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Rajabhat Maha Sarakham University is located in Muang District of Maha Sarakham Province, in the heart of Northeastern Thailand. The University prides itself in having trained its students to become graduates in the field of education, as well as other professions who serve in a variety of sectors in many parts of the country. Since its establishment in 1925, the University has played an important role in the development of the community and the region. It has been part of the name "Muang Takasila" which is used to refer to Maha Sarakham as a prominent source of education where people can seek knowledge of various disciplines.



FROM PAST TO PRESENT

Founded in 1925 as Maha Sarakham School of Agriculture and five years later moved to its present location, Rajabhat Maha Sarakham University has been through various stages of development as follow

1954 : Became Maha Sarakham Teacher Training School, offering an education program leading to a Lower Certificate of Education.

1962 : Upgraded to become Maha Sarakham Teachers' College, offering an education program leading a Higher Certificate of Education.

1970 : Was used as the temporary campus for the College of Education, sharing its staff, campus, and facilities before CE became a university located in the same city.

1974 : Began to offer Bachelor's Degrees in Education.

1992 : Later in 1992, with the appellation of "Rajabhat Institute" granted by His Majesty King Rama IX, who is Father of the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy, the institute became Rajabhat Institute Maha Sarakham offering Bachelor's degree programs in Liberal Arts and Sciences apart from Education.

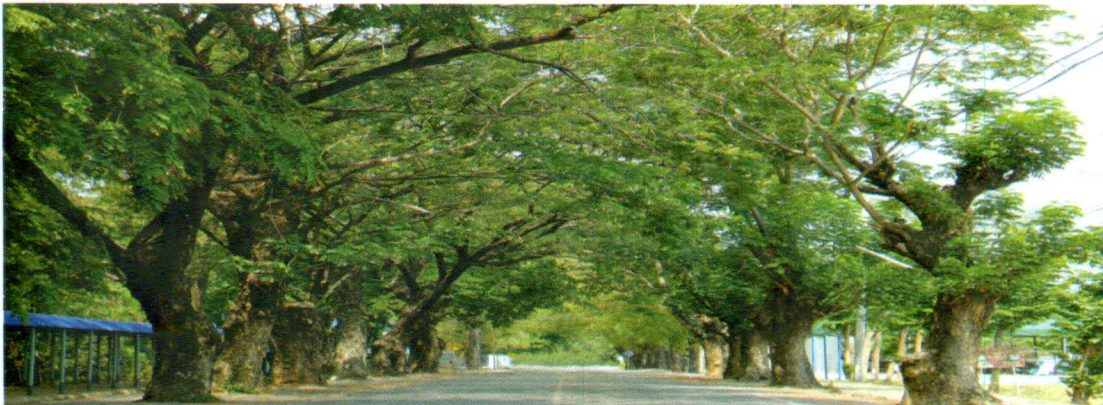
The University began to offer Master's degree programs in Educational Management and later Social Sciences for Development, in 1998. With the enactment of the 2004 Rajabhat University Act, under the Higher Education Commission Office and regulated by Rajabhat Maha Sarakham University Council, the university implements and offers a variety of educational programs at the Bachelor's, graduate diploma, and Master's degree levels in Education, Liberal Arts, Sciences, Business Administration, Laws, Public Administration, and Political Science. Currently, 6 doctoral degree programs, Strategies for Regional Development and Educational Management, are also offered.

THE PHILOSOPHY : Education for Development

THE MOTTO : Excellent in Academics, instilled with Moral Ethics and Effective Leadership in Community Development

THE VISION:

Rajabhat Maha Sarakham University envisions itself as one of the best leading higher education institutions in the Northeast. Its ultimate goal is for community development. Though its main expertise lies in training teachers and developing skills in the teaching progression, its other professional programs are no less remarkable. The University plays an active role in education and strengthening the community by offering courses and programs that blend universal bodies of knowledge with local wisdom. In so doing, the University makes use of appropriate technology, consistently upgrades its staff development, and offers quality higher education programs under a quality assurance system. Through commitment at personnel at all levels, the University seeks to achieve academic excellence in offering and implementing programs that also nurture in the students love and appreciation for their local and national heritage, as well as an awareness of universal cultural understanding.



THE MISSION:

1. To offer advanced programs in education and other professions, that meet local, regional and national needs.
2. To provide opportunity for people to have access to various study programs in higher education, implemented under an effective quality assurance system.
3. To co-operate with other educational institutions in developing the teaching profession and educational management in line with the National Education Reform.
4. To make full use of the community as the research base from which the findings will be further applied to benefit the local and regional community so that the local people can become self-sufficient on the basis of sustainable growth.
5. To enable students to fully develop their own abilities and potential through use of appropriate instructional media and student centered learning processes.
6. To nurture in students awareness, pride, and values of local and national cultural heritage.
7. To provide a peaceful, clean, educational, park-like campus: an atmosphere conducive to learning.
8. To support research in all disciplines, the findings which can be further disseminated for community benefits.

OBJECTIVES

1. Implement educational and advanced professional programs.
2. Conduct research.
3. Provide academic services to the community.
4. Improve, transfer, and develop technologies.
5. Conserve and support art and culture.
6. Produce teachers and upgrade teachers' qualifications.

DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS OF RMU GRADUATES

Rajabhat Maha Sarakham University envisions its graduate to grow holistically, so that he/she:

1. is professionally trained and equipped with knowledge and skills in their chosen areas of study;
2. lives a life of moral ethics, responsibility, and honesty in their profession;
3. has creativity, continual pursuits of knowledge, and ability in logical thinking and analysis;
4. is proficient in Thai, and able to communicate in at least one foreign language;
5. has knowledge and skills in management and effectively utilizes technology;
6. has good judgement in integrating universal knowledge with local wisdom in solving problems;
7. has good physical and mental health, as well as keen vision to accept and adjust to social changes;
8. is democratically disciplined, devoted to the community, able to work well with others, and understands that public interest comes first;
9. is an upright, useful and patriotic citizen; has awareness of self-improvement and career development; and has effective leadership in community development.



