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WU's Principles on Organized Crime, Anti-Corruption and Bribery



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In 2023, Walailak University (WU) launched its Anti-Corruption Action Plan to enhance transparency and accountability. It includes restructuring the Internal Audit Division and involves the State Audit Office of Thailand for financial reviews. The plan outlines WU's commitment to combating corruption, emphasizing disciplinary actions. The President's Declaration of Intent affirms dedication to good governance. The "No Gift Policy" mandates that all staff refuse gifts, fostering a culture of honesty and integrity.

The 2023 WU Anti-Corruption Action Plan

In 2023, WU published an anti-corruption action plan in which the university's council implemented strategies to enhance transparency in internal and external audits. The WU Internal Audit Division's operational structure was changed to ensure greater independence in auditing all university organizations. For external audits, the State Audit Office of the Kingdom of Thailand is responsible for reviewing WU's financial status. The plan also disclosed WU's expenditure on preventing corruption, crime, and bribery, including disciplinary investigations. The action plan can be accessed at <https://shorturl.at/GIsMs>

The Declaration of Intent on Integrity and Transparency

The WU President declared the intent on integrity and transparency to eliminate corruption, crimes and bribery, by firstly holding

public interests, honestly leading the administration in accordance with the principles of good governance, impartially serving the public, professionally managing budgetary affairs, along with all other duties under the transparency and accountability principles.

No Gift Policy

WU is dedicated to maintaining high ethical standards in its operations. All executives and employees are committed to refusing gifts and rewards of any kind in relation to their duties, to prevent corruption and misconduct both now and in the future. WU is also firmly committed to combating all forms of corruption, bribery, and crime, fostering a culture of honesty. The goal is to build an organization rooted in integrity that is robust and sustainable. The policy can be reached at <https://shorturl.at/FuVQy>



WU 2023 Anti-Corruption Action Plan has strengthened transparency and accountability by restructuring audits and involving the

State Audit Office of Thailand. The "No Gift Policy" has promoted a culture of honesty, setting high ethical standards and reinforcing WU's commitment to preventing corruption. These initiatives demonstrate WU's dedication to good governance and position it as a leader in ethical education.





Commitment to Transparent Communication and Stakeholder Engagement

Walailak University (WU) recognizes the critical role that effective communication and collaboration play in building and maintaining strong relationships with its diverse stakeholders. These stakeholders include students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, community partners, and governing bodies, all of whom are integral to the university's success and growth. Meaningful engagement is key to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment, WU is dedicated to ensuring that the voices of its stakeholders are heard, valued, and reflected in the university's decision-making processes.



A Framework for Accountability and Inclusivity

In its commitment to transparent governance, WU has implemented the Regulations on Administrative Investigation and Consideration to uphold the principles of accountability and inclusivity, establishing a clear framework for stakeholders to voice their concerns against WU's decisions. The policy can be reached at <https://dla.wu.ac.th/elaw/273/> 



Opportunities for Dialogue and Constructive Engagement

The regulations provide not only a mechanism for addressing grievances but also create opportunities for ongoing dialogue between the university and its stakeholders. WU encourages open communication through regular forums, town hall meetings, and feedback sessions to facilitate these conversations. In 2023, WU reported on its implementations, such as the construction progress of the new building of WU Hospital, classroom renovations, academic services, and new policies on sustainability, ensuring that all stakeholders are not adversely affected.

Fostering a Collaborative University Experience

Through these efforts, WU aims to create a vibrant academic community where collaboration thrives. By listening attentively to stakeholder concerns, the university can make informed decisions that enhance the overall university experience.



Walailak University's Financial Data Publishing in 2023

Publishing financial data is what WU has been implementing every year, as it can help people in the WU community understand decisions regarding their involvement with the university. For instance, prospective students and their families can better understand tuition costs and financial aid availability, while donors can see how their contributions are being used.

WU published the financial data for the fiscal year 2023 on the website of WU's Division of Finance and Accounting. The data included income, outcome, assets, and others. Besides showing transparency within the organization, the aim of publishing financial data was to demonstrate the financial probity and viability of WU. The financial data auditing of WU was implemented by the State Audit Office of the Kingdom of Thailand. Publishing financial data is one of WU's missions to build transparency and accountability among internal and external stakeholders to help them understand the reasoning behind the university's actions on spending and expenditure in various matters. The financial report can be accessed at https://finance.wu.ac.th/?page_id=325&lang=th 



A DFA Meeting on Financial Data Publishing

Publishing financial data at WU promotes transparency and accountability, building trust among students, faculty, and donors. It aids in informed decision-making and strategic planning, demonstrating fiscal responsibility. Additionally, it provides valuable real-world data for academic research and practical learning for students. Overall, it reinforces the university's commitment to openness and integrity.





WU's Independent Student Union Recognition



Walailak University (WU) is dedicated to fostering an environment where independent student unions play a vital role in upholding the rights and freedoms of students. These unions ensure that all student groups can freely express their ideas, beliefs, political interests, and opinions without fear of censorship, discrimination, or interference. At WU, two main student unions have been integral to the university's framework: the Student Administrative Board (SAB) and the Student Council of WU. Both unions were established in accordance with the WU Regulation, B.E. 2540. The policy can be viewed at <https://shorturl.at/xnj4!>

The Student Administrative Board (SAB)

The Student Administrative Board (SAB) is responsible for setting policies, planning, and conducting projects that enhance student life. The SAB's mission is to create a supportive environment for students by overseeing the establishment and administration of student clubs and organizations. In addition, the SAB is a member of the Sustainable Development Mobilization Committee.

The appointment order can be accessed at <https://shorturl.at/8wLOC>



In 2023, the SAB implemented several notable initiatives, including:

- **Exhibition of Student Clubs:** The SAB organized an exhibition showcasing various student clubs to encourage participation and foster a sense of community among students.
- **Meeting with the University President:** The SAB facilitated meetings with the President of WU to share and report student concerns, ensuring that the administration remains attentive to student needs.

- **Remembrance Event for Mr. Seub Nakhasathien:** The SAB held a commemorative event honoring Mr. Seub Nakhasathien, a renowned Thai environmental activist, to raise awareness about environmental issues and inspire students to become proactive in conservation efforts.



The Student Council of Walailak University

The Student Council of WU acts as a check on the SAB's activities, offering opinions and suggestions on projects and initiatives undertaken by the SAB. The council plays a crucial role in providing feedback to address student concerns and improve the university's policies and actions. In 2023, the Student Council was actively involved in several important endeavors:

- **Opposition to the Student Representatives Council of Thailand Act:** The council joined other college student councils across Thailand in opposing the Student Representatives Council of Thailand Act, which posed a threat of government intervention in student activities.
- **Safe Driving Course for Motorcycle Users:** The council organized a safe driving course to promote road safety among motorcycle users, addressing a critical concern for many students.
- **Monthly Meetings for Student Feedback:** The council conducted monthly meetings to gather complaints and feedback from students, ensuring that their voices were heard and that their concerns were addressed promptly.

The student unions play an essential role in fostering a dynamic and inclusive student community.

Through their efforts, the SAB and council ensure that students have the freedom to express themselves and engage in meaningful dialogue. By supporting student clubs, these unions contribute significantly to the university's mission of promoting academic excellence and holistic development.

