

Internship Placement:

Organization: Uthai Phan Pla

Address: Uthai, Ayuthaya

Supervisor: Mr. Thawat / Dr. Ram C Bhujel



1. Location:

The project site is located in a village, 20 km away from Ayuthaya town, former capital of Thailand and a UNESCO's World Heritage site. Around the area several food/drink shops, banks with ATM Cash machines which accept major debit/credit cards, post-office are there. It is about 60 km north from Bangkok. It is connected by bus and Santhaew from Ayuthaya and Ayuthaya has train, bus and minivan to go to Bangkok.

2. Project Description

It is very much suitable for those who want hands-on work in rural setting or communities. This is run by a small partnership using the sex-reversal technology developed at the Asian Institute of Technology to produce and supply high quality tilapia fry. Tilapia is a cichlid fish. It grows fast and is easy to raise therefore, well suited for poor farmers to earn quick cash and supply family with protein. Therefore, it is now dubbed as "poor men's fish". Tilapia hatchery project is unique of its kind developed through research which comprises unique method of fish breeding, egg incubation and larval rearing. This technology was transferred to private sector and has become a major breakthrough for the expansion of tilapia farming in Thailand and in several other countries. As an intern you can help our staff for day-to-day work, carry out research, produce more fish fry to supply to more farmers and promote the technology through publication and communication. The hatchery helps local communities by supplying fish fry, providing knowledge and technical assistance as well. Internship period will be from 1-6 months. Working hours are 8 am – 4:30 pm (Monday – Friday). You are free for travel on weekends and any public holidays.

3. Living conditions:

Here staff speak very little English. Expect to face some difficulties but it will be a life-time experience living in a small village/community. There are plenty local restaurants and vendors which serve delicious Thai food. Cell phone works in the area but you have to have machine and SIM card purchased in the local town. Bank, postal service, ATM/cash machines are also available on-campus.

4. Climate

Climate is tropical, warm and humid. Temperature may go up to 38°C in summer is quite hot (no thick clothes are needed). It may rain heavily for short time in summer. The best season is winter to escape from chilling weather.

5. Culture:

It is important to respect local culture and traditions. Cover-up dresses are required. Shoes or sandals do not matter but most of the time you will need to walk; therefore, light sport shoes/trainers will be suitable. Dress conservatively; casual clothing is suitable while working at the fish farm - T-shirts, shorts and sandals are appropriate.

6. Host is happy to provide:

- Accommodation on campus (air conditioned with internet facility)
- Assist in arranging food at cheapest price (you will need to pay only about US\$1/meal)

7. Your Costs:

- International airfare (please check with your University, may have this provision)
- Transportation from and to the airport
- Fees for visa/passport
- Food and drinks (approx. about US\$1/meal)
- Any costs of trips, trainings, and others arranged personally
- Insurance and costs of damages due to personal negligence

8. Miscellaneous

Travel medical kit, light mosquito net, insect repellent, sleeping bag, flash light, umbrella or rain coat, few books, a towel and toiletries. But do not bother if you need to buy them, they are available locally at cheap prices.

Note: you will be paired with students of our local partner institution, as far as possible.