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Sodexo and Panyapiwat sign MOU to develop skilled workforce

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Sodexo Thailand, the leader in integrated facilities management services that improve the quality of life, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Panyapiwat Institute of Management (PIM) on joint curriculum development to produce skilled workforce for the building and facilities management sector in response to current labor market needs as well as future manpower requirements.

Mr. Arnaud Bialecki, Country Manager of Sodexo Thailand, said "Realizing the importance of quality human resources as well as the need to fill manpower shortage in the building and facilities management sector, Sodexo therefore has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Panyapiwat Institute of Management or PIM in an effort to jointly produce quality personnel. Under the cooperative MOU, Sodexo will help PIM students majoring in building and facilities management gain experience and develop to their full



potential in real-world situations through internships at Sodexo's client sites in various service areas, ranging from facilities management, foodservices, hospitality, to business management. The interns will work closely with Sodexo staff to gain as much knowledge and work experience as possible."

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somrote Komolavanij, Assistant to the President for Academic Affairs and Acting Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Panyapiwat Institute of Management (PIM), said "Panyapiwat Institute of Management is delighted to establish this cooperation with Sodexo Thailand. We expect the MOU to help promote education management at the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as cooperative education. In addition, together we will develop and improve curriculum for property and facilities management program. The cooperation also covers exchange of information, knowledge, and researches that may be useful for the both parties in order to achieve the purpose and goal of this MOU which is to develop quality manpower for the building and facilities management sector to meet labor market needs."

Prior to this MOU, Sodexo has been granted a contract by Panyapiwat Institute of Management to manage its existing facilities, plus a new high-rise education building since October, 2013. The Institute has entrusted Sodexo to provide a comprehensive range of world-class IFM services including building management, technical facilities management, housekeeping, security, administrative management and banqueting/functions management.

Photo caption: Mr. Arnaud Bialecki (2nd from left), Country Manager of Sodexo Thailand, and Ms. Thawanrath Sapvanitkun (far left), Human Resources Director of Sodexo Thailand, are seen with Mr. Phornvit Phacharintanakul (2nd from right), Vice President for Academic Affairs, Panyapiwat Institute of Management, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somrote Komolavanij (far right), Assistant to the President for Academic Affairs and Acting Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Panyapiwat Institute of Management at the recently-held MOU signing ceremony.