

**Editorial**

Naresuan Phayao Journal Volume 7 Number 2 (May – August 2014) joined the congratulations and welcome the University of Phayao on the occasion of the four- year anniversary of its founding. The university has separated itself from Naresuan University and become a fully distinguished autonomous university on July 16, 2010. In this issue, there are outstanding research articles written by researchers from several institutions such as articles in the Agricultural Science “Studies of herbal extracts for the lettuce leaf spot control in a hydroponics system” (This is a research project of the UP’s Plant Genetics Conservation under the Royal Initiative of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn); “Early generation selection for high anthocyanin and non-photosensitivity in F<sub>2</sub> of the hybrids between Kum Doi-Saket and Pathum Thani 1; and “Evaluating nitrogen fixation by endophytic bacteria in sugarcane with nitrogen balance method” including an article in the Science and Technology “Development of stevia products for ant repellent”; articles in the Health Science “Production of dental materials (temporary cement) with high quality, meets universal standard and low costs”; and “Assessment of quality of life amongst patients with hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis at the Phayao Hospital”. There are many more interesting articles on the subject of a research project to strengthen the community in the upper-north that the University of Phayao provides ongoing support. We expect that the entire article is particularly useful in enhancing academic performance of researchers.

Should you have a chance to visit UP, you will experience a warm and beautiful atmosphere within the area of 5,727 rai surrounded by mixed deciduous forest and old teak trees. You will see the beautiful new building of Educational Institutions, Arts, Culture and Heritage of Lanna Architecture (Tai) built with a budget of 183,700,000 baht, designed by Arjarn Jultat Kittibutr, a National Artist in Thai contemporary architecture. The building has the distinctive identity of Lanna Art adapted to blend seamlessly with the modern. It has been used as a venue for the commencement ceremony for the historical version students on 13 March 2014. We are also pleased to invite you to join events of charitable activities including lent candle procession, alms offering dedicated to monks and attendance upon the royal tribute ceremony for King Ngam Muang, the founder of Phayao.

Now the Naresuan Phayao Journal is in the database journal in group 2 of the Thai-Journal Citation Index (TCI) and in the process of quality improvement in all aspects. We are confident that in near future the journal will be elevated to group 1 of the TCI, and perfectly meets requirements of both TCI and OHEC (Office of the Higher Education Commission). Editorial department would like to invite researchers from various institutions submit research articles and suggestions to the editorial office at the web site <http://journal.up.ac.th>

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