

## Dusit Thani College Welcomes APacCHRIE Board

### ***Great contribution by APacCHRIE Board Members in Bangkok, Thailand***

Since APacCHRIE Board Members held a meeting on Jan 16, 2016 in Bangkok at Dusit Thani Hotel, there was also a site inspection for the venue of the “14th APacCHRIE conference 2016” which will be hosted by Dusit Thani College, during May 11-13, 2016.

APacCHRIE Board members grabbed this golden opportunity to share their knowledge and experiences with Dusit Thani College students, staff, and faculty members on January 15<sup>th</sup> at Dusit Thani College. There were two panel sessions discussed in this Special Hospitality Forum. The Session 1 focused on “Top 5 Trends in Asia Pacific that will Impact Hospitality in the Next Few Years.” Session 2 focused on “21st Century Skills and Attributes Needed for Hospitality Industry Personnel.” Panelists included Prof. Kaye Chon, Ma. Christina Aquino, Prof. J.S. Perry Hobson, Mr. Samir Thapa, Dr. Peter Kim, Prof. Vikneswaren Nair, and Assoc. Prof. Evangeline E. Timbang.



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Dusit Thani College Organizers with APacCHRIE Board

Khun Veera, the Rector of DTC, also took the occasion to show the various facilities of the college to the board including their new F&B dining area, the Spa and Wellness Center, Japanese Center, the various kitchens. The board members were impressed with the school and the students.

The board also experienced Thai hospitality of DTC with the Chinese Lauriat Lunch, Vietnamese dinner and the international buffet spread for the board meeting. The APacCHRIE Forum that is scheduled a day before the January board meeting has been a great opportunity for board members to share their experiences and knowledge with the conference host school, and has been practiced for a number of years already.



APacCHRIE Board shows a sign of approval for the Dusit Thani College Forum and Facilities

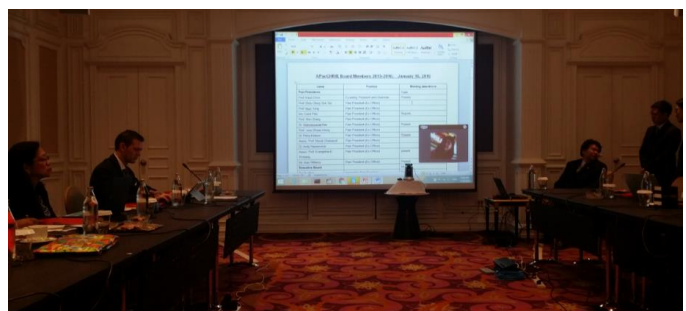
#### ***APacCHRIE Board Meeting for January 2016***

The following day, the APacCHRIE Board members met in the Dusit Bangkok hotel to do an ocular of the conference site, the different venues for breakout rooms, and the delegate's accommodations. The board members gave some suggestions to the conference host for consideration.

The January Board Meeting followed immediately after the ocular. Aside from the board members who attended the forum, Margaret Heng and 2017 Conference Hosts from Bali, Indonesia joined the meeting also.



Immediate Past President Dr. Qu Xiao, Founding President Prof. Kaye Chon, President Ma. Christina G. Aquino (presiding) and Vice President Dr. Amy So listening intently to discussions of various board members



Dr. Anthony Brien(New Zealand) Ningsih Chandra (Indonesia), and Prof. Lin Wang (China) joined the meeting through Skype



Great exchanges among the board members during the board meeting in Dusit Bangkok



Left to right, first row: Dir. Margaret Heng, Dr. Qu Xiao, Immediate Past President, President Ma. Christina G. Aquino, Founding Chair Prof. Kaye Chon, Conference Host Khun Veera, Vice President Dr. Amy So, Dir. Pearl Lin; 2nd row – Past Presidents (PP) Assoc. Prof. Evangeline Timbang, PP Dr. Vik Nair, Dr. Chollada Mongkhonvanit, Secretary Samir Thapa, PP Dr. Alan Williams, Treasurer Dr. Peter Kim, PP Dr. Perry Hobson and Dr. James Mabey and guests from Bali, Indonesia

There were several items discussed during the board meeting that included reviewing the by-laws and constitution, recommending that future forum will be scheduled during the January board meeting of the conference host, newsletter, membership and financial concerns, networking with industry options and conference 2016 updates. Truly, aside from the networking and linkage opportunities and the conference, the sights, sounds, shopping and food will attract a great number of tourism and hospitality educators to Bangkok for the APacCHRIE Conference.

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