, equitable, and meaningful employment opportunities. The university upholds high standards for employee rights and fair compensation, in line with the **Ministerial Regulation on the Protection of Employment and the Personnel Management Regulations,** which emphasize non-discrimination, equal opportunities, and fair pay. Academic and administrative salaries are aligned with government standards, ensuring that wages meet or exceed the minimum wage and account for inflation.

To stay relevant to the job market, Rajapruk University collaborates with businesses to develop curricula tailored to industry needs, including emerging trends like AI and digital skills. Seminars on topics such as "Working in the Age of AI" further equip students for future employment challenges.

The university's commitment to decent work is also reflected in its faculty development efforts, fostering alignment between academic programs and industry requirements. Rajapruk University's excellence in cooperative education has earned national recognition, including First Place for Outstanding Institution for Innovative Cooperative Education and several individual awards in 2023, highlighting its success in preparing students for sustainable careers and contributing to economic growth.

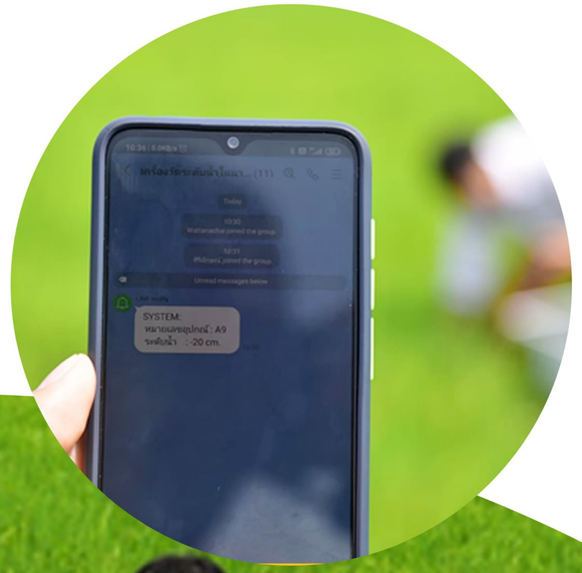
9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

SDG 9

Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

Rajapruk University places a strong emphasis on innovation and technology. The university has adopted a digital transformation strategy by implementing various digital technologies and encouraging students to develop innovative systems. Examples of these initiatives include the RPU Plan system, an online leave request system for staff and faculty, a project review system for information systems, and an online petition submission system for student registration and evaluation.

Recognizing the importance of bringing digital technology and innovation to the community as a foundation for future development, the university has collaborated with government agencies and local communities. For example, students have developed an IoT-based rice field water level monitoring system. This system sends real-time water level data to a LINE group every hour (or according to farmers' preferences), enabling farmers to monitor their rice fields' water levels without having to physically visit their farms. This provides convenience to farmers and allows for data collection on water usage, which can be used to optimize irrigation practices. The university has implemented this system in Sri Prachan District, Suphan Buri Province.



Additionally, the university has developed a cooperative system for Bunyasri Sawasdi School in Klong Yon District, Nakhon Pathom Province, to facilitate school cooperative operations such as sales and dividend distribution. On a national level, the university has supported the Irrigation Department's Research and Development Division by developing a digital reporting system for aquatic weeds. This system enables officials from 17 irrigation offices nationwide and their subordinate units to report aquatic weed information in their respective areas promptly, accurately, and consistently.

SDG 10

Reduced Inequalities

Rajapruk University is dedicated to reducing inequality by ensuring equal access to education, particularly for individuals with disabilities. The university strives to create an inclusive and supportive environment where all students, regardless of their background or abilities, have equal opportunities to succeed.

To support students with disabilities, Rajapruk University provides a range of accommodations, including accessible classrooms, ramps, elevators, and restrooms. Personalized academic support, including mentorship from faculty advisors, and scholarships are available to ensure students receive the guidance they need to thrive. The university also organizes inclusive classroom activities to foster a sense of belonging and community among all students.

Beyond academic support, the university promotes social inclusion through various student club activities, encouraging interaction and idea-sharing between students of all abilities. This helps create a campus environment where students feel valued and empowered. Upon graduation, students with disabilities are also provided with employment opportunities, either within the university or through partnerships with other organizations, enabling them to live fulfilling, independent lives.

