

PRESS RELEASE

Sodexo and Panyapiwat sign MOU to develop skilled workforce

January 2015 - Sodexo Thailand, the leader in integrated facilities management services that improve the quality of life, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with **Panyapiwat Institute of Management (PIM)** on joint curriculum development to produce skilled workforce for the building and facilities management sector in response to current labor market needs as well as future manpower requirements.

Mr. Arnaud Bialecki, Country Manager of Sodexo Thailand, said “Realizing the importance of quality human resources as well as the need to fill manpower shortage in the building and facilities management sector, Sodexo therefore has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Panyapiwat Institute of Management or PIM in an effort to jointly produce quality personnel. Under the cooperative MOU, Sodexo will help PIM students majoring in building and facilities management gain experience and develop to their full potential in real-world situations through internships at Sodexo’s client sites in various service areas, ranging from facilities management, foodservices, hospitality, to business management. The interns will work closely with Sodexo staff to gain as much knowledge and work experience as possible.”

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somrote Komolavanij, Assistant to the President for Academic Affairs and Acting Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Panyapiwat Institute of Management (PIM), said “Panyapiwat Institute of Management is delighted to establish this cooperation with Sodexo Thailand. We expect the MOU to help promote education management at the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as cooperative education. In addition, together we will develop and improve curriculum for property and facilities management program. The cooperation also covers exchange of information, knowledge, and researches that may be useful for the both parties in order to achieve the purpose and goal of this MOU which is to develop quality manpower for the building and facilities management sector to meet labor market needs.”

Prior to this MOU, Sodexo has been granted a contract by Panyapiwat Institute of Management to manage its existing facilities, plus a new high-rise education building since October, 2013. The Institute has entrusted Sodexo to provide a comprehensive range of world-class IFM services including building management, technical facilities management, housekeeping, security, administrative management and banqueting/functions management.



Photo caption: **Mr. Arnaud Bialecki** (2nd from left), Country Manager of Sodexo Thailand, and **Ms. Thawanrath Sapvanitkun** (far left), Human Resources Director of Sodexo Thailand, are seen with **Mr. Phornvit Phacharintanakul** (2nd from right), Vice President for Academic Affairs, Panyapiwat Institute of Management, and **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somrote Komolavanij** (far right), Assistant to the President for Academic Affairs and Acting Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Panyapiwat Institute of Management at the recently-held MOU signing ceremony.

About Panyapiwat Institute of Management

Panyapiwat Institute of Management or PIM is a specialized institution of higher education offering academic programs at bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels. The institution emphasizes on practical research study, particularly in retail business, with an aim to produce quality graduates equipped with both academic and practical excellence. The main approach to teaching and learning at PIM is work-based education. In addition to attending regular classes, PIM undergraduate students in every program are required to undertake a paid work placement every semester earning a stipend for the duration of each internship. Among the many possible career options for PIM graduates are entitled to employment opportunities at CP All PLC, its subsidiaries and other businesses in the retail industry.

About Sodexo

Founded in 1966 in Marseille by Pierre Bellon, Sodexo is the global leader in services that improve Quality of Life, an essential factor in individual and organizational performance. Operating in 80 countries, Sodexo serves 75 million consumers each day through its unique combination of On-site Services, Benefits and Rewards Services and Personal and Home Services. Through its more than 100 services, Sodexo provides clients an integrated offer developed over nearly 50 years of experience: from reception, maintenance and cleaning, to foodservices and facilities and equipment management; from Meal Pass, Gift Pass and Mobility Pass benefits for employees to in-home assistance and concierge services. Sodexo's success and performance are founded on its independence, its sustainable business model and its ability to continuously develop and engage its 420,000 employees throughout the world.

Key figures (as of August 31, 2014)

18 billion euro consolidated revenues
420,000 employees
18th largest employer worldwide
80 countries
32,700 sites
75 million consumers served daily
12.8 billion euro in market capitalization (as of January 8, 2015)

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