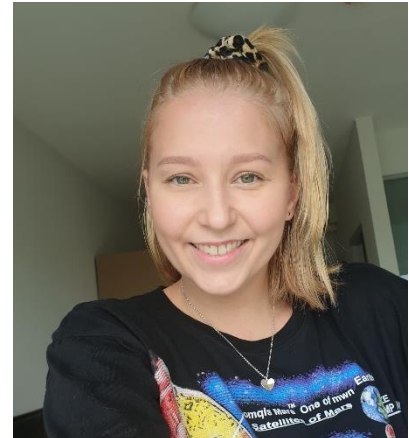


My practical training at KMUTT

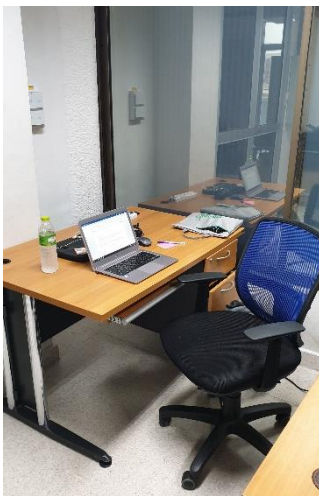
My name is Noora Jokinen and I'm an ICT engineer student from Finland. I got an opportunity to do an internship at King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT). I hadn't travelled in Thailand or Asia before, so I was really excited about my internship in Bangkok.

KMUTT

Subject for my practical training was to create a user interface for a Thai street food application. I found this subject very interesting because my field of studies is media engineering so it's just what I study in Finland too.



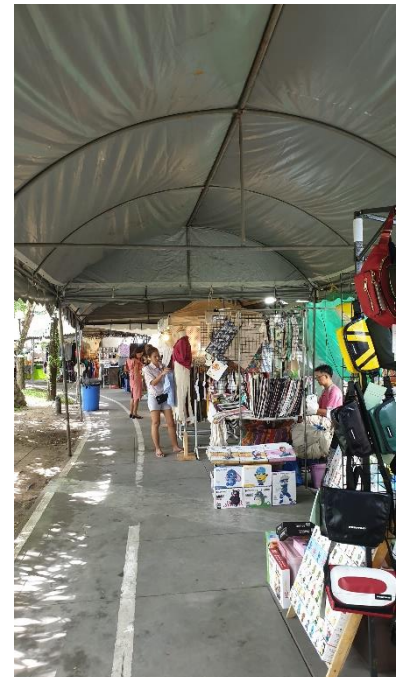
I'm Noora Jokinen, 24-year-old ICT student from Finland.



My desk in I-Lab.

I worked in I-Lab in SIT, School of Information Technology. I had my own desk, but I needed to use my own laptop for working. I didn't have anyone working with me on the same project, so I mostly worked alone. But I had 3 Thai students helping with me every now and then which I liked a lot.

KMUTT campus area is huge! At least compared to my home campus. There is running track and 2 different gyms and very nice library (remember to wear long sleeves if planning to go there). Also, every month there was a market in front of the school.



Market in the school yard.



The pool in Cosmo.

LIVING

I stayed in Cosmo Residence which I really enjoyed. Cosmo was nice place to stay, there is a small gym and a restaurant downstairs. And a pool! It was so relaxing to hang out by the pool in the weekends.

In Cosmo I also met other internship and exchange students from France, Canada, USA Netherlands, Germany... Without new friends I would have been really lonely in Thailand.

Only downside about living in Cosmo was the fact that I needed to buy bed sheets, pillow, blanket, dishes, basically everything into my room. And because I can't take those things back to Finland (no room in my suitcase) they are going to garbage after only 3 months of use. But still, I wouldn't have wanted to live anywhere else.

FOOD & CULTURE

I like Thai food, but I can't say I love it. I'm not a huge fan of seafood so I didn't test many of the local dishes. But I could still always find something to eat like spring rolls or sweet and sour chicken. I also really liked mango and sticky rice! That's so delicious. And of course, there is Grab: application where you can order food so not necessary to eat Thai food every day.



Mango with sticky rice.



Wat Arun

Locals are always smiling and that is one thing I love about Thailand. Everyone is really friendly and helpful, in school and elsewhere. Of course, I ran into some cultural differences, for example it's not usual for Thais to shake hands when meeting for a first time.



View from the 39th floor.

While I was in Bangkok, I visited temple Wat Arun. It was interesting, and the temple was so beautiful. I also visited Chatuchak and Asiatique markets and went to a fancy night club that is on 39th floor. I think I got little piece of every cultural aspect there is in Bangkok!

SUMMARY

All in all, my experience in Thailand was unforgettable. Of course, like in every trip, there are some difficulties but most days I enjoyed my stay. Working in KMUTT was nice because I got to decide when and where I worked. Because of the flexible schedule I had time to visit islands Koh Si Chang and Koh Samet. Island life was so relaxing between working weeks. I hope I can come back to Bangkok some day and maybe explore northern Thailand.



Koh Samet