Additionally, Rajapruk University prioritizes equality for international students, offering opportunities for individuals from developing countries such as Myanmar. The Faculty of Public Health provides support to these students through a specialized six-month Public Health Assistant program, which includes academic guidance, language support, and practical training. This program helps students gain skills to contribute to their communities upon returning home, particularly in addressing global health challenges.

Announcement of application and interview for students in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Providing counseling and guidance services during one's studies in Thailand.

Overall, Rajapruk University is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive academic community where every individual, regardless of ability or nationality, is empowered to succeed and contribute meaningfully to society.

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

SDG 11
Sustainable Cities and Communities

Rajapruk University is dedicated to enhancing community development through collaborations and partnerships with external organizations, strengthening its ability to serve students, communities, and the nation. A key aspect of this mission is promoting Thai arts and culture, fostering pride and a sense of belonging among students and community members, while creating opportunities for societal growth.

Community Welfare Fund Network Collaboration

The university has partnered with the Nonthaburi Provincial Community Welfare Fund Network to enhance social media communication skills through workshops. Held in August and December 2023, these workshops aimed to empower the network with tools for effective social media promotion, held at Rajapruk University's computer laboratory.

Educational Quality and Local Development

Rajapruk University is mentoring six schools in Nonthaburi Province to improve educational quality. Through the development of interactive teaching materials, the university addresses the region's specific needs by enhancing students' reading, writing, and vocational skills. The project promotes creative thinking through visual techniques and digital tools like Canva, supporting active learning and aligning with local educational contexts

Community Outreach Academic Service

The Accounting Faculty organized a service-learning activity for senior citizens in Bang Khunun, focusing on tax-related knowledge such as charitable donation tax benefits and taxes for online sellers. This initiative aims to improve the quality of life and support the local economy by providing essential information to the community.

Skill Development Programs

Rajapruk University also collaborates with external organizations to enhance skills in business management, finance, and taxation. The Better Knowledge and Know-How for SME Entrepreneurs program, held in October - November 2023, provided valuable training for entrepreneurs, further strengthening the university's role in fostering economic growth.

Through these initiatives, Rajapruk University contributes to both local and national development, promoting social well-being and economic empowerment.

SDG 12 Responsible Consumption and Production

Project: "Zero Waste University Initiative: Toward Sustainable Consumption and Production"

The "Zero Waste University Initiative: Toward Sustainable Consumption and Production" represents a comprehensive and impactful approach to reducing waste and fostering a culture of sustainability at the university. By aligning with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 12, this initiative aims to minimize waste generation, promote sustainable resource use, and raise environmental awareness among students, staff, and the broader university community.

Through a series of targeted activities, the project seeks to engage the university in tangible actions that exemplify the 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Campaigns like “Bring Your Own” encourage reduced dependence on single-use plastics, while the Waste Separation Program ensures easy access to properly designated waste collection points across campus. The establishment of a Recycling Center and composting efforts further solidify the university's commitment to managing waste responsibly. Workshops, seminars, and competitions are planned to stimulate involvement and foster a sense of responsibility in sustainable practices, while partnerships with local agencies bring expertise and resources to the project.

Tracking and reporting systems are central to the initiative’s success, offering insights into monthly waste reduction achievements and areas for improvement. These data-driven evaluations will guide ongoing project refinement and demonstrate the measurable impact of waste management efforts.

Expected outcomes include a significant reduction in waste generation, increased awareness of sustainable consumption, and an operational model of waste management that other institutions can replicate. By embedding sustainability into everyday practices and education, the initiative not only aims to decrease the university’s ecological footprint but also to inspire future generations to adopt eco-friendly habits. Ultimately, this project positions the university as a leader in sustainable practices, setting a standard for responsible consumption and production in educational institutions.

Organizing a project to create enjoyment and happiness through waste segregation.

