



*Inception of International Postgraduate Research Colloquium
between Behavioral Science Research Institute, SWU
and Department of Psychology, IUM*

Professor Dr. Dapne Keats and Professor Dr. John Keats of University of New Castle, Australia have been academic associates and benefactors to 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, Associate Professor Dr. Oraphin Choochom had first visited Professor Dato'Dr. Wan Rafaei Abdul Rahman at this university and discussed the possibilities of academic cooperation in a variety of ways. At that time this university has 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; which he earnestly agreed to organize that activity together. After that, Professor Dato'Dr. Wan Rafaei Abdul Rahman has transferred to International Islamic University Malaysia. For that reason, the 1st Colloquium was commenced at this 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 6th. 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 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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