

The Asian Research Institute for International Social Work (ARIISW),
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Visiting Researcher alumni visited Shukutoku University!

VR alumni who are leading social work education for next-generation students expressed their appreciation to Shukutoku University.

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The Asian Research Institute for International Social Work (ARIISW) has been welcoming researchers from the Asian region as visiting researchers (VRs) by leveraging Japan's doctoral thesis system (*Rompaku* system) since 2016¹. The three researchers who were awarded degrees are very active in Asian countries upon their return from Japan.



On June 4, 2025, Wanwadee Poonpoksins, Ph.D. (Associate Professor at Thammasat University, Thailand), who was the first VR, visited Japan and presented a special lecture titled "Health Policy in Thailand" to

¹ Unfortunately, this program has been suspended as of 2024; however, we will release a new VR program, welcoming researchers for a short-term period in Japan




students enrolled in a class of “Global Trends and International Collaboration” at Shukutoku University, Chiba.

The students commented positively comments, such as “This was the first time I learned about health insurance systems overseas,” “The presenter spoke in an easy-to-

understand manner and caught my interest,” and “It was interesting to learn that Thailand's health policy has the same access and ICT issues as Japan’s rural areas.”

According to Dr. Poonpoksins, she welcomes VR alumni online as special lecturers for programs in her class at Thammasat University. The ARIISW has received feedback from VR alumni who are deeply grateful to have received their degrees from Shukutoku.

Dr. Poonpoksins wishes to support the University through ARIISW as a graduate by promoting intellectual exchanges. On behalf of ARIISW, we would like to express our gratitude to our VR alumni, Dr. Ven. Omalpe Somananda, for hosting an international conference in Sri Lanka this past March, and to Dr. Poonpoksins for your ongoing contributions.

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