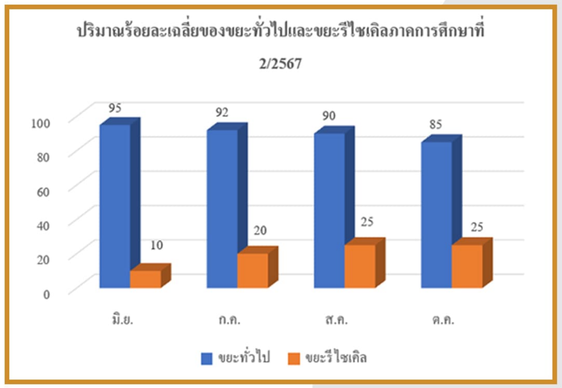
Activity for sorting waste into the correct bins.

Educating on sorting waste into the correct bins.

Collecting data on the average percentage of general waste and recyclable waste after implementing the educational project in 2nd semester of the academic year 2567 around Dr. Kamol Choosup Building.

Educating on sorting waste into the correct bins.

Food waste segregation point at the food center, to ensure proper disposal.



Displaying the average percentage of general waste and recyclable waste for the second semester of the academic year 2567 around Dr. Kamol Choosub Building.

13 CLIMATE ACTION

SDG 13

Climate Action

Rajapruk University is committed to **climate action** through a series of initiatives that promote sustainability, environmental awareness, and community engagement. The university has developed a comprehensive plan to become a **Green University,** focusing on environmental stewardship both on campus and in surrounding communities.

The university's **green spaces** initiative involves students from environmental science, pollution, and energy courses who are planting **Golden Shower Trees** (Rajapruk) to improve air quality by increasing oxygen levels and reducing carbon dioxide. Additionally, the **'Seed of Ideas' project** encourages students to develop innovative products from plastic waste, promoting a **zero-waste** lifestyle and reducing the environmental impact of waste.

Rajapruk University also fosters biodiversity through its **durian orchard** of native Nonthaburi varieties, serving as both a green space and an educational resource for ecosystem conservation. The university has also launched a **tree-planting project** in honor of His Majesty the King's 60th birthday, involving faculty, staff, and students in planting trees such as Siamese Rosewood, Teak, and Durian.

In collaboration with the **Office of the Permanent Secretary for Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (OSHE),** Rajapruk University is implementing the Youth Volunteer Project in the Bang Khun Non community to further promote climate change mitigation. The project includes three key activities:

1. **Green Area: Healthy Air, Happy Life**
   – Educating the community on expanding green spaces and producing organic compost to reduce carbon emissions.
2. **Green Thinking: Separate, Exchange, Earn**
   – Promoting waste management, recycling, and upcycling through community waste banks.
3. **Green Economy Community: Model Green Business**
   – Establishing a green shop and refill station to reduce community waste and promote sustainable business practices.

Through these efforts, Rajapruk University is actively contributing to climate action and fostering a culture of sustainability.

SDG 14
Life Below Water

Presently, marine ecosystem problems are a major global crisis. The increase in population and lifestyle patterns have resulted in a tendency for more severe impacts on society and the marine environment. Rajapruk University realizes the importance of this issue and has organized various activities to help conserve the marine ecosystem as follows:

Marine ecosystem knowledge-giving activities to create knowledge, understanding and awareness of the importance of marine ecosystem care, preservation of plant species and forests for creating abundance and natural beauty in the sea as a food source for aquatic animals, as well as ecotourism. Rajapruk University in Phuket center has provided teaching on this issue in various subjects such as Maritime Zones, Marine Resources and Coastal Management, Humans and Biological Sciences, Sustainable Tourism Development, and Environmental Management Accounting including to attend lectures and view marine ecosystem exhibitions on local plants and animals, coral bleaching, conservation of seagrass and mangrove forests at the Coordination Center for the Royal Project Conservation of Plant Species under the Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's Initiative at Phuket Rajabhat University.

Beauty restoration activities help conserving the marine ecosystems. Students of Rajapruk University in Phuket center participated with the community and local areas in Phuket to maintain the cleanliness and beauty of the beach, sea, environment and marine ecosystem by collaborating on activities with the local administrative organization and people in the community. They cleaned up and collected trash in front of the beach at Saphan Hin area and in the area of Karon beach in Phuket.

