

NEWS

April 2010

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The school's campus is constantly changing at the moment as more of the Master Plan projects are completed.

New and renovated facilities currently being used by students and staff include a Secondary Library, classrooms for Secondary Design Technology, Thai, English as an Additional Language and Humanities, Secondary Canteen, Admissions and Head of School's Offices, and Cross Campus Conference Centre (which will be used as the new Exam Hall), Staff Room and Counsellor Suites.

The new Year 5 and 6 block and Oral Examination Rooms will be in use from the start of Term 3 whilst the new Primary Library and Arts rooms and Secondary student interchange space will be completed over the summer. It really is a case of something new opening every week!

For any alumni visiting school, things may look a little different to when you were last here, but rest

assured it is still your old school underneath the facelift.

The Arts Centre, which opened at the start of the new academic year, is now very much part of life at Patana. The Rosamund Stuetzel Theatre has already hosted several student concerts and productions including *Guys and Dolls* and *Alice in Wonderland Junior*. The lobby area has seen the IB Art exhibition adorn its walls, whilst the Senior Drama students staged *Metamorphoses* in the Black Box, complete with a temporary swimming pool!



The renovated front of school

Keeping up-to-date *with BPS*

Click [here](#) to download the most recent **Term Magazine**, published on the 8th April that includes an article by Katy Meadows, Class of 2006 and reports from this year's Residential Visits

Don't forget to **stay in touch**— we always love to hear your news - email Emma Goligher at alumni@patana.ac.th with any, and all, of your updates.

VISITORS THIS TERM

We have received visits from many past students this Term, including:

Shruti Kothari, Class of '10 who shared experiences of her first semester at Brown.

Adam Bradshaw, who attended Primary School from 1995 - 1999 and caught up with his old K1 teacher Mrs Vanabhuti.

Alice, Emily and Jane Upton, who attended from 1992—94 and visited from Australia with their parents.

ROLE MODELS REQUIRED

Could you be a **role model** to the next generation of students graduating from Bangkok Patana School?

We are currently looking at setting up a 'Role Model Programme' for our Secondary students and would be interested to hear from you, whether you left Patana in 1957 or 2010!

Email Emma at alumni@patana.ac.th and let her know what you did when you left Bangkok Patana School.

Did you start university, take a gap year first, go into employment? Also what career path have you followed since, have you retrained, would you do anything different again?

Send us any experiences or advice that you wish someone had told you before leaving school and we will pass it onto our Careers Counsellors.

We are also in the process of looking to expand

our work experience database. If you, or any other alumni you may be in contact with, would be willing to offer a work placement for a student in the future, please send us the following information:

Company Name:

Contact Person:

Contact Details:

Type of work experience available:



SPOTLIGHT ON...*Ploy Bhinsaeng, Class of '04*

OR, ANYONE FOR POLO?

Ploy is currently studying at the Royal Holloway University of London and manages to combine her studies with a passion for polo.

For the past three years Ploy has been participating in many university level polo tournaments and decided that her experiences could help promote the sport to a wider audience in Thailand.

Last year Ploy realised her dream of combining student life and polo by organising the International University Polo Tournament, where students from all over the world competed for the championship title. The objective of the event was not just to increase awareness of the game but to send out the message that polo is accessible to all, even students!

The success of the 2010 event led to Ploy being given permission from the Thailand Polo Association to organise another one in 2011.

This event will take place at Siam Polo Park, just five minutes from Suvarnabhumi Airport, with the final being held on Saturday 9th April from 3.00 - 6.00pm.



Among the university teams competing will be representatives from Oxford, Cambridge, Royal Holloway, and the University of Virginia plus teams from Switzerland and Thailand. More information can be

found [here](#); go along if you can and support your fellow alumnus. **Good Luck Ploy!**