

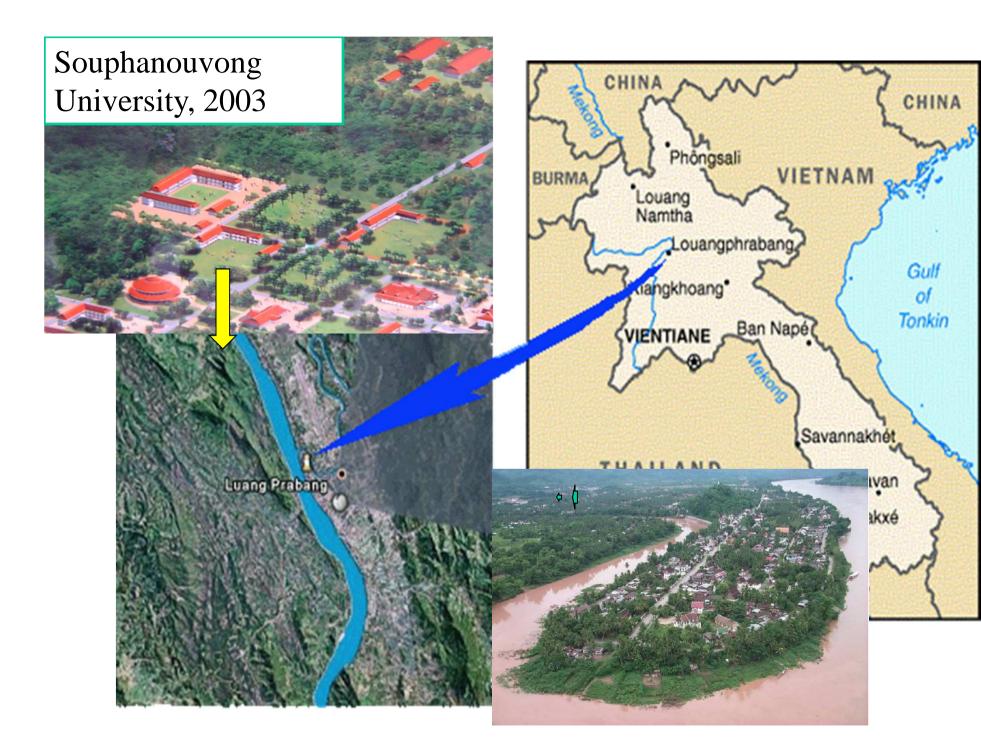
Designing and managing international relations, educational projects and mobility schemes in Asian Universities

## Erasmus+ KA102



# **Souphanouvong University**

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## **Souphanouvong University Facts and Figures**

 Souphanouvong University is located on 13° North Route Rd., Ban Done Mai Luang Prabang, Lao PDR

#### **Done Mai Campus**





#### Nasangveui Campus



## **Souphanouvong University Facts and Figures**

- 6 faculties (FOE, FOL, FEN, FAF, FOA, and FET)
- 31 bachelor Dprogrammes
- 3,576 students (including 1,545 female). SU does not have any distance programmes.
- There are 423 academic (386-109 females) )and administrative staff (37-14 females)
- Assoc. Prof. 1, PhD 13 (including 3 female), Master degree 203 (including 45 female) and Bachelor 193 (including 69 female) and other 14 (including 6 female)
- Volunteers and experts :17 (including 7 female)

### **INTERNATIONAL PROFILE: FACTS & FIGURES**







- 59 International MoUs and MoDs (Thailand : 13, China: 9, Vietnam: 2, Israel: 2, Korea : 25, Japan: 1, Laos: 7)
- Top 3 international collaborations
  - Kunming University of Science and Technology, China (Confucius Institute Establishment and Human Development)
  - PAI CHAI University, Korea (Material Engineering Department Establishment)
  - Chiang Mai University, Thailand (Food Science and Technology Establishment and Human Development)
- Average number of incoming exchange/visiting professors
- Korea: 120, Thailand 100 and China 80

## **INTERNATIONAL PROFILE: FACTS & FIGURES**







- Average number of outgoing exchange students
- Thailand 40 and China 25
- Average number of outgoing exchange professors
- Thailand 50, China 30
- Number of International Educational project (such as Erasmus Capacity Building)
  - LKSTC by STI , Korea
- Material Engineering Programme establishment Project by Paichai Uni, MOE Korea.
- Establishment of Korean studies and research Center (Seed program) by Korean Studies institute
  - Eramus: REACT, BRECIL, FORHEAL, SHARE, PARFORM, TOOLKIT, Internationalisation and ICT, E-Library ( in processing)

### **INTERNATIONALIZATION: ACTORS**

- At Souphanouvong University, the president is the person who is in charge of the internationalisation. Most of the matters involving international affairs is under the decision of the president while vulnerable matters are under the university leadership board considerations and decisions.
- Office of International Relations is the main steering office for internationalisation of the university. It reports to the president and the leadership board of the university, dispatches works involving external affairs to offices and and faculties, and contacts with external organisations, institutions and universities.
- And International Relations Divisions of each faculties. These divisions deals with international affairs at a faculty level.

#### **INTERNATIONALIZATION: GOALS AND PRIORITIES**

- Establishing languages centers, departments and an international course(s); inserting foreign languages in the curricular; and expanding cooperation with foreign universities and organistations.
- The actions taken: sending faculties to be trained abroad, requesting for volunteers and experts, drafting a curriculum and SWOT analysis (for an English center establishment) for an approval from the Lao government, and accepting international students to study at SU.
- 3 achievable development goals: inserting Chinese language in teaching-learning curriculum, an English Language Center Establishment and Cooperation expansion.

#### **INTERNATIONALIZATION: ACTIVITIES AND TOOLS**

- What we provide for mobility schemes and international projects are faculties and students to participate in the projects, places for conducting activities, dealing with official documents based on the government regulations.
- As Souphanovong is not an autonomous university with limited budget, most of the funding for the exchange of students and professors are from partner universities and institutions, donors and organisations.
- Souphanouvong University is using Erasmus+, KOICA, ADB and partner universities (MOU universities) to fund international projects

### **INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION: CHALLENGES**

- Bureaucratic procedures;
- Limited budget
- Credit transfer
- English language proficiency of faculties, staff, and students
- Engaging professors and students in mobility schemes



# Thank you for your attention!