

Japanese-Thai Exchange Programme in Chiang Mai with a focus on Three Languages

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with a focus on three languages

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- Intercultural student exchange
- Homestays with Thai families +J/-J, +E/-E
- To give students experience in homestays, team teaching and develop confidence in using other languages and communication
- To observe any development in L3 interest

Choice of two languages

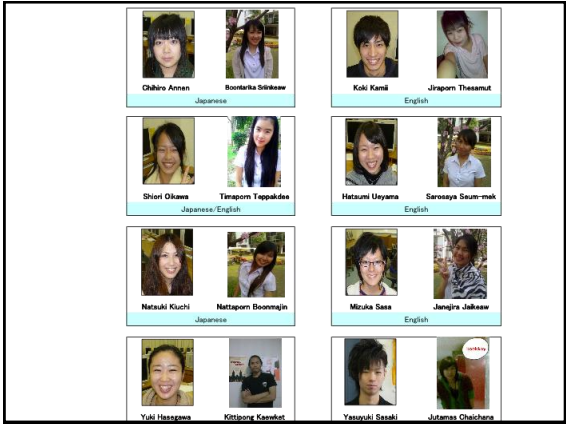
- English or Japanese
- But in a situation where Thai was the lingua franca

features

- Language choice – English or Japanese
- ‘Buddy’ system
- Contact with buddy before arrival
- Variety of activities: schools, homestay, team teaching
- Use of mutual L2s develop interest/confidence
- Classes on Thai culture by CMU lecturers
- Joint programme with CMU and SGU

Buddies: English or 日本語





Homestay with student's family



Cooking class and contest



Visit to orphanage school temple



outcomes

- Promote understanding of another Asian culture
- Increase in confidence in using English as L2
- Interest piqued in a L3?

The third language

- Some students became interested in Thai
- Practiced a lot with their buddies
- Started using Thai greetings, food words etc, even local dialect
- Students swapped notes on their 3 languages
- Some students enrolled in a Thai class in Japan