

Press Release

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Banpu and Thammasat's Faculty of Learning Sciences and Education signs MOU to promote design thinking skills through games in 'Thammasat-Banpu Innovators for Learning Program'



Photo Caption (from left): Associate Professor Dr Anuchat Pongsamlee, Dean of Faculty of Learning Sciences and Education, Professor Dr Somkit Lertpaithoon, Thammasat University Chancellor, Mr Chanin Vongkusolkit, Chairman of the Board of Banpu Public Company Limited, and Ms Somruedee Chaimongkol, Chief Executive Officer of Banpu

Banpu and Thammasat's Faculty of Learning Sciences and Education recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote design thinking skills in youth, through 'Thammasat-Banpu Innovators for Learning Program' at Dome Administration Building, Thammasat University Rangsit Campus.

The collaboration aims to equip high school students and teachers with the skills of 21st century's innovators namely critical and analytical thinking, creative communication, and leadership, which can be achieved through the design learning program. The program has received 15 million-baht funding from Banpu to be carried over a three year period. During the first year, curriculum and learning aids will be developed to help students build their design thinking and innovation design skills. Recruitment of students to join the program will also be rolled out, with the capacity of five students and one mentor from each of the 15 participating schools. The second year will witness a series of workshops on design thinking through game design and creations for future innovators while the application of the resulting innovations and public sharing will take place in the third year of the program.

Professor Dr Somkit Lertpaithoon, Thammasat University Chancellor, said "Thammasat and Banpu have initiated the 'Thammasat-Banpu Innovators for Learning Program' in order to further develop the skills of youth and educators, by utilizing the same process of creating a game and new technologies to shorten the cognitive learning and suitable with the new generation's interest."

Mr Chanin Vongkusolkit, Chairman of the Board of Banpu Public Company Limited said "We strongly believe that 'Learning is the Power of Change and Development' and we will continue to support activities that encourage learning in various aspects. To reflect that, we are happy to be a part of building a strong learning foundation for the next generation of innovators, and equip them with systematic design thinking and teamwork skills, which will continue to play a fundamental role in the socio-economic development of the country."

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“Learning is the Power of Change and Development”

Based on our firm belief that “learning” powers constructive change and sustainable development of “people” and “society”, Banpu's CSR activities emphasize on the promotion and development of continued “learning” among young people and communities in various forms. Banpu supports sustainable development of communities and society through a number of learning opportunities, for both individuals and teams, ranging from learning through daily real-life experiences, and learning in-and-outside of the classrooms, to hands-on practices which enhance capabilities and skills.

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