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# Streams of Visits From Partner Unis

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NTU and Cornell are very similar in terms of the faculty/student demographics and research fields. The deep relationship also stems from the 66 Cornell alumni who currently serve at NTU. The two Universities are a natural fit for collaboration in pursuit of academic excellence.

Since February, NTU has been visited by several prestigious guests from Cornell University, USA, University of Tsukuba, Japan, and Mahidol University, Thailand.

The first delegation was Cornell University, led by Prof. Michael I. Kotlikoff, Provost, Prof. Wendy Wolford, Vice Provost for International Affairs, and Ms. Hongnan Ma, Asia Director for International Alumni Relations. The delegations were greeted by Prof. Hsiao-Wei Yuan, Vice President for International Affairs at NTU, who is also a Cornell Alumni, and met with NTU representatives to have an in-depth discussion on how to deepen bilateral research collaboration with Cornell's Global Hubs under multiple themes such as Future City, Big Data, AI, and Sustainable Development. In addition, NTU President Prof. Wen-Chang Chen also hosted a dinner banquet, gathering NTU faculty members who graduated from Cornell to reunite with our honorable VIPs.

Shortly after, NTU welcomed the delegation from University of Tsukuba (UT), including Prof. Nagata Kyosuke, President, Prof. Kanaho Yasunori, Vice President, and Prof. Ohneda Osamu, Executive Officer for International Strategy. After many online meetings and events during the pandemic, it was very meaningful



Global Innovation Joint-Degree Program (GIP-TRIAD Program), a joint master's program in Agro-Biomedical Science between University of Tsukuba, NTU, and the University of Bordeaux in France.

to host this delegation in person at NTU. President Chen, and Prof. Jiun-Haw Lee, Associate Vice President for International Affairs, received the delegation on behalf of NTU, and discussed with UT about future research collaboration, overseas internship exchange, and student community exchange.

In addition, President Nagata and President Chen had the opportunity to witness the first in-person meeting between the NTU Center for Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Robotics (AIROBO), the UT Center for Artificial Intelligence Research, and the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI). Prof. Li-Chen Fu, the Director of AIROBO, shared the future plans of this trilateral collaboration during the delegation ceremony.

Last but not least, Prof. Banchong Mahaisavariya, the President of Mahidol University (MU), and Assoc. Prof. Nopraenue Sajjarax Dhirathiti, MU's Vice President for International Relations and Corporate Communication, led representatives from MU's diverse faculties to visit NTU's campus. President Chen and VP Yuan were delighted to welcome these representatives and host a ceremony to commemorate the signing of cooperation agreements. President Chen gave remarks to open the ceremony, sharing excitement about growing opportunities for transnational exchange and the strengthening relationship between Thailand and Taiwan. In his remarks, President Banchong mentioned that MU looks forward to deepening their research collaborations with NTU. VP Yuan and VP Dhirathiti also delivered insightful briefings on their university's internationalization strategies. The signing ceremony marked the extension of the MOU and student exchange program, reinforcing the longstanding partnership between MU and NTU.



From left to right, VP Dhirathiti and President Mahaisavariya of Mahidol University, President Chen and VP Yuan of NTU.