



**Mahidol University, in Collaboration with the International Peace Foundation, Co-organized the JAPAN-ASEAN BRIDGES EVENT SERIES: “The brain’s GPS: How we know where we are”**

On 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024, **Prof. Banchong Mahaisavariya**, President of Mahidol University, delivered a welcome speech at the JAPAN-ASEAN BRIDGES EVENT SERIES, a platform initiated by the International Peace Foundation for cultural, intellectual and scientific exchange between Japan and ASEAN countries. On this occasion, **Mr. Uwe Morawetz**, Founding Chairman of the International Peace Foundation, provided introductory remarks to the participants before giving the floor to **Prof. Edvard Ingjald Moser**, the Nobel Laureate for Physiology or Medicine 2014, to deliver a keynote speech on the topic of “*The brain’s GPS: How we know where we are*”, focusing on the function of neurons which relate to the location specifying in the mammalian brains.

The event received a lot of interest from the participants. Among these participants are **Emeritus Professor M.R. Jisnusun Svasti**, Former Vice President for International Relations, Mahidol University, **Prof. Dr. David John Ruffolo**, Mahidol University Council Member, along with **Prof. Dr. Pattarachai Kiratisin**, Vice President for Research and **Assoc. Prof. Nopraenu Sajjarax Dhirathiti**, Vice President for International Relations and Corporate Communication, Mahidol University, followed by executives, lecturers, students and staff of Mahidol University, representatives from academic institutes and honored guests.

Additionally, **Dr. Rapee Boonplueang**, Deputy Dean for Corporate Communication and International Relations, Faculty of Science, was the moderator throughout the event, which was organized onsite at the Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok, and online via the Zoom cloud meeting platform.



**Mahidol University, in Partnership with the Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and The Rockefeller Foundation, Co-organized a Workshop on “Advancing Climate Resilient Livelihoods in Thailand”**

On 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Mahidol University by the International Relations Division, in collaboration with the Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and The Rockefeller Foundation, co-organized a workshop entitled “*Advancing Climate Resilient Livelihoods in Thailand*” at the Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok. On this occasion, **Lt. Sorawud Preededilok**, Minister Attached to TICA, presided over the event and **Assoc. Prof. Nopraenu Sajjarax Dhirathiti**, Vice President for International Relations and Corporate Communication, Mahidol University, delivered welcome remarks to all participants.

With the purpose of enhancing awareness on climate-resilient livelihoods in Thailand, the event showcased a range of activities, including impactful speeches on “*Driving Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration for Climate Resilience*” by **Ms. Deepali Khanna**, Vice President - Asia, The Rockefeller Foundation, and “*Thailand’s Trajectory Towards Net Zero: National Plans and Policies in Tackling Climate Change*” by **Mrs. Chongrak Thinagul**, Dissemination Technical Officer, Expert Level, Department of Climate Change and Environment, Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment.

After the opening session, the floor was open for the panel discussion on “*Community and Climate Action – Multi-Stakeholder Engagement*”. Joined as the panelists were representatives from the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of Public Health, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), the Thailand Environment Institute, the Mae Fah Luang Foundation and **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kitikorn Charmondusit**, Dean, Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University.

In the afternoon, participants engaged in a concise roundtable discussion aimed at fostering knowledge exchange among the officials, experts, and local communities. The session featured four groups focusing on “*Climate & Energy*,” led by **Dr. Triyuth Promsiri**, Program Chair of Entrepreneurship and Innovation; “*Climate & Public Health*,” led by **Mr. Natdanai Subin**, Lecturer, Faculty of Liberal Arts; “*Climate & Agriculture*,” led by **Mr. Treesuwit Arriyavat**, Communication and Engagement Specialist at the ASEAN Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue (ACSDDSD); and “*Climate & Environment*,” led by **Ms. Saithan Chaipornkaew**, Student, College of Management, Mahidol University. Furthermore, **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nattavud Pimpa**, Assistant Dean for Sustainability at the College of Management, Mahidol University, served as the lead moderator throughout the event.



**Mahidol University Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Academic and Research Collaboration with the Royal College of Surgeon Ireland (RCSI), University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Ireland**

On 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024, **Prof. Wachira Kochakarn**, Vice President, Mahidol University, and **Prof. Celine Marmion**, Deputy Dean for Student Engagement, Royal College of Surgeon Ireland (RCSI), University of Medicine and Health Sciences, jointly signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on academic and research cooperation of both universities. The MoU signing ceremony was honorably witnessed by **H.E. Pat Bourne**, the Ambassador of Ireland to Thailand, the Embassy of Ireland, and **Assoc. Prof. Nopraenu Sajjarax Dhirathiti**, Vice President for International Relations and Corporate Communication, Mahidol University. Besides, **Prof. Chulathida Chomchai**, Dean, Mahidol University International College, **Asst. Prof. Dale Konstanz**, Associate Dean for International Affairs, Mahidol University International College, and **Assoc. Prof. Summon Chomchai**, Lecturer, Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, also witnessed the ceremony as they are the spearhead of the collaboration.

The MoU enables the cooperations in academic and research areas comprising of faculty and staff exchange, joint research projects, curriculum development and coaching, joint conference, symposium, academic activities, and other meetings on subjects of mutual interests.