

Language Center News

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



First of all, I'd like to welcome all students back from what was, indeed, a very formal and stressful mid-term examination week. Regarding stress, many students complained they had 3 consecutive examination days, and that's why they did not have enough time to prepare for the exam. Well, it's a valid comment but not a good excuse at all. Good advice – which students should always try to follow – would be to prepare for your studies and examinations as far in advance as possible; the worst thing you can do is wait until the very last few days to review your lessons! Yes, sure, it requires more focus, effort, and work but at least adopting this approach means you won't have to work too hard when the examination date draws near. Anyway, now the examinations are behind you, you can all relax a little and lead a more normal, routine kind of life – just like the rest of us!

On a final note, I do hope to see all supervised field training students (whose English proficiency test's results were not satisfactory) take a remedial English course from September 15, 2008 onwards. Times are 16.30 – 17.30 at Srinakarin Hall. The aim of this course is to ensure that all students graduate from DTC having a very good command of English.

Dr. Warothai Siriseranee

Film Review Contest



For the upcoming DTC Academic Fair 2008, the Language Center will be organizing a *Film Review Contest* on Thursday, October 2, 2008, between 9.00 – 12.00 hrs. The venue is the Language Center where films will be shown and student contestants write a professional film review for the movie. Thereafter, their film reviews are to be read aloud. Prizes will be waiting for the three winners. Refreshment may be served to create that ‘authentic’ theatre atmosphere – no kissing in the back rows however! We hope to produce young capable and professional writers/film critics in the very near future.

Part-Time Language Instructors Wanted



The Language Center, Dusit Thani College, is seeking part-time instructors in the following languages:

Russian, German, Spanish, French, Arabic, Japanese, Korean, and Mandarin Chinese

Candidates, either native or non-native speakers, should be available to work weekday evenings (18.30 – 20.30 hrs.) and/or weekends.

Qualifications:

- Bachelors / Masters / Doctoral Degrees in a related field
- Non-native speakers, at Bachelors level, should have 2 years minimum teaching experience.
- A good command of English is preferable.

Interested candidates are requested to mail their resume and covering letter, or apply in person, at:

Language Center, Building 1, 3rd Floor, Room No. 307-309,
Dusit Thani College, 1 Soi Kaenthong (Next to Seacon Square),
Nongbon, Pravet, Bangkok 10250, Thailand

Telephone: 0-2361-7811-3, ext. 309, Fax: 0-2361-7806

Closing date for applications is 25th September 2008.

TOEIC TEST APPLICATION DATE EXTENSION

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TEST DATE POSTPONEMENT

The Language Center has extended the application period for the TOEIC test, such that DTC students and staff can now submit the application form no later than **September 26th**. Payment must be made by **October 3rd**. The TOEIC test date is postponed to **Saturday, October 11th, 2008**.

TOEIC TEST FEE FOR DTC STUDENTS: **700 Baht**

TOEIC TEST FEE FOR DTC STAFF: **900 Baht**

For more information, contact the Language Center, Dusit Thani College.

BULATS UPDATE

BULATS has informed us that, due to regional situations beyond their control, the Thailand leg of the Best Business English Speaker Competition has been rescheduled by Cambridge ESOL from August 16, 2008 to November 2, 2008. Due to this postponement, Thailand's highest-scoring 15 BULATS test-takers will shortly receive their invitations to participate in the Best Business English Speaker Competition during early October, 2008.

In addition, the international competition in Singapore has been rescheduled from November, 2008 to February, 2009. This means that the student awarded the first prize of a full-scholarship for an MBA at the University of Newcastle, will now commence their studies in August 2009.

These adjustments have been made to the www.BBESC.com website for viewing by the general public.

Finally, because the local leg of the competition has been pushed back to November 2, 2008, Cambridge ESOL has decided to offer an additional Cambridge BULATS testing session, on August 30. Interested candidates should quickly apply.

The BULATS test (www.BULATS.org) is being used to screen candidates for the Best Business English Speaker Competition. Interested candidates can take the test at half price - 747 baht + VAT (800 baht total). Additionally, BULATS is offering four free tests per university or college campus.