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Low or lower-middle income countries student support Year: 2024

The university encourages students to apply for numerous scholarships. The Higher Education Scholarship for the Development of Southern Border Provinces provides 249 grants, each valued at 40,000 THB per year. The Na Khao Mahachai Former Lecturers' Club offers five scholarships of 5,000 THB each. The 14th annual Princess Marsi Sukhumbhand Paribatra Foundation Scholarship for 2024 awarded three grants of 20,000 THB each to assist students with financial needs and artistic talent. A scholarship from the "Nai Hang Rong Poon Phu Nueng" Foundation is available for one student who lacks financial resources but demonstrates good academic performance, positive conduct and diligence. It provides 40,000 THB



annually until graduation. Support is also available for students with disabilities; in 2024, four students received assistance covering tuition and educational fees every semester until they complete their programs, which reduces family burdens and promotes educational equity.

The Student Loan Fund (SLF) system offers another resource. In 2024, 4,092 students from low-income families submitted loan applications. The service is facilitated using the "NSTRU App" which provides students with easy, comprehensive, and transparent access to loan funds. Such operations reflect the university's commitment to creating an inclusive educational welfare system. This approach aligns with SDG sub-indicator 1.3.5, which focuses on providing social protection to improve the quality of life and reduce inequality for students from low-income households.

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Local start-up assistance Year: 2024

From March 30–31, 2024, the Office of Academic Resources and Information Technology conducted a workshop at the Pak Phun Municipality. The session was designed to study learning resources, collect data, and survey the context, problems, and needs to enhancing the English language proficiency of community members.

The workshop targeted groups including homestay operators, community enterprises, and local entrepreneurs. Its objective was to enable community members to use English for communication in their professions and in tourism, an initiative that enhances workforce potential and increases opportunities to generate income through community tourism.



Subsequently, during May and June, the Faculty of Industrial Technology implemented the "Labor Skill Development and Upskilling" project. The program aimed to develop the professional skills of people in several areas of Nakhon Si Thammarat province. Training was provided in occupations such as eco-printing, tie-dye, cooking, electrical work, and local food product creation. The goal was to establish supplementary occupations, increase income, and reduce poverty at the household level.

Participate in policy formulation at the local/regional/global levels and implement programs and policies to end poverty in all its dimensions.

The university further expanded its operations in a more comprehensive way by formalizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on April 10, 2024, dedicated to local community development. The agreement unites Nakhon Si Thammarat Rajabhat University with over 58 government and local entities, including administrative organizations and educational institutions within Nakhon Si Thammarat province. All partners share a policy of promoting balanced and sustainable local development. The objectives are to upgrade the grassroots economy, develop professional skills, and create educational opportunities for local residents. The initiative covers two provinces and encompasses eleven main projects.



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Nakhon Si Thammarat Rajabhat University also hosted the "Fair for Applying the King's Philosophy to Sustainable Community Economic Development," held at the university's "1 Rai to Escape Poverty, Rajabhat People" center. The event was part of a project to promote and continue the Royal Policy on Education and Royal Initiatives. A primary objective was to support projects originating in royal initiatives that bolster the community economy, which is fundamental to sufficiency economy development. The approach uses the village as the function of a foundation for development, aiming to build resilience for every household. It encourages community members to form groups, develop their products into community enterprises, and establish happy, sustainable livelihoods with stable household incomes. More than 900 people attended the event.



On August 10, 2024, the university's poverty eradication efforts were clearly linked with the creative economy through the "Mueang Khon Handicrafts Soft Power Festival 2024." The festival was designed to generate economic value using local arts, culture, and wisdom.

Mr. Trairat Chaiyarat, Vice Governor of Nakhon Si Thammarat, presided over the opening ceremony. The university also organized a major southern regional event, the 5th "Moving Forward with Southern Local Development: Rajabhat Universities for Local Development," held from August 17-19, 2024, at Central Plaza Nakhon Si Thammarat. The event showcased the results of over 49 community development projects that applied academic knowledge for the benefit of local communities to improve quality of life and the grassroots economy. It focused on adding value to community products with the objective of achieving sustainable poverty eradication, covering nine districts and more than 115 schools.

