

Design gPBL by Cross-Cultural experience

Date	Place	Partner Organization	Students' Major and Grade	Participants' Information	SIT Instructor
2026/09/04 ~2026/09/14	Thailand	Prince of Songkla University	•Department of Design Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science •Master 1st grade, Master 2nd grade, Undergraduate 4th grade, Undergraduate 3rd grade, Undergraduate 2nd grade, Undergraduate 1st grade	(SIT) Students 31, Student Staff 5, Professor 1 (Prince of Songkla University) Students 40, Student Staff 3, Professor 5, Staff 5	YANG WONSEOK(Department of Design Engineering)



Image1 opening

Marking its 10th anniversary this year, the traditional international workshop was successfully held at Prince of Songkla University (PSU) in Phuket, Thailand. Three universities from Japan—Shibaura Institute of Technology, Kumamoto Sojo University, and Shunan City University—came together, creating a large-scale exchange program with a total of 90 participants.

In the early stages of the program, students experienced rich Thai culture, joined various activities, and toured diverse facilities. Immersed in an environment with a climate, customs, and social background different from Japan, the participating students were able to re-examine what they take for granted at home and deepen their awareness.

The main theme this year was "Data Visualization." Working in groups, the students thoroughly investigated various data related to Japan and Thailand and engaged in the process of visualizing that data so that it could be intuitively understood from each other's perspectives. Despite the tight schedule, they overcame language and cultural barriers through repeated discussions and trial and error to create a single collaborative output.

The program went far beyond mere academic exchange, fostering strong bonds between the Japanese and Thai students. Friendly interactions deepened as they mutually respected each other's cultures, and the final day culminated in a touching and emotional finale—with students shedding tears as they parted from the friends with whom they had shared such an intensive, unforgettable time. It was an unforgettable few days that yielded a solid relationship of trust built over a 10-year history and provided a global perspective connecting to the future.



Image2 opening



Image3 opening



Image4 groupwork



Image5 culture-experience



Image6 culture-experience



Image7 culture-experience