

Study Situation Report

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My MPH student life in the international program at Mahidol University is exciting. The curriculum and teaching methods met what I expected to learn for public health fields. I am currently learning Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Health Education and Behavioral Science, Public Health Administration, Environmental and Occupational Health and Research. I just finished my mid-term examination for Biostatistics and Epidemiology in September, and I got 84 marks and 55 marks, respectively. The teachers are very talented in their subjects and patient, and they can transfer the technique to students. I have 15 classmates from Bangladesh, Japan, Somalia and Timor. It gives me many opportunities to learn about my classmates' cultural diversity and different ideas and perspectives and expand my social circle. Now, I am studying hard for my final examination in October 31 to November 4 for the first semester. Moreover, I am preparing for my research titled "Family Planning Practice Among Reproductive-Aged Women living with HIV in Myanmar". There is a semester break between November 13 to November 25, and I hope I can travel an ancient town near Bangkok during that time to explore Thailand's culture more. I also have a meeting in November 15 in Bangkok to meet with KAAD organizer to give some feedback on my studies and how KAAD could support me for my study journey.

When I first arrived in Bangkok, I often suffered from diarrhoea and took treatment at the hospital. I am healthier now, and I am used to spicy Thai foods. Bangkok life is fascinating, and most people in Thailand are Buddhists and the religious cultures are very similar to Burmese. I am OK with my accommodation, but it is expensive compared to Myanmar.

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