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Press Release

## **THAI MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DELEGATION EXPLORES PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH CRC**

**A high profile delegation from Thailand's Ministry of Education visited Cambridge Regional College on Friday to discuss developing educational links with the College.**

The 25-strong delegation, which included education officials and heads of private schools in the country, visited CRC to find out about possible co-operation with the college and learn more about the British vocational education system.

The College, which has a strong international programme, has already set up two partnerships with private schools in Thailand, delivering British programmes through local teachers trained by CRC, and hopes to expand the range offered locally.

The partnerships will enable Thai students to gain British qualifications at home or study part of their programmes in Thailand and part in Cambridge.



Thai Ministry of Education delegation at CRC with Dr Amina Wakefield

Dr Amina Wakefield, head of CRC's International Office, said the visit had been very successful, with the Thai delegation keen to find out more about partnering CRC.

"This was the largest delegation of government officials we have hosted from one country. The visit was of great importance as it was the first to a British college by the Deputy Permanent Secretary for Education and the Secretary General of the Private Education Commission," she said.

"We were delighted to have the opportunity to showcase what we do internationally and explore ways of building more partnerships in Thailand. We look forward to offering more British qualifications to schools in the Far East."

Cambridge Regional College has one of the most successful international programmes of any Further Education college in the country, with partnerships in 22 countries and a thriving international centre.

The delegation was led by Miss Churairat Sangboonnum, deputy Permanent Secretary for Education in Thailand, and Mr Chanwit Tubsuphan, Secretary General of the Private Education Commission.

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### **MEDIA ENQUIRIES**

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### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Cambridge Regional College is one of the largest providers of full-time further education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region, with more than 4,000 full-time and 6,000 part-time students. Students come in from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk. Over 80 per cent of full-time students are aged 16 to 18 years old and come to the College after secondary school; the rest are mature students, studying on a range of Access to Higher Education and vocational programmes.