Volunteer activities to plant mangrove forests for conservation of tree species and forests in Phuket to be a food source for aquatic animals, maintain the ecosystem and be a source of income for the community in using nature and for ecotourism. Rajapruk University in Phuket center has collaborated with Phuket Provincial Resource Management Center, local communities and the private sector to plant mangrove forests in the area of Village No. 3, Ban Bang Rong, Pa Klok Subdistrict, Thalang District, Phuket Province.

SDG 15 Life on Land

Durian, a renowned fruit of Nonthaburi province, is often hailed as the most delicious durian in Thailand. Its fame is so great that it is even mentioned in the province's slogan: “A magnificent palace, the renowned gardens of Somdet, Ko Kret, the pottery center, ancient temples, and the famous Nonthaburi durian, a beautiful sight and a governmental center.”

Nonthaburi durian orchards are renowned for their unique raised-bed cultivation method. These orchards feature deep and wide trenches for water retention, with the excavated soil forming raised beds approximately 1.5-2 meters high to prevent flooding. Durian trees are planted on these raised beds to ensure adequate aeration for their roots. The trees are strategically spaced and intercropped with other species like golden shower trees, mangosteens, betel palms, and various shade trees. This traditional cultivation method, combined with ancestral knowledge of durian care, results in superior durian fruits characterized by their sweet, creamy flesh and exceptional aroma. The exceptional quality of Nonthaburi durian has earned it a prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) status.

Rajapruk University recognizes the significance of preserving Nonthaburi's unique durian cultivars and traditional orcharding practices. Due to frequent flooding, saltwater intrusion, and increasing urbanization, the area cultivated with Nonthaburi durian has significantly decreased.

Rajapruk University has initiated a project to conserve traditional Nonthaburi durian cultivation methods. They have allocated 2 rai, 1 ngan, and 13 square wah (approximately 0.8 acres) for this purpose, transforming the area into a traditional durian orchard. To ensure optimal growing conditions, the university has incorporated various traditional techniques such as intercropping durian trees with banana plants and golden shower trees. The banana plants provide shade and support to the young durian trees, while the golden shower trees offer shade and their fallen leaves enrich the soil. Additionally, the orchard features raised beds surrounded by water to maintain soil moisture. This integrated approach aims to preserve and enhance biodiversity within the orchard. The project is being undertaken in collaboration with Mr. Adisorn Chimnoi, a renowned local durian grower, who is serving as a consultant to ensure the authenticity of the traditional cultivation methods. The establishment of the Nonthaburi Durian Conservation Center at Rajapruk University aims to:

1. to preserve native durian varieties of Nonthaburi province and serve as a learning resource and repository of information about Nonthaburi durian cultivars.
2. to disseminate knowledge to the community and interested individuals, while preserving and protecting the traditional durian orcharding practices of Nonthaburi province.
3. To fulfill Rajapruk University's mission of preserving Thai arts, culture, and traditional agricultural knowledge.

On Wednesday, August 30, 2023, Rajapruk University organized a durian planting activity, planting 49 trees of 9 native Nonthaburi durian varieties, including Kan Yaow Nonthaburi, Mon Thong Nonthaburi, Med Nai Ya Prang, Yam Ma Huad, Kob Suwan, Kob Chai Nam, Kra Dum, Luang, and Krathoy Neu Khao.

Rajapruk University developed an area of 2 rai, 1 ngan, and 13 square wah (approximately 0.8 acres)

To modify the land to conform to traditional Nonthaburi durian orcharding practices

Intercropping bananas as nurse plants for durian trees, along with other crops.

Rajapruk University was honored by the Governor of Nonthaburi who officiated the opening ceremony of the Nonthaburi Durian Conservation Center at Rajapruk University and planted a long-stem durian tree in the orchard.

The ecosystem is becoming more complete.

