



Ambassador of Thailand to Qatar Visits GU-Q

The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand to the State of Qatar was welcomed by the dean of Georgetown University in Qatar (GU-Q) by Dr. James Reardon-Anderson this week.

His Excellency Ambassador Soonthorn Chaiyindeepum met with the dean to discuss opportunities for educational cooperation between GU-Q and the Royal Thai Embassy to the State of Qatar. On behalf of the embassy he also gifted the University with books about Thai and South East Asian history and the sufficiency economy philosophy of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

The Kingdom of Thailand currently provides scholarship opportunities for the country's brightest students to study abroad in fields ranging from law to economics, administration, social science and languages. Thanks to this support, Thai student Mueanrawee Thaneetho (SFS '18) is currently studying for her Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service at GU-Q, where she is majoring in Culture and Politics. After completing her degree, she will return to Thailand to work for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, which already employs many Georgetown alumni.

"Georgetown has a long-running relationship with the Kingdom of Thailand and we look forward to continued collaboration in the future," said Dean Reardon-Anderson. "Bringing together students from around the world and exposing them to different histories and cultures is what contributes to our diverse and dynamic student experience at Georgetown in Qatar."

"We are interested in working together to build an understanding of Southeast Asia among students and academics in Qatar," said Ambassador Chaiyindeepum. "Partnerships with universities such as Georgetown can help us reach this goal in the country and beyond."

Topics discussed in the meeting included developments impacting Thailand politically and economically, regional challenges in Southeast Asia, presidential elections in the United States and the growth of Thailand's hospitality and tourism industries.

It was Chaiyindeepum's first visit to GU-Q's campus since being appointed ambassador earlier this year. He served as Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission of Thailand in New Delhi prior to taking up the position in Qatar.

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About Georgetown University in Qatar (GU-Q)

Established in 1789, Georgetown University is one of the world's leading academic and research institutions providing students with a superb learning experience focused on educating the whole person and engagement with different faiths, cultures and beliefs, to prepare the next generation of global citizens ready to make a positive impact on our world.

Since 2005, Georgetown's Qatar campus offers the same highly ranked four-year Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service curriculum as in Washington D.C. The majors offered include, Culture and Politics, International Economics, International History, and International Politics, along with Certificates in Arab & Regional Studies, American Studies, or Media & Politics. Students choose a major after the successful completion of their two year multidisciplinary core curriculum.

The Qatar campus also offers working professionals the opportunity to take non-credit evening courses for personal and professional development. Topics in the past have included: *Religion, Peace and Violence; Digital Magazine and Book Design; Understanding Digital Marketing; Perspectives on Islam and Human Rights, Women in Islam; Web Made Easy; Career and Life Design; the Quest for Wisdom: East and West.*

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