

# Language Center News

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## A Message From The Editors:

Welcome to the fifth issue of the language center news. June is a very busy time here at DTC with the final examination period, orientation for the college freshmen and the first semester of the new academic year all in quick succession. There will be lots of activities in the center for the new members of the college...So...don't miss out...See you in the center soon...

**Guy Ridgeon**  
**Dr. Warothai Siriseranee**

## A New Head of the Language Department from 1st June

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Arj. Puwaret Abdulsata (Left), incoming head of the language department, presents a pin to commemorate five years service to Arj. Guy Ridgeon (Right), the outgoing head of the department.

# BULATS UPDATE

The test results and certificates have now been received and are available from Arj. Guy in room 500. Congratulations to **Chatchan Tasanasiri**, who achieved the remarkable scores of 99%, 99% and 97%! We wish him luck in the national finals of “The Best Business Speaker” competition in August.

The third and final testing session will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June. See [www.BBESC.com](http://www.BBESC.com) for details.

# TOEIC Preparation

- The Language Center, Dusit Thani College (DTC), is offering a TOEIC course to both its registered students and external candidates.
- Take the TOEIC test, organized by the Center for Professional Assessment, at Dusit Thani College (**For DTC students only**).

## Who Should Take the TOEIC Course and/or Test?

- Third & Fourth Year Students at DTC
- Anyone seeking a job which requires a TOEIC score
- Those wishing to improve their English skills for their current/future workplace

## Why Should I Take the TOEIC Course and/or TOEIC Test?

- Internationally recognised certificate required by many companies when they select prospective, non-native English speaking candidates
- To show your English proficiency level to any employers, even if they do not require a TOEIC score
- To improve your English communication skills
- As an example of usage of the TOEIC score, Thai Airways International Public Company Limited requires 600 minimum when selecting potential flight attendants.

- **TOEIC Test Fee: 700 Baht** for registered Dusit Thani College Students

- **TOEIC Course Fee: 3,500 Baht / 42 hours** (books/worksheets included)

### **Course Dates & Times**

Select one of the following:

| <b>CLASS</b> |                               | <b>DATES</b>   | <b>TIMES</b>                      |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1            | Evenings (Mon., Wed., & Fri.) | July 14 <sup>th</sup> → August 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 | 18.00 → 20:30 hrs.                |
| 2            | Saturday & Sunday             | July 19 <sup>th</sup> → August 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2008  | 9.00 → 12.00 & 13.00 → 16.00 hrs. |
| 3            | Saturday only                 | July 19 <sup>th</sup> → August 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 | 9.00 → 12.00 & 13.00 → 16.00 hrs. |
| 4            | Sunday only                   | July 20 <sup>th</sup> → August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2008 | 9.00 → 12.00 & 13.00 → 16.00 hrs. |

### **Test Dates & Times\***

Select one of the following:

| <b>DAY</b> |          | <b>DATES</b>                     | <b>TIMES</b>     |
|------------|----------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1          | Saturday | August 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2008   | 13.00→15.30 hrs. |
| 2          | Saturday | August 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2008   | 13.00→15.30 hrs. |
| 3          | Saturday | September 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2008 | 13.00→15.30 hrs. |

### **Application Deadline**

Starts now - July 11, 2008

### **Application Venue**

The Language Center, Dusit Thani College, Building 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,

1 Soi Kaenthong (Next to Seacon Square), Nongbon, Prayet, Bangkok 10250

Telephone: 0-2361-7811 – 3, ext. 309 **OR** 307, Fax: 0-2361-7806

\* Applicants can choose to take the TOEIC test without having to take the TOEIC course.

\* If the number of Dusit Thani College students applying for the TOEIC test is less than 25, the TOEIC test is subject to cancellation. In such an event, the TOEIC test fee will be fully refunded, and applicants can, instead, apply directly for the test at the Center for Professional Assessment at a cost of 1,200 Baht.

## Free E-Learning: "Tell Me More" Software Application for English Learners!

The Thailand Cyber University Project, organised and run by the Commission on Higher Education, is offering more than 300 self-pack, on-line learning courses - absolutely free of charge! After registering at TCU, you can use all software applications at no cost. In particular, one of the courses comes highly recommended by our Language Center Manager; that is, the "Tell Me More" multimedia application (Reference: TCU-TMM101). Normally, this is expensive to buy so, free, represents the ultimate bargain! Learners can practice all four key-skills of the English language; listening, speaking, reading and writing. Activities are graded from beginner to advanced skill levels. Its unique Spoken Error Tracking System makes it far superior to other English language software currently on the market.

What's more, you don't have to come to class; just prepare a microphone-equipped headset with an internet-enabled computer. The minimum specification is shown in the table below.

| <b>Configuration</b>         | <b>Computer System Requirements</b>                        |
|------------------------------|--|
| PC or compatible             | Pentium III 650 MHz or equivalent                          |
| Windows                      | Windows 98, Millennium, 2000, 2003 or XP                   |
| RAM                          | 128 MB (256 MB for NT4, Millennium, 2000, XP and 2003)     |
| Space available on hard disk | 110 MB   |
| Sound card                   | 16-bit Windows compatible sound card                       |
| Graphics card                | 1024x768 with 16 million colours (24 bits)                 |
| Accessories                  | Microphone and loudspeakers or microphone-equipped headset |
| Internet                     | Connection at 128 Kbps or higher                           |

To get your free software, log on to <http://www.thaicyperu.go.th/>. Register as a student by creating a User ID beginning with 'tmm'. Then, apply for course TCU-TMM101 and install the "Tell Me More" application by following the simple instructions.