

***Welcome message
by Chairman, Doctoral Research Degree Program***

President, Director of Behavioral Science Research Institute, faculty delegates from International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), various domestic and international universities, keynote speakers, and honorable guests:

I, as Chairman of Doctoral Research Degree Program, would like to mention the prominent attributes of this degree program and beneficial support gained from past colloquiums. The Doctoral Research Degree Program was established with main objectives to develop potentials of those with existing knowledge of research to be more efficient researchers and with knowledge in Behavioral Science. The Program is a no coursework : students are required to carry out two research projects and one dissertation to complete the program within 5 years, during which time students have expert faculty to consult and advise closely. From this attribute, one can see that it is fully consistent with the policy direction of Srinakharinwirot University to develop into a Research University. Presently, the institute has 5 Classes/ batches of Doctoral Research Degree Program students; 1 student in the Class 1 has successfully graduated.

The 3 past colloquiums represent forums for students to develop skills in research works presentation. Hearing comments and criticisms from panel list from various disciplines and listening to academic lectures from expert keynote speakers broaden horizons and diversify the students' worldwide perspectives. Students have opportunities to develop skills in research works with international academics directly, able to apply the advice, knowledge, and novel experience obtained toward improvement of research works and dissertation for greater efficiency. Moreover, the institute receives strong academic support from IIUM and other international universities, with constant and continual exchange of academic information, plus cooperation from faculty members of those universities as joint advisors on students' dissertation.

This is another occasion for an academic colloquium to help develop potentials of participating students and researchers from Behavioral Science Research Institute, IIUM, and other universities; including a good opportunity to expand academic collaboration with other universities in Thailand. I gratefully welcome you all to The 4th International Postgraduate Research Colloquium. Thank you.