

# Asian CORE Program (ACP) Lectureship Tour 2009 in Thailand

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‘Total Synthesis of Bioactive Marine Natural Products Directed toward the Discovery of New Anticancer Drugs’

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January 14 (Thu) 2010: Arrival at Bangkok  
January 15 (Fri) 2010: Mahidol University  
January 18 (Mon) 2010: Chulalongkorn University  
January 19 (Tue) 2010: Ramkhamhaeng University  
January 20 (Wed) 2010: Chulabhorn Research Institute (CRI)  
January 21 (Thu) 2010: Departure from Bangkok



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With Professor Somsak and CRI researchers



With CRI researchers



With Professor Vichai at Mahidol University



With Dr. Tirayut at Chulalongkorn University



With Professors at Ramkhamhaeng University