

# Language Center

## News

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A Message from the Editor

In the spirit of internationalism and to remind everyone that the language center is the **language** center and not the English center we are pleased to announce a series of international events...

### **Ireland Week**



To coincide with St Patrick's Day (The Patron Saint of Ireland) on March 17<sup>th</sup> – the language center will be holding an exhibition of work completed by Arj Marek's Advanced English Composition and Commutation class.



## **POLAND WEEK**

**The Language Center in association with the Polish Embassy in Bangkok is happy to announce an exhibition of Polish nation costumes. The collection of dolls will be displayed in conjunction with a Polish cultural assignment completed by Arj Marek's English 1 class.**

**Arj Guy and the L.C officers would like to thank the embassy of Poland, Bangkok for their generosity which made this event possible.**

Coming in April and May...



...French week

And Japanese week...



An extract from an interview with the department's newest member... Arj. Marek Lenarcik from [www.ajarn.com](http://www.ajarn.com)

How difficult is it these days to get a teaching job in Bangkok for someone who is considered a non-native speaker of English? You've landed a good teaching job at Dusit Thani College in Bangkok. Did being a non-native English speaker pose any problems at the interview stage?

The issue of me being a non-native speaker was never raised during the recruitment process. The college educates future hospitality industry leaders. Only a fraction of the people who graduate will be dealing with those who will come from the countries where English is the first language. I think it's beneficial for them to be familiar with as many different dialects and accents as possible.

My wife tells me that Dusit Thani College is a cookery school... is that right?

It is the college behind Dusit Princess Hotel, next to Seacon Square on Srinakarin Road. I think that a college of kitchen and restaurant management would be an apt description as Dusit Thani College offers five management programs leading to a Bachelor's degree, comprised of Hotel Management, Kitchen and Restaurant Management, Tourism Management, Resort and Spa Management, Convention and Event Management, and a Master's degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management.

### What subjects do you teach there and how's your workload?

They went easy on me in the beginning. The contractual obligation is up to 25 hours but I have two Pre-Intermediate groups of English I in the Thai programme and one Advanced English Composition and Communication class. Its 12 hours of teaching a week plus some additional activities within the colleges' excellent language center. The honeymoon will end in April when I'll get some additional classes on board.

### Enjoying it?

Absolutely...yes, it's a good fun! The atmosphere in the college is great. Everybody is very nice and helpful. Students are relatively respectful. I've read a lot of horror stories about teaching in Thailand, so I guess I am lucky landing a job like this.

The full interview can be viewed on [www.arjarn.com](http://www.arjarn.com)