IMPLEMENTATIONS OF POLICIES AND PLANS

Implementations of policies and plans of the University are achieved through works of its Academic Working Units, Supportive Working Units, and Administrative Working Units. The first group, the Academic Working Units refer to the eight faculties: Education, Agricultural Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences, Management Sciences, Sciences and Technology, Information Technology, the Graduate School, and College of Law and Government. The Supportive Working Units refer to those providing support and services for academic implementation. Among these are Research and Development Institute, Office of Arts and Culture, Academic Resource and Information Technology Office, Office of Educational Standards and Quality Assurance, Office of Information Technology Management, Office of International Relations and International Education, Office of Academic Services, the Language Center, the Applied Sciences Center, the Special Education Center, and the Demonstration School. And those in the third group, Administrative Working Units, under the Office of the President are Central Administrative Division, Financial Division, Policy and Planning Division, Personnel Administration Division, and Student Development Division.

DEGREE LEVELS OFFERED:

Bachelor's Degree,
Graduate Diploma,
Master's Degree,
Doctoral Degree

FACULTIES:

Education
Humanities and Social Sciences
Science and Technology
Management Science
Agricultural Technology
Information Technology
College of Law and Government

TYPE OF STUDENTS:

Regular programs students:
Monday-Friday from 08.30 a.m. to 04.30 p.m.
Weekend programs students:
Saturday-Sunday from 08.30 a.m. to 04.30 p.m.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

First Semester: June to September
Second Semester: November to March
Summer Session: Mid March to Mid May

PROGRAMS OFFERED

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree Programs (5 year-programs)

Early Childhood Education, Physical Education and Sports Management, Special Education, Thai, English, Mathematics, Computer Education, Chemistry, Biology, Science, Music, Education, Educational Innovation and Technology (4 year-program)

Graduate Diplomas

Teaching Profession, Educational Administration, Curriculum and Instruction (Science), Curriculum and Instruction (Mathematics), Curriculum and Instruction (Computer), Curriculum and Instruction (Early Childhood Education), Curriculum and Instruction (English), Thai for Careers

Master's Degree Programs

Educational Administration, Mathematics Education, Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Research and Evaluation, Computer Education

Doctoral Degree Program

Educational Administration, Curriculum and Instruction, Mathematics Education, Computer Education, Educational Research and Evaluation

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor's Degree Programs (4-year programs)

Thai, English, English (Joint-Degree Program), Business English, Chinese, Music (International Music), Classical Dance and Drama, Information Sciences, Library and Information Sciences, Fine Arts (Communicative Art Design), Fine Arts (Applied Art Design), Fine Arts (Product Design), Painting

Master's Degree Programs

Communicative English for Careers

Doctoral Degree Program

Strategies for Regional Development

COLLEGE OF LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Bachelor's Degree Programs (4-year programs)

Public Administration, Political Science, Laws

Master's Degree Program

Community Development

MANAGEMENT SCIENCE

Bachelor's Degree Programs

General Administration, Business Economics, Business Administration (Marketing), Business Administration (Business Computer), Business Administration (Finance and Banking), Tourism Industry, Communication Science, Accounting

Master's Degree Program

Business Administration

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Bachelor's Degree Programs (4 year-programs)

Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, Health Education, Environmental Sciences, Computer Science, Information Technology, Industrial Design, Food Science and Technology, Computer Network Engineering, Engineering and Technology Management

Master's Degree Programs

Chemistry



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Bachelor's Degree Programs (4-year program)

Geographical Information Technology, Information Technology, Multimedia Technology and Animation

Master's Degree Program

Computer Education

Doctoral Degree Program

Computer Education

AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

Bachelor's Degree Programs (4-year program)

Agriculture, Animal Science, Veterinary, Plant Science Technology, Aquaculture Technology, Food Technology, Agricultural Information and Promotion

Master's Degree Program

Agricultural Technology, Veterinary, Plant Science Technology, Aquaculture Technology

INTERNATIONAL MUAY THAI TRAINING PROGRAM

Starting the summer of the academic year 2003(May, 2004) the university offers Special International Muay Thai Training programs, for both beginners and trainers of the Muay Thai Arts. Trainings will be supervised and Trained by faculty members of the Department of Physical Education, and a former national Muay Thai Champion, Jing Reed Thong. Those who are interested, please contact International Relations and International Education Office of the University for further details.



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Rajabhat Maha Sarakham University is a well-established public institution. Realizing that knowledge has no boundary, the university seeks to expand its global view to keep up with the age of internationalization. The university has established co-operations with foreign institutions in such countries as, Japan, Germany, the Republic of China, the Philippines and Vietnam. It has also been long supported by foreign organizations such as the Japan Foundation, JICA, British Council, USIS, VSO, KOICA and IAESTE. The University has established academic agreement with the university of Applied Sciences Nubrandenburg and Kempten, and The National university Corporation, Aichi university of Education, Vinh University, Quang Binh University, Vietnam, University of New England at Armidale, Australia, Indiana State University, USA. The university now still continues to seek further mutual collaborations with other foreign institutions and organizations, hoping that the outcomes will benefit and strengthen both parties.

THAI PREPARATION PROGRAM

Rajabhat Maha Sarakham University offers an intensive 7 months Thai preparation course (October – April) for foreigners who wish to continue their higher education in Thai institutions, giving them opportunity to study Thai language and culture such as cooking and dancing, as well as study tours to other parts of Thailand to learn more about ways of living of Thai people.