

WALAILAK UNIVERSITY



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



REDUCED INEQUALITIES

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-  **Commitment to Non-discriminatory Admission**
-  **Eliminating Gender Discrimination on Campus**
-  **Inclusive Facilities for Disabled People at Walailak University**





Commitment to Non-discriminatory Admission



Walailak University (WU) is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive academic community and believes that diversity enriches the educational experience, promotes personal growth, and enhances WU's mission of excellence in teaching, research, and academic services. Everyone can access WU, regardless of ethnicity, religion, disability, immigration status, gender, sexual orientation, economic status, beliefs, political views, etc. No one will be discriminated against for accessing higher education at the university.

Female Students

Even though women are the majority group among WU students, there are some educational fields in which women are underrepresented, such as engineering. The Center for Educational Services has been launching initiatives to encourage applications by women in subjects where they are underrepresented. In addition, the Division of Student Support and Development provides grants and funds to ensure female students' graduation.

Disabled Students

Since WU signed the MOU on the enhancement of the quality of life of disabled people with 86 institutions, WU has launched initiatives and projects to admit more disabled students and provide facilities and support needed for their quality living with other students. The facilities and support include accessible infrastructure, scholarships, health services, consulting services, etc.

Refugee Students

WU aims to increase the admissions of Burmese students who emigrate from their motherland and provide them with educational opportunities. Besides, those Burmese students will get funds and scholarships, as most of them are from low-income households.

LGBT People

WU recognizes the rights and existence of LGBT people. All LGBT students are welcome to be part of the WU community as they have been contributing to the university's success. In addition, WU has policies to improve and value LGBT students such as a policy for freedom in dressing.

WU's commitment to non-discriminatory admission promotes a diverse and inclusive community, enhancing educational experiences and personal growth. By supporting underrepresented groups such as women in certain fields, disabled students, refugees, and LGBT individuals, WU ensures equitable opportunities for all and strengthens its mission of excellence in education and community service. The policy can be viewed at

<https://shorturl.at/Nilkp>





Eliminating Gender Discrimination on Campus

Raising awareness about gender discrimination on campus is essential for ensuring the safety and well-being of all community members. By educating students and staff, universities can prevent violence and bias, and create a supportive environment on campus, breaking the silence and stigma that often surrounds these issues as gender

discrimination always occurs in higher educational institutions.

In 2023, WU organized a webinar titled “The Patriarchal State: Women Speaking Out for Justice” through Zoom Meeting and Facebook. The event aimed to bring together researchers and activists to discuss their experiences, address issues of gender discrimination, and explore solutions. It also sought to raise awareness about gender violence among students and staff.

The event was honored by speakers who specialized in women’s studies and were activists for women’s rights, including Dr. Chutima Sidasathian, a civil rights activist; Miss Chusri Olakit, a women’s land rights defender; Asst. Prof. Dr. Amporn Marddent, Thammasat University; and Asst. Prof. Dr. Taweeluck Pollachom, Walailak University, among others. The topics discussed mainly included patriarchy in Thai society, women’s rights, harassment and intimidation of women, career development for women, the lack of women in leadership roles, and violence against women.

By bringing together prominent researchers and activists, the event facilitated a rich exchange of knowledge and experiences regarding gender discrimination and violence. Participants gained insights into the systemic nature of patriarchy in the WU society and were introduced to effective strategies for developing policies and regulations to combat discrimination against women on campus. The full video of the dialogue can be accessed at <https://shorturl.at/gz2VJ>

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**รัฐปิตาธิปไตย:
เมื่อผู้หญิง 'เปล่งเสียง' เพื่อความยุติธรรม**
"The Patriarchal State: Women Speaking out for Justice"

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Inclusive Facilities for Disabled People at Walailak University



Disabled people always face obstacles to accessing higher education due to their physical disadvantages. The lack of facilities for disabled people can make it difficult to access resources and academic infrastructure, such as libraries, laboratories, and classrooms, that can hinder their academic participation and success. Thus, providing facilities for disabled people is a basic human right that universities should implement on campus.



Accessible Toilet



Wheelchair Ramp



Parking Areas



Elevator for Disabled



Braille Block

Providing facilities for disabled people is what Walailak University (WU) has done until the present. In 2023, WU improved and developed new facilities for disabled people, including students, staff, and visitors. Various facilities are available at WU, including accessible toilets, wheelchair ramps, braille blocks, disability signs, and parking areas. These ensure that all students and staff, regardless of physical or cognitive disabilities, have equal access to educational resources, classes, and job opportunities. The disabled students at WU can access scholarships and health services as regular students. The disabled staff are also equally paid as regular staff, both academic and non-academic staff.

In addition to these improvements, WU regularly conducts training for staff and students to raise awareness and foster an inclusive environment. The university also collaborates with external organizations to ensure that its facilities and services meet the latest accessibility standards. By continuously enhancing these provisions, WU demonstrates its commitment to creating an equitable and supportive educational community for everyone.

In 2023, WU established partnerships with the Center for Empowerment and Vocational Development for Persons with Disabilities, Nakhon Si Thammarat and Prince of Songkla University to organize a project on the improvement of quality of life among local people with disabilities. The project aimed to develop the capacity and skills of disabled people to have solid careers. All disabled people participating in the project had learned to produce mixed dried fish and fish kidneys with herbs. The knowledge and skills can lead to a side job for the disable to earn extra income, resulting in financial sustainability.

