

Inception of International Postgraduate Research Colloquium between Behavioral Science Research Institute, Srinakharinwirot University and Department of Psychology, International Islamic University Malaysia

Professor Dr. Daphne Keats and Professor Dr. John Keats of University of New Castle, Australia had been academic associates and benefactors to the Behavioral Science Research Institute for many years. Around the year 2001, Professor Dr. Dapne Keats introduced me to Professor Dato' Dr. Wan Rafaei Abdul Rahman of Universiti Utara Malaysia. Subsequently, I and the delegates comprising Assistant Professor Dr. Wiladlak Chuawanlee, and Associate Professor Dr. Oraphin Choochom, who had first visited Professor Dato' Dr. Wan Rafaei Abdul Rahman at this university met and discussed the possibilities of an academic cooperation in a variety of ways. At that time this university had organized an activity of interest: a colloquium to provide opportunity for students to present their research and for the audience – faculty and classmates— to discuss and comment on each student's research. I and the other 2 faculty members thought that such an activity would be beneficial to students of both institutions; students would have opportunity to present research papers or research proposals and exchange their respective ideas and points of view. Consequently, I proceeded to consult Professor Dato' Dr. Wan Rafaei Abdul Rahman on the prospect of organizing a joint colloquium for students to present research papers or research proposals that would be of immense benefits to students' research and academic circle/ academia of both institutions. He earnestly agreed to organize that activity together. After that, Professor Dato' Dr. Wan Rafaei Abdul Rahman was transferred to International Islamic University Malaysia. For that reason, the 1st Colloquium commenced at that university; the 2nd Colloquium was alternated to be organized at Srinakharinwirot University, and continued in rotation of host each year. Results of this joint academic initiative has demonstrated excellent and highly satisfactory academic and cultural exchanges, substantiating continuation of colloquiums—this being the 10th. BSRI hopes that this joint colloquium will promote academic strength and cultural understandings; and we look forward to an everlasting cooperation and expansion of academic horizon in the future.

The 10th International Postgraduate Research Colloquium

The Colloquiums to exchange academic knowledge between students of our two institutions would not have been possible without the dedication and support from Professor Dato' Dr. Wan Rafaei Abdul Rahman. Accordingly, I would like to once again express my sincere gratitude for your ongoing commitment and continuation of the International Postgraduate Research Colloquium.

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