

**Prof Norbert Pachler.****Assoc Prof Naraporn Chan-o-cha.**

Learning from a distance

Four teaching professors from Thailand, Finland, China and UK will be guest speakers at the “Distance learning to improve teacher professional development and student learning outcomes” panel discussion at the Meeting Room 206 of Impact Forum, Muang Thong Thani, on Thursday at 9am-12.30pm.

Organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Education’s Office of the Basic Education Commission (Obec), the conference aims at addressing the importance and effectiveness of distance learning via TV, satellite, internet, digital or any other innovative methodology.

It will open with the topic of “Distance Learning Television (DLTV) and Distance Learning Information Technology (DLIT)” delivered by Assoc Prof Naraporn Chan-o-cha, vice-chairwoman of the Distance Learning Foundation, Thailand.

Prof Norbert Pachler from the University College London’s UCL Institute of Education will discuss “Mobile learning — education on the move”. Then Prof Hannele Niemi from the University of Helsinki will speak on “Distance learning for all — the national technological convergence of teaching and learning excellence”.

Prof Gu Xiaoqing, dean of East China Normal University’s Department of Educational Information Technology, will talk about “China’s satellite schools — education without boundaries”.

The event will be conducted in English with Thai translation. It is part of the “EDUCA 2015: 8th Annual Congress for Teacher Professional Development”, which takes place at the same venue from Wednesday-Friday. Numerous workshops for teachers, centred on professional development and model classrooms, will take place at 9am-5pm.

There is no admission fee but seats are limited to 400. Reservations should be made at www.educathai.com by Monday. Email info@educathai.com or call 02-748-7007 ext 138, 140, 147 or 631—5.



Prof Hannele Niemi.



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