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**BOKU - Universität für
Bodenkultur Wien**
The University of Natural Resources
and Life Sciences

BOKU University Visit 2023



**Suranaree University
of Technology**



On October 4, 2023, SUT delegation led by SUT Rector Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anan Tongraar, Prof. Neung Teamroong (Acting Vice Rector for Research and Technology), Dr. Mullika Sungsanit (Vice Rector for Engagement, Innovation and Entrepreneurship) and Asst. Prof. Dr. Tapany Patcharawit (Deputy Director of CIA) visited the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, in Vienna, Austria, member of ASEA-UNINET.

The SUT delegation was warmly welcomed by BOKU Rector Prof. Dr. Eva SCHULEV-STEINDL, Dr. Margarita Calderon (Head of International Relations), Prof. Dr. Dietmar Haltrich (Department of Food Sciences and Technology), Prof. Dr. Christian R. Vogl (Agroecology), Prof. Dr. Harald Meimberg (Environmental management and protection), and Prof. Dr. Hermann Bürstmayr (Plant breeding).

On this occasion, the rectors from both universities have renewed the SUT-BOKU cooperation agreement to officially continue with the long-lasting cooperation between the two universities. Since **2005**, there have been **33** research exchanges/activities at the researcher/faculty level as visiting scholars and joint research. There were **25** research student exchanges activities (18 inbound students, 13 outbound students).



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Most collaborations have taken place between Prof. Dr. Montarop Yamabhai's MY Lab, School of Biotechnology at SUT and Prof. Dr. Dietmar Haltrich Department of Food Sciences and Technology at BOKU with over 10 Q1/Q2 international journal publications.

The SUT delegation also met with BOKU researchers to discuss collaborations on agroecology, environmental management and protection, and plant breeding. The delegation later visited the pilot plant food technology and the core facility food and bio processing. The visit concluded with a visit to BOKU:base, which is the center for research support and labs for start-ups, innovation, technology transfer.

This visit has been a productive and memorable visit. With the renewed agreement, we look forward to strong and excellent collaborations between the two institutions.

BOKU, which stands for the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (Universität für Bodenkultur), located in Vienna, Austria, is a unique institution known for its focus on sustainable resource management, environmental sciences, and life science.

Historic Roots: BOKU has a history dating back to 1872 when it was established as an agricultural college. Over the years, it has evolved and expanded its programs to cover a wide range of disciplines related to natural resources and life sciences.

Research Excellence: BOKU is renowned for its research contributions in areas such as sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, environmental conservation, and biotechnology. It collaborates with international partners on various research projects.

Strong International Focus: BOKU emphasizes internationalization and encourