

News from ANUtech's international projects – Canberra Australia

Key highlights from October/November 2003 are:

Solomon Islands Community Sector Program Design Mission

ANUtech has been selected to undertake the design of a Community Sector Program for the Solomon Islands. The goal of the Community Sector Program will be to contribute to poverty reduction and peace building in Solomon Islands through activities that facilitate capacity building/ mobilisation and self-reliance within communities, civil society organisations and service providers.

ANU Country Update Series

The Indian Economy Update Seminar was held on 18th August 2003. It was organised by the Australian South Asia Research Centre and Faculty of Asian Studies in association with the National Institute for Asia and the Pacific and the National Institute of Economics and Business. Reports on the update can be found at <http://rspas.anu.edu.au/asarc/update.html>

OTHER FORTHCOMING UPDATES AT ANU INCLUDE:

- 23 OCTOBER SAMOA UPDATE (IN SAMOA)
- 24 OCTOBER SAMOA HEADS OF GOVERNMENT SEMINAR (IN SAMOA)
- 28 OCTOBER TONGA UPDATE (IN TONGA)
- 29 OCTOBER TONGA PARLIAMENTARY AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT SEMINAR (IN TONGA)
- 25 NOVEMBER PNG UPDATE (IN PORT MORESBY)
- 27 NOVEMBER PNG UPDATE (IN MT HAGEN)
- 27 NOVEMBER PNG UPDATE (IN KIMBE)
- 27-28 NOVEMBER VIET NAM UPDATE (IN CANBERRA)
- 5 DECEMBER PNG UPDATE (IN CANBERRA)

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ANU projects to cut pesticide deaths and boost Thai health

Each year, hundreds of thousands of people die from acute pesticide poisoning in the Asia-Pacific region, according to World Health Organisation estimates. At the same time, disease patterns are changing in Thailand - with diabetes, heart disease and injuries emerging as new health problems as a result of development. ANU researchers have been awarded a total of more than A\$5.8 million to establish projects to deal with these two problems. (By Tim Winkler, ANU Reporter).

English courses

ANUtech's core programs of 'General English' and 'English for Academic Purposes and IELTS Preparation' will now be offered 9 times each through 2004, the first course commencing 5 January 2004. The 'Foundation Studies', 'Access' and other programs continue as previously timetabled.

New course to tackle Asia-Pacific security with UN

The critical shortage of military and governmental strategists across the Asia-Pacific region is to be addressed with a new Master's Degree program to be offered in a partnership between the United Nations University and ANU. The innovative program has received the personal endorsement of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan. "The Graduate Studies in Strategy and Defence program is an exciting new partnership between the United Nations University and The Australian National University that will prepare students to meet the challenges of the new security agenda in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond," Secretary-General Annan said. By Tim Winkler (ANU Reporter).