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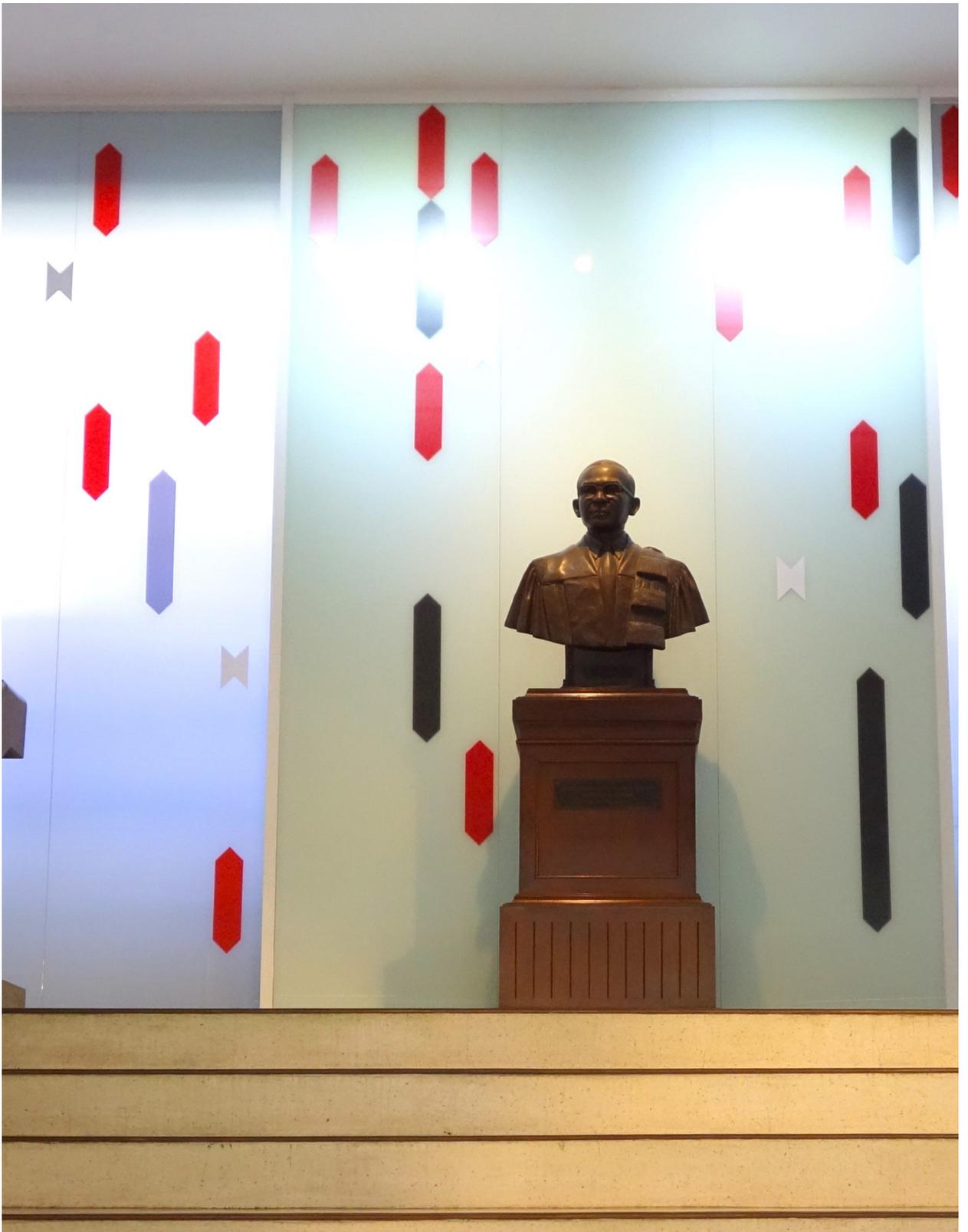
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Introduction to the Faculty



The Faculty of Political Science at Thammasat University was founded on June 14th, 1949, and holds the distinction of being one of the university's four original faculties. Its inaugural dean was Professor Direk Jayanama, a former Minister of Foreign Affairs. Since its establishment, the faculty has produced tens of thousands of graduates – many of whom have gone on to serve society with distinction in various sectors. In addition, the faculty has played a vital role in advancing the discipline of political science in Thailand. It has continuously generated new bodies of knowledge, disseminated through publications, academic journals, and intellectual activities.

Today, the faculty is structured around three academic divisions: Government, International Affairs, and Public Administration. Instruction is offered at both the Tha Prachan and Rangsit campuses. The faculty also maintains strong academic partnerships with institutions both in Thailand and abroad. These collaborations encompass student and faculty exchanges, joint research projects, double degree programs, consultancy services, and the organization of academic conferences.



Message from the Dean



As detailed in this annual report, the Faculty of Political Science at Thammasat University – our cherished institution – has undergone significant transformation over the past year across nearly all dimensions. These changes encompass teaching and learning, personnel development, research and international collaboration, administrative systems, student activities, and even physical infrastructure. Allow me to speak candidly: our faculty is currently confronting considerable challenges amid the rapid and complex transformations of the modern world. These evolving circumstances demand that all academic institutions adapt swiftly and effectively in order to maintain their relevance and continue making meaningful contributions to society. Yet, despite the uncertainties and obstacles that lie ahead, I am confident that the Faculty of Political Science at Thammasat University remains a resilient and forward-looking institution. It is a closely connected academic community whose strength lies in its unity and shared commitment. These qualities not only sustain us through difficult times but also empower us to evolve and excel. Since the day I assumed the position of Dean, I have witnessed, time and again, the unwavering dedication of our faculty and staff – individuals united by a common aspiration to advance the faculty’s mission. I have also seen enduring engagement from our alumni and current students, who continue to support the faculty and actively participate in its development.

Their contributions have given rise to several impactful initiatives over the past year, many of which have been realised without financial expenditure from the faculty itself. In light of these experiences, when I look toward the future – whether 10 or 20 years from now – I do not fear that our faculty will falter or decline. At most, I feel a sense of concern, never fear.

This year also marks the 75th anniversary of the faculty's founding – an occasion of great significance. To commemorate this milestone, we have planned a series of activities throughout the year. These events aim to offer members of the “Singhadang” community the opportunity to reconnect and reengage with the faculty in ways that are meaningful and accessible to each individual. It is our hope that these initiatives will revitalise and strengthen the bonds within our community, particularly after the extended period of separation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, this anniversary is not only a time for celebration but also a pivotal moment for reflection and strategic planning. Looking ahead, we recognise that substantial work remains – especially in the areas of curriculum reform and the advancement of internationalisation. In this regard, the 75th anniversary serves as more than a ceremonial milestone; it is a crucial juncture that reaffirms our commitment to progress and realigns us with our core vision: “To become a leading center for education, dissemination, and development of knowledge in political science in the Southeast Asian region, for the benefit of the people.”

Puli Fuwongcharoen

Dean of the Faculty of Political Science

Thammasat University

June 14th, 2024

Teaching and Student Activities



At present, the Faculty of Political Science at Thammasat University offers a comprehensive range of academic programs across all levels of higher education. At the undergraduate level, the faculty administers two primary programs. The first is the Bachelor of Political Science Program (Thai Program), conducted at the Rangsit Campus, which is divided into three majors: Politics and Government, International Affairs, and Public Administration. The second is the Bachelor of Political Science in Politics and International Relations (BIR), an international program based at the Tha Prachan Campus. Both programs are well-established and continue to attract strong interest from high school students. In particular, the Thai Program consistently receives a high volume of applications. In the most recent admissions cycle, 6,470 applications were submitted through the Thai Central Admission System (TCAS) in Rounds 1 (Portfolio) and 3 (Admissions), compared with 6,439 and 4,538 applications in the two preceding years, respectively. The most recent competition ratios stood at 1:13.2 for Round 1 and 1:34 for Round 2, indicating the faculty's continued ability to select high-calibre students. In the most recent academic year, a total of 283 students graduated from the faculty: 224 from the Thai

Program and 59 from the BIR Program. These outcomes reflect the faculty's ongoing commitment to nurturing capable and well-rounded graduates. Nonetheless, despite the continued appeal of its academic offerings, the faculty recognises the need to adapt to long-term demographic trends. With Thailand experiencing a steady decline in birth rates and a shift toward an aging population, the faculty may, in the future, need to consider adjusting its intake targets – particularly for the Thai Program. Simultaneously, the BIR Program is expected to explore new strategies to expand its international student base.

With regard to academic instruction, both undergraduate programs have faced certain operational challenges in the past year, primarily stemming from a shortage of teaching staff. Some faculty members have departed, while others are currently on study leave. These staffing limitations have led to a reduced number of elective courses and an elevated student-to-faculty ratio in many classes. While the faculty successfully recruited a record number of new lecturers in the past year, all new appointees are required to undergo a six-month mentorship under the guidance of senior faculty members before assuming full teaching responsibilities. This standard practice ensures that new instructors are adequately prepared. As such, improvements in instructional capacity are expected to materialise gradually, particularly in the latter half of 2024, when several faculty members on study leave are scheduled to return.

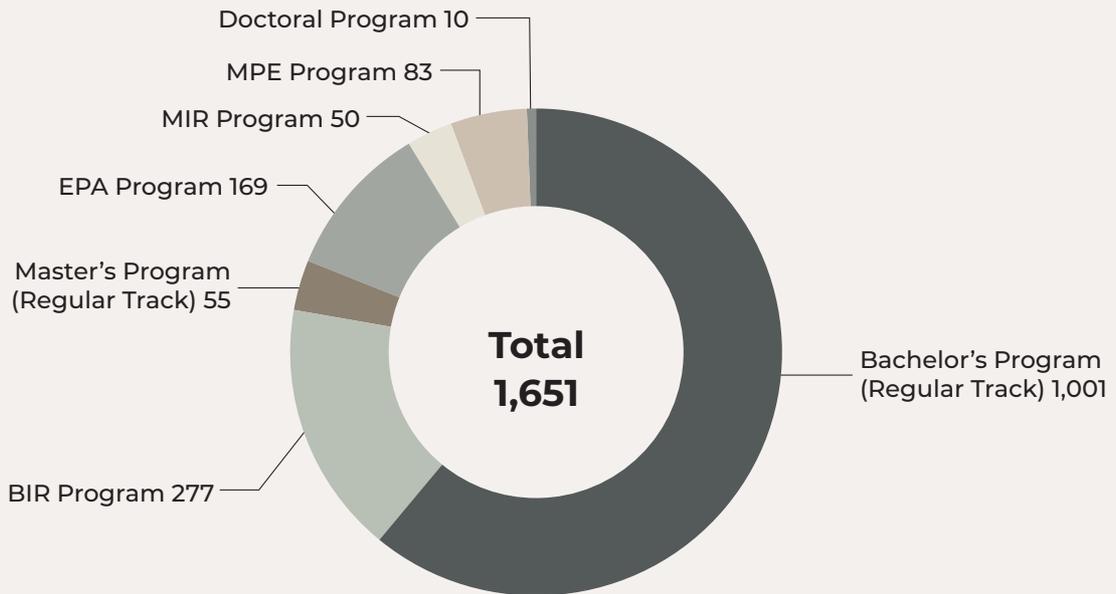
At the graduate level, the faculty continues to offer its regular academic programs – the Master of Political Science and the Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science. However, both programs, particularly the master's program, have received fewer applications than anticipated. This is largely attributed to the perception that the programs are highly rigorous and challenging to complete. In response, the faculty has initiated a process of internal review and has begun implementing a revised instructional approach, placing greater emphasis on structured academic guidance – especially during the thesis-writing stage. This initiative is still in its early stages, and its impact will require time to assess. In contrast, the faculty's executive programs – the Master of Political Science in Public Administration and Public Affairs (EPA) and the Master of Political Science in Politics and Management (MPE) – continue to maintain moderate levels of interest and were able to meet enrolment targets over the past year. Nonetheless, the faculty aims to increase the competitiveness



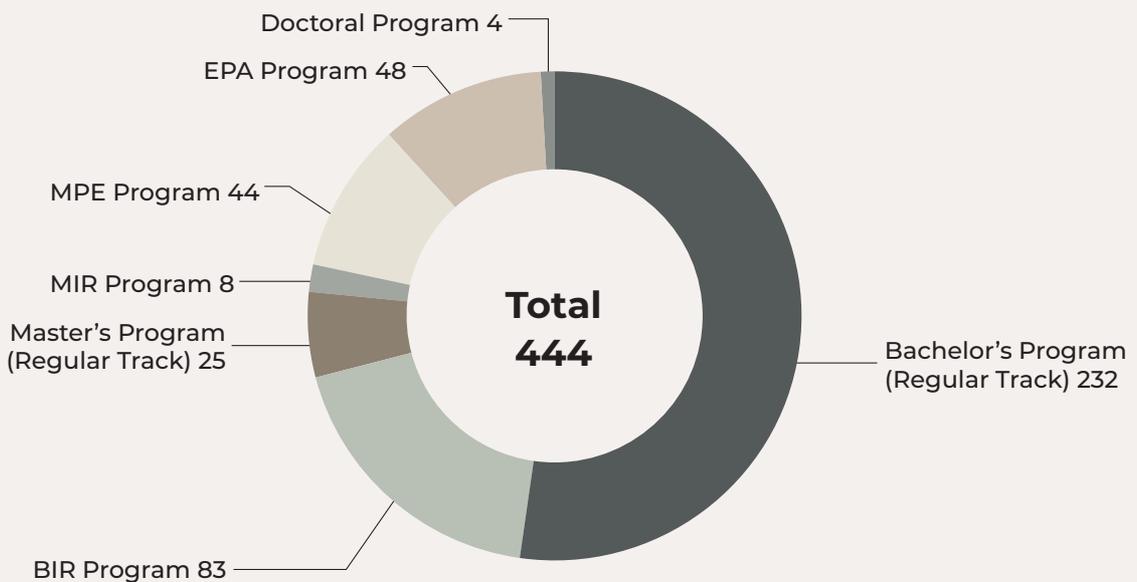
and quality of these programs by attracting a larger pool of applicants. To achieve this, efforts are underway to enhance promotional activities and continuously update curricula to ensure relevance and appeal. The faculty also offers an international graduate program: the Master of Political Science Program in International Relations (MIR), taught entirely in English. The number of applicants for this program has remained stable over recent years. Notably, the MIR program has succeeded in attracting students from a broad range of professional backgrounds and nationalities, contributing to a dynamic and intellectually stimulating classroom environment. This diversity remains one of the program's core strengths.

Beyond academic instruction, the faculty places strong emphasis on student activities, which are considered an integral part of the university learning experience. The faculty actively encourages student participation in extracurricular endeavours, and it is well recognised that political science students at Thammasat are among the most engaged in such activities. Two principal student organisations serve as the core coordinating bodies for these activities: the Faculty of Political Science Student Committee and the BIR Student Association (BIRSA), established within the past three years. Both organisations remain active throughout the academic year, organising a diverse range of events – including academic forums, athletic competitions, musical performances, and student welfare initiatives. In addition to these bodies, the faculty supports ten student activity groups. Each group operates according to its own mission while maintaining regular communication and coordination with the faculty. The faculty provides guidance, administrative support, and modest financial assistance, while upholding student autonomy and refraining from imposing directives or constraints. The vibrancy of student life is further strengthened by the continued support of the Political Science Association of Thammasat University. In the past year alone, the Association contributed nearly 290,000 baht to support the Faculty of Political Science Student Committee and various student groups. These contributions have been instrumental in sustaining student initiatives – particularly in a challenging economic environment, where external sponsorship is increasingly difficult to secure.

Total Student Enrollment (as of Present) (Unit: Persons)



Number of Graduates for the Academic Year 2022 (Unit: Persons)



Knowledge Production and Dissemination



The principal body responsible for advancing the faculty's mission of knowledge production is the Direk Jayanama Research Centre, which operates under the faculty's Research and Academic Services Division. Over the past year, the Centre has actively fulfilled its mandate, with a notable focus on administering research grants to faculty and staff. A total of 13 research projects were approved – an increase from the usual annual average. Of these, nine grants, totalling 1,450,000 baht, were awarded to faculty members, while four grants, amounting to 60,000 baht, were allocated to staff members under the Routine to Research (R2R) initiative. The R2R program is designed to encourage staff to develop innovative methods that improve operational efficiency and address current institutional challenges. The overall outcomes have been positive. All grant recipients submitted their research within the required timeframe, with quality evaluations conducted by subject-matter experts. Several outputs are currently being developed further into books or peer-reviewed journal articles. In addition to its role in internal research funding, the Direk Jayanama Research Centre also serves as a critical liaison between faculty members and external funding agencies. It provides guidance on

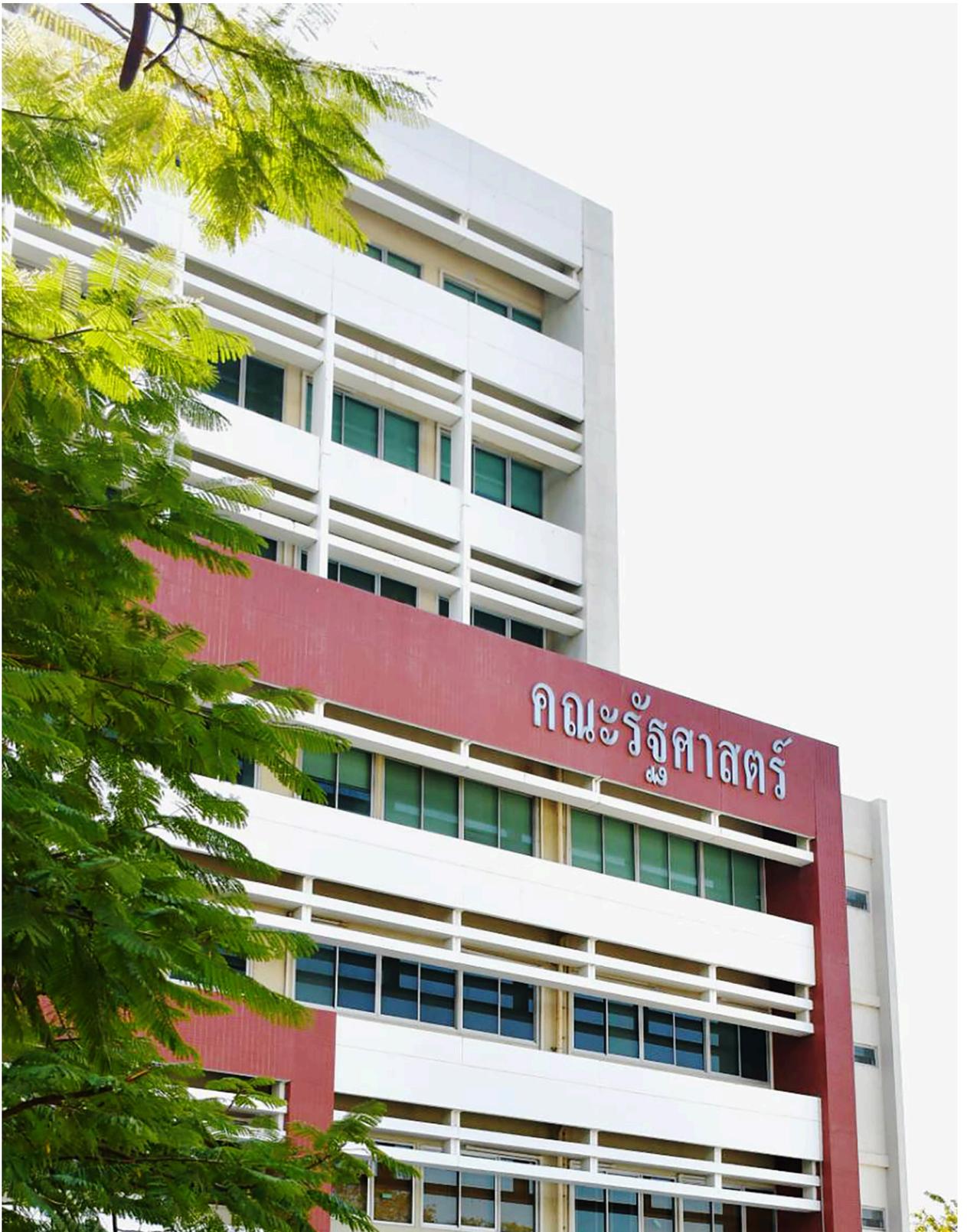
compliance with human research ethics and ensures rigorous, standardised evaluation of research outputs. At present, more than 30 externally funded research projects are being conducted by faculty-affiliated researchers. These projects encompass a wide array of themes – ranging from regional governance and electoral system reform to international policy development, creative media, clean energy, and the promotion of low-carbon societies. This diversity reflects the breadth of academic expertise within the faculty and its continuing relevance to pressing societal issues in Thailand.

In parallel with knowledge production, the faculty places strong emphasis on the dissemination of research to wider society. This is accomplished through multiple channels, including academic publication, public seminars, and digital media platforms. During the 2023-2024 academic year, the faculty made significant strides in research publication. Faculty members collectively published 13 articles in international journals indexed in the Scopus database, nearly doubling the output from the previous year. This includes one academic article and 12 research articles, with five published in first-quartile (Q1) journals and one in a second-quartile (Q2) journal. These articles appeared in leading publications such as *International Planning Studies*, *Journal of Behavioral Science*, *International Affairs*, and *Critical Asian Studies*. The high journal rankings attest to the scholarly rigor and international relevance of the research. Reflecting these achievements, the QS World University Rankings by Subject (2024) placed Thammasat University's Politics and International Studies within the 201-250 global band, ranking it first in this field within the university (tied with the English Language and Literature). In addition to journal articles, faculty members published eight books over the past year – seven in Thai and one in English – alongside several articles in Thai journals indexed in the Thai Journal Citation Index (TCI). The faculty also hosted more than 40 academic seminars throughout the year, averaging nearly one event per week. These events ranged in scale from large public forums with over a hundred attendees to more specialised gatherings involving select academic and policy experts. Notable seminars included: “Soft Power: Influential Power in the 21st Century” (June 14th, 2023), “From Kremlin to Kyiv: A One-Year Review of the Russia-Ukraine War” (February 24th, 2023), and “Politics and Institutional Change of the Senate in Thailand” (August 7th, 2023). To further extend its public outreach, the faculty also produces digital content. Two flagship series include: “Direk Interview” – a video series comprising 16 episodes, available on Facebook and YouTube – and “Direk Podcast” – an audio series of 32 episodes,



accessible via YouTube, Spotify, Google Podcast, and SoundCloud. The reception to these digital media initiatives has been overwhelmingly positive, due in part to their accessibility and alignment with contemporary media consumption habits. For example, “Direk Podcast” has attracted over 4,500 Spotify listeners between June 2023 and April 2024. Meanwhile, the Direk Jayanama Research Centre’s Facebook page continues to see a steady increase in followers.

Another key pillar of the faculty’s academic dissemination efforts is the publication of its two scholarly journals: *Ratthasatsarn* and *Ratthasatnithet*. Both journals have maintained consistent publication schedules over the past year and have expanded their roles through the organisation of academic seminars based on published articles. In terms of submissions, *Ratthasatsarn* received over 40 manuscripts, while *Ratthasatnithet* received more than 30. This corresponds to an approximate annual acceptance ratio of 2 out of every 5 submissions, reflecting a healthy level of scholarly engagement. User statistics also remain strong, with article accesses via the ThaiJO system reaching approximately 17,000 for *Ratthasatsarn* and 12,000 for *Ratthasatnithet*, with readers spanning nearly all world regions. Both journals have recently undertaken format and process revisions aimed at meeting the evaluation criteria for TCI Group 1 classification, building upon their current Group 2 status. These improvements are part of a strategic effort to elevate the journals’ academic standing and expand their impact within the scholarly community.



Toward Internationalisation



The Faculty of Political Science at Thammasat University has established internationalisation as a key strategic priority, with a long-term objective of expanding global academic collaboration. A central component of this strategy involves the development and implementation of double degree programs, which enhance the faculty's academic offerings and global presence. Notably, in the past year, the faculty successfully finalised and launched its first-ever double degree program in partnership with Meiji University – a leading institution in Japan with a distinguished history of nearly 150 years. This achievement followed an extended period of negotiations that were temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic but later resumed and reached fruition. Under this dual-degree arrangement, students enrolled in the Bachelor of Political Science in Politics and International Relations (BIR) program who meet the selection criteria study at Thammasat University for the first two years and then continue their studies at the School of Political Science and Economics at Meiji University for the remaining two years. Upon completion, students will receive bachelor's degrees from both institutions. The inaugural cohort has already travelled to Japan, and the faculty is closely monitoring the program's implementation and outcomes. In parallel, the faculty is pursuing additional double degree agreements. Notable developments include ongoing negotiations for undergraduate programs

with Aberystwyth University and the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom, as well as a double master's degree program with the University of Warsaw in Poland. Moreover, discussions are underway to establish a master's-level twinning program with the Université de Bretagne-Occidentale in France. This initiative would allow students enrolled in the EPA, MPE, and MIR programs to register for two additional courses at the French university and obtain dual degrees. The faculty anticipates formalising this arrangement in the near future.

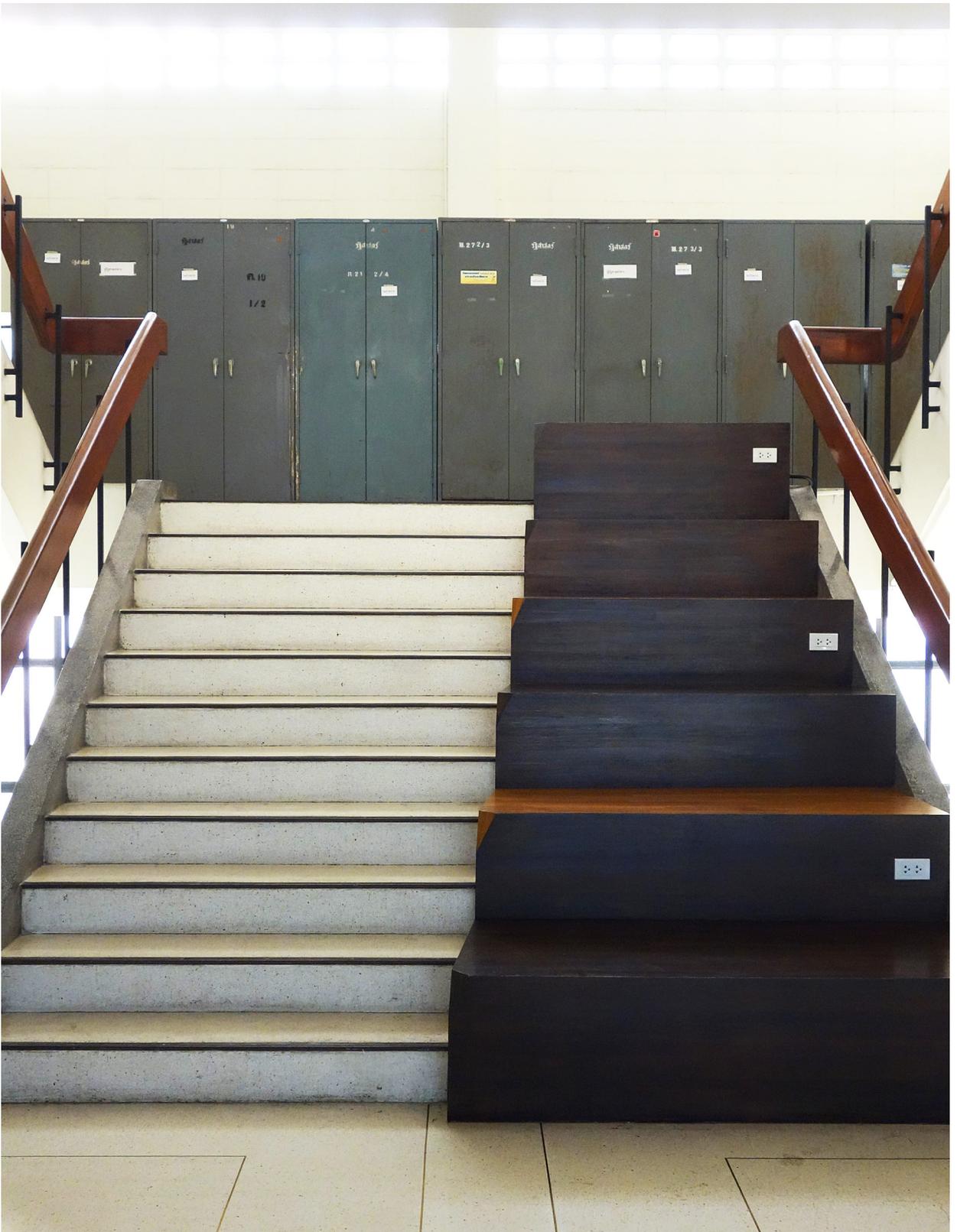
Another vital element of the faculty's internationalisation strategy is the cultivation of academic networks with foreign institutions, including universities, research institutes, and international organisations. These partnerships support a variety of collaborative activities such as student and faculty exchanges, joint research projects, academic conferences, and co-publication of scholarly work. Currently, the faculty maintains a robust portfolio of active Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), which facilitate meaningful engagement with the global academic community. These agreements provide valuable opportunities for Thammasat students to undertake short-term study abroad experiences and enable the faculty to host international students in Thailand. In the past year, the faculty signed eight new MOUs, including with Sungkyunkwan University – one of South Korea's most venerable institutions – and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The agreement with JICA has already begun to yield tangible benefits, with anticipated funding to support student-led research projects.

Fostering an international academic environment is also a key focus. Over the past year, the faculty welcomed three full-time international undergraduate students and nearly 30 exchange students from countries including Japan, France, the United Kingdom, the United States, Indonesia, Italy, Australia, and China. These students have demonstrated stronger adaptability compared to previous years, reflecting gradual recovery from the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, overall international student enrolment remains below pre-pandemic levels and is an area that the faculty continues to monitor and develop. In addition to students, several distinguished visiting scholars and professors joined the faculty during the year. Notable visitors included: Professor Dr. Wang Hu (Xiamen University, China), Professor Dr. Rainer Hülse (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany), and Associate Professor Dr. Tomas Larsson (University of Cambridge, United Kingdom). These scholars



contributed to the academic life of the faculty by teaching, participating in seminars, and engaging in scholarly exchanges with colleagues sharing similar research interests. Their presence has enhanced the faculty's intellectual vibrancy and international profile.

Lastly, in a milestone for its global engagement efforts, the faculty hosted the "ISA-GSCIS Conference 2023," an international academic conference held from December 18th–20th, 2023, at the Tha Prachan Campus. The conference was themed "The Global South in International Organisations and Beyond: Transformation, Influence and Empowerment in an Evolving World Politics." This event served as a significant platform for dialogue among scholars studying the roles and impact of countries in the Global South within global governance structures. The conference attracted more than 400 participants from around the world, including professors, researchers, and graduate students. Its success not only enhanced the faculty's academic reputation but also strengthened its connections with the international scholarly community, offering valuable opportunities for collaboration and knowledge exchange.



Building Financial Sustainability



The Faculty of Political Science at Thammasat University holds a moderate financial status compared to other units within the university. Considering the future circumstances filled with uncertainties, promoting financial sustainability is undoubtedly a crucial mission for the faculty. Over the past year, the faculty has endeavoured to implement strategies aimed at simultaneously increasing revenue and reducing expenditures. On the revenue side, efforts include adjusting the student admission process for the BIR program to be more flexible and convenient for interested applicants, conducting proactive public relations for executive programs, fundraising from alumni and the general public, improving content and expanding the number of short-term training projects, managing accumulated funds to generate higher returns, and exploring the feasibility of launching new programs that meet societal demands. Regarding expenditure reduction, the faculty has cut unnecessary expenses, enforced strict price evaluations during procurement processes, controlled operational costs, integrated technology to enhance efficiency, and reviewed the entire budget to eliminate redundancies. These measures have yielded positive outcomes not only in terms of financial sustainability but also in operational prudence.

The overall result of the aforementioned efforts is that revenue still exceeds expenses. For the fiscal year 2023, which has concluded, the faculty recorded total income of 73,321,991.29 baht and total expenditures of 58,492,228.30 baht, resulting in a net profit of 14,829,762.99 baht. Examining the details, the

faculty's primary source of income, accounting for 75.31%, came from educational management. This was followed by asset management and investments, contributing 4.49%. It should be noted that compared to the previous fiscal year, the net profit decreased by 4,480,341.91 baht, or approximately 23.2%, which is a considerable decline. However, this reduction was inevitable and anticipated. This is because fiscal year 2023 was the first year the faculty fully resumed all normal operations after the COVID-19 pandemic. There were no closures of facilities or online-only instruction. As a result, operating costs increased significantly, with many expenses returning to pre-pandemic levels or exceeding those of the previous year. Examples include costs related to student field trips, staff seminars, travel expenses, hosting international guests, and expenses associated with major ceremonies such as graduation and anniversary events. Additionally, numerous essential repair projects were undertaken to ensure the safety and readiness of facilities that had been closed for over two years.

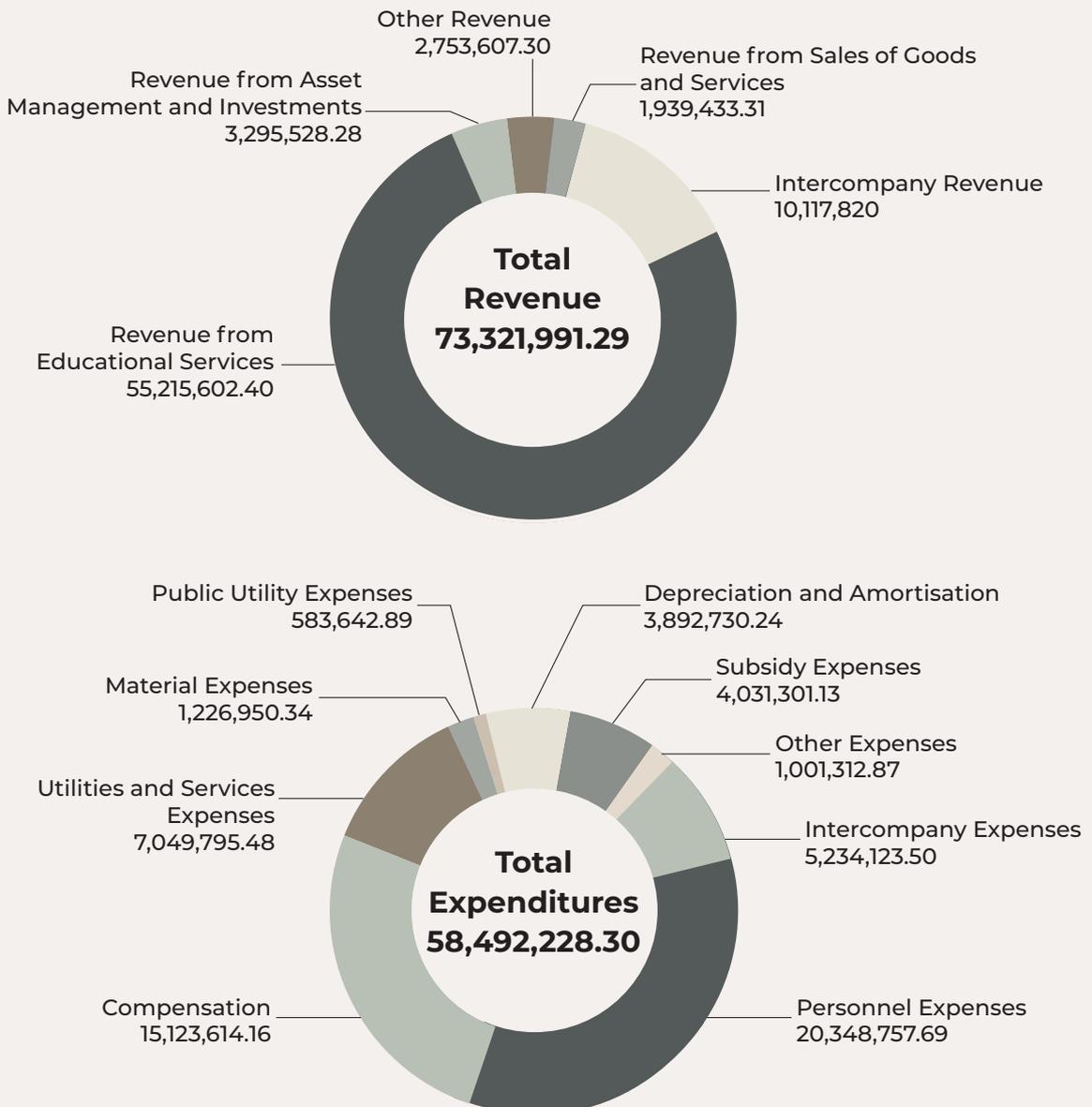
For the current fiscal year 2024, the faculty adheres to fiscal discipline by preparing an annual budget based on a surplus from its operational income. It is one of only nine units out of 45 at Thammasat University to adopt a surplus budgeting approach. Maintaining a balance between revenue and expenditure has become a strict customary practice for the faculty, except in cases involving major physical improvement projects. As a result, the faculty has prepared a surplus budget consecutively for five years, starting from fiscal year 2020. Reviewing the financial statements as of the end of the second quarter clearly indicates that fiscal year 2024 is likely to be another year in which the faculty's revenue exceeds its expenses. However, it remains challenging to estimate the exact amount of net profit or whether it will increase or decrease compared to the previous year. This uncertainty largely stems from numerous fundraising activities whose outcomes are yet to be fully assessed, such as the commemorative merchandise sales project marking the 75th anniversary and the Singhadang Virtual Run project, both of which are expected to begin generating revenue after mid-2024.

Lastly, in terms of investment, the faculty strives to manage its accumulated funds to generate returns that not only outpace inflation but also increase the overall value of the funds. For the fiscal year 2023, the faculty's average investment return was approximately 2.6%. Although this exceeds the inflation rate of 1.23%, it still falls short of the faculty's target. According to university regulations, the faculty is permitted to invest accumulated funds in only three types of instruments: university-established funds, government bonds, and corporate bonds with a credit rating of A- or higher. Currently, the faculty's investment portfolio is allocated as follows: 18.64% in university funds, 9.57%

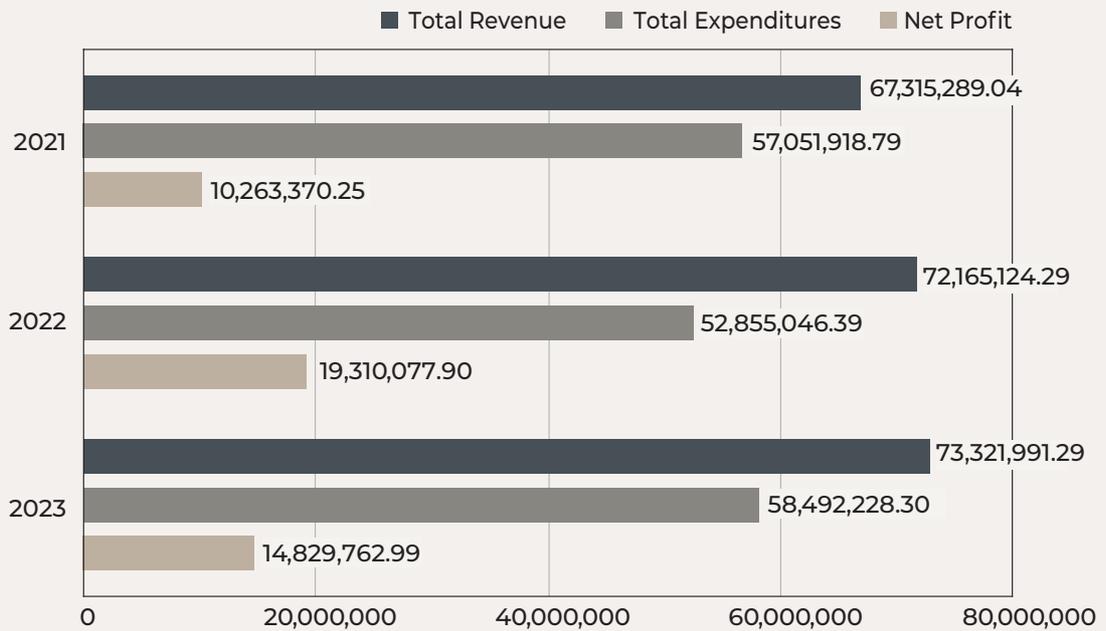


in government bonds, and 71.79% in corporate bonds. While these instruments offer a high level of security, the limited range of allowable investment options restricts the faculty's ability to diversify and maximise returns. Accordingly, the faculty has proposed a review of existing investment regulations, pending a decision from the university's governing authorities.

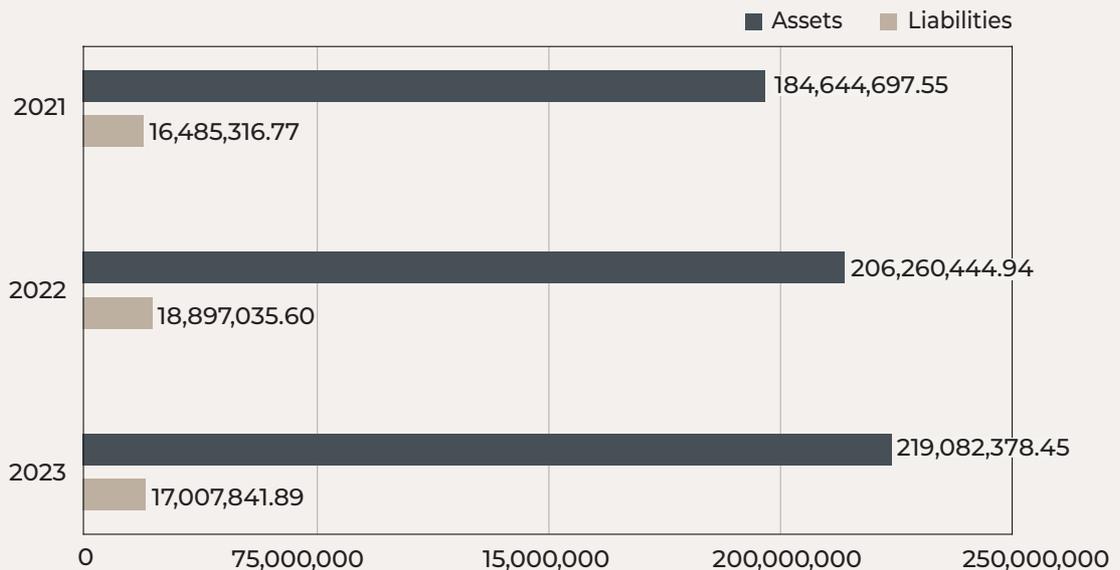
Financial Performance (Fiscal Year 2023) (Unit: Baht)



Comparative Financial Performance (Unit: Baht)



Comparative Financial Status (Unit: Baht)



Organisational and Personnel Development



Like other organisations in the contemporary world, the Faculty of Political Science at Thammasat University must undertake self-reflection and adapt its organisational management to become more flexible and agile. This necessity partly stems from changes in people’s behaviours in the post-COVID-19 era and partly from technological advancements – such as information systems emphasising interconnected networks through the Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems. Although these technologies may pose certain challenges in teaching management, they also present opportunities to enhance work quality while alleviating the workload of personnel. Over the past year, the faculty has sent staff members to receive training in technology to prepare for these changes, experimented with implementing AI systems in some areas of work, transitioned the faculty’s transactions to Internet banking systems, initiated the use of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems for financial and procurement management, and procured equipment capable of supporting more advanced information systems. For example, since late 2023, every computer allocated to the staff has been upgraded to Solid State Drive (SSD) models – known for their stability, durability, and efficiency – replacing the older SATA computers. In terms of publicity media design, the faculty has begun utilising AI systems to reduce staff workload. This approach is somewhat similar to drafting internal memoranda, which have been attempted using AI but with unsatisfactory

results, primarily because AI systems currently do not fully support the Thai language. Therefore, this area of work requires further technological advancement before improvements can be realised. While all these undertakings involve many detailed aspects, overall, they play a crucial role in enabling the faculty to work more efficiently and effectively.

At the same time, the faculty continues to place great importance on human resources. Beginning with the academic staff, last year the faculty successfully secured funding from the Human Resources Development Project in the Humanities and Social Sciences, managed by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation. This achievement enabled the faculty to send two lecturers to pursue doctoral studies with full financial support, incurring no costs to either the faculty or the lecturers themselves. Consequently, within the next four to five years, all lecturers in the faculty are expected to hold doctoral degrees. Moreover, the faculty has been able to recruit a record number of new lecturers, resulting in approximately a 15% increase in academic personnel compared to early 2023. This marks the first time in at least a decade that the faculty has fully managed its staffing quotas without any positions being reallocated back to the university. However, since the current number of lecturers remains significantly below the ideal level, the faculty has conducted a thorough manpower analysis and finalised a plan. It is preparing to request an additional 11 lecturer positions from the university, likely by the end of this year.

Finally, regarding the academic support personnel or administrative staff, the faculty has continuously organised training programs for staff approximately every two to three months. Over the past year, these training topics have ranged from advanced Excel skills, organisational communication, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and basic first aid to personal financial planning. The faculty has also improved its task allocation system by promoting the development of Individual Development Plans (IDPs), encouraging staff promotions to specialist positions, and initiating a knowledge transfer and on-the-job learning system through the establishment of assistant supervisor roles for each task area. It is undeniable that the necessary adjustments undertaken by the faculty have placed additional burdens on staff. However, it is gratifying that the staff have accepted these changes and remain dedicated to their work. In response, the faculty has sought to eliminate unnecessary procedures in all aspects of operations. To boost morale and maintain the capability to retain high-quality personnel, the faculty has also enhanced facilities and improved certain staff benefits – particularly in health care – which will take effect starting October 1st.

Physical Improvement



The most significant physical development project undertaken by the faculty over the past year was the renovation of the student common room located on the first floor of the faculty building at the Rangsit Campus. This project was made possible through full financial support amounting to over 4 million baht from the Anand Anantakoon Foundation, under the leadership of Mr. Anand Anantakoon, Chairman of the Foundation and an alumnus of the faculty's second graduating class. The renovation was completed in May and will be fully operational in time to welcome students for the new academic term in August 2024. The renovated multipurpose room, which the faculty has named "Anand Anantakoon Common Room" in honour of the donor, covers approximately 400 square meters. It is divided into a central activity hall, a meeting room, a reading room, a group study room, a shared lounge, and a storage room for student activities. This new layout reflects the actual needs and usage patterns of current students, particularly when compared to the previous design, which had been in place for more than 20 years.

In addition to the renovation of the student common room at the Rangsit Campus, several other physical development projects were carried out over

the past year. These include the replacement of air conditioning units in classrooms at Rangsit Campus (budget: 900,000 baht), the repair of the rooftop waterproofing system at the Tha Prachan Campus (budget: 1,478,000 baht), the repair of side windows on the building adjacent to the Faculty of Economics at Tha Prachan (budget: 137,500 baht), the repair of the drainage channel running along the rear of the building at Tha Prachan (budget: 119,900 baht), the repair of windows in the Professor Direk Jayanama Library at Tha Prachan (budget: 190,000 baht), and the partial repair of the second-floor exterior balcony at Tha Prachan (budget: 92,000 baht), among others. Most of these projects involved repairs to the facilities at the Tha Prachan Campus, which have deteriorated due to the age of the buildings – now over 50 years old. Nearly all projects have been completed and have effectively addressed several long-standing issues, the most urgent of which was water leakage and seepage during the rainy season.

From the foregoing, it is evident that the faculty has made continuous efforts to improve its physical infrastructure. However, these projects involve substantial financial costs and therefore place a significant burden on the faculty's budget, requiring careful and prudent management. A considerable portion of last year's budget was allocated to repair and maintenance works, particularly for buildings at the Tha Prachan Campus. Numerous projects remain pending, including improvements to the plumbing system, sound system, air conditioning system, information technology infrastructure, classrooms, and even exterior walls. As a result, aside from the renovation of the student common room – made possible by funding from the Anand Anantakoon Foundation – the faculty has been unable to initiate any new physical development projects and has been limited to essential repair works only, despite having outlined a comprehensive development plan. This remains a major challenge that the faculty must continue to address moving forward.

Support the Faculty

The Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, is committed to advancing its core missions in education, research, and academic services. However, in the current climate of increasing uncertainty and volatility, the faculty is facing growing financial constraints. This necessitates prudent budget management to ensure efficiency and long-term financial sustainability, in line with our foundational principle of being a non-profit academic institution.

Should you wish to support the faculty's ongoing efforts, contributions can be made to the "Political Science Fund", which was established as a channel for mobilising resources to enhance the quality of education, provide scholarships to students, support academic service initiatives, maintain and improve physical infrastructure, and procure or upgrade teaching equipment. Donations can be made via the e-Donation system by scanning the QR code provided below. The faculty sincerely thanks you for your generous support. All donations are eligible for double personal income tax deductions under Thai tax regulations.



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