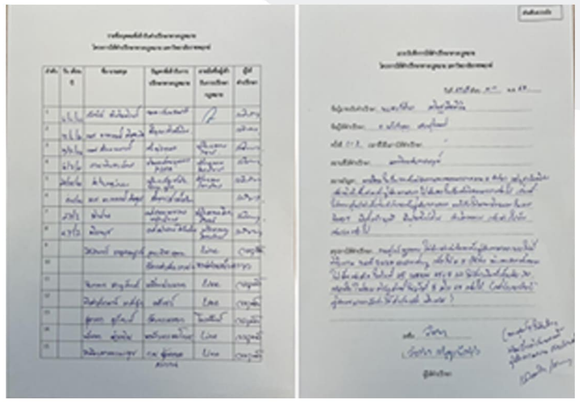
SDG 16

Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

Rajapruk University is dedicated to promoting **peace, justice, and strong institutions** through initiatives that foster legal knowledge, civic engagement, and social responsibility.

The university actively supports peace and justice by providing **legal aid and counseling** through its **Legal Aid Center.** The center offers both onsite and online services, including educational sessions to raise awareness about legal matters that affect students and faculty. Resident legal advisors also offer legal consultation to students, parents, and external parties, helping them navigate legal challenges. Additionally, the center provides legal guidance on issues such as research regulations, data protection laws, and more.

In collaboration with the **National Anti-Corruption** Commission (NACC), Rajapruk University integrates anti-corruption education into its curriculum. The **"Duties of Thai Citizens"** course, which includes the **2018 Anti-Corruption Education** program, equips students with the knowledge to recognize and combat corruption. Since 2020, students have been trained through this program, engaging in discussions and assessments that help them understand their role in fighting corruption.



Additionally, the university encourages civic engagement by launching community service projects tied to the **"Duties of Thai Citizens"** course. These projects allow students to explore their civic duties as outlined in the Thai Constitution. Students participate in activities that promote the understanding of Thai citizenship, uphold the rule of law, and foster teamwork and responsibility. Topics include respecting rights, upholding democracy, protecting the environment, and combating corruption, all of which contribute to a **peaceful and sustainable society.**

Through these efforts, Rajapruk University strives to strengthen the institutions of justice, promote good governance, and empower students to be responsible and active citizens.

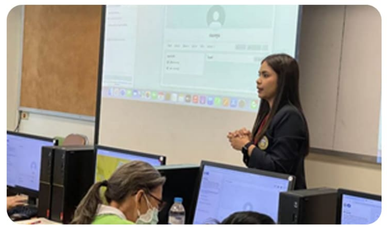
17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

SDG 17

Partnerships for the Goals

Rajapruk University has signed an MOU with the Office of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research, and Innovation (OPS-MHESI) to implement the Youth Volunteer Program for 2024. The university's General Education Department is organizing environmental initiatives in the Bangkhanu community, which include:

1. Green Area: Good Air, Healthy Life – Focused on bio economy, this initiative educates the community on increasing green spaces, reducing CO2 emissions, and creating organic compost.
2. Green Thinking: Separate and Exchange for Money – Promotes waste management, recycling, and strengthening the community's waste bank using circular economy principles.
3. Green Economy Community: Green Business Model – Aims to establish Green Shops and a Bangkhanu Refill Shop Model to reduce community waste.



The Office of Academic Service is hosting an academic workshop for the Community Welfare Network of Nonthaburi Province on December 20-21, 2023, at Rajapruk University's Computer Lab. The seminar, titled "Content Creation and Media Development for Public Relations through Social Media, Batch 2," will feature trainers including Dr. Kantalus Thongboonma (Faculty of Communication Arts), Lecturer Priyawit Chuchet (Faculty of Digital Technology), and Lecturers Thapaninee Sritisar and Wipada Srimuang (Faculty of Business Administration).

The 2nd National Academic Conference of Rajapruk, held on November 24, 2023, focused on "Digital Education Management for Quality of Life Development." It featured 316 presentations, including 202 academic papers and 114 innovative works, inventions, and teaching materials showcased in a Virtual Exhibition. The conference aimed to provide a platform for academics, researchers, faculty, and students to share knowledge and contribute to national development. It also sought to promote collaboration and research advancement with educational institutions across Thailand. Eight organizations co-hosted the event, including the Association of Private Higher Education Institutions of Thailand and the Department of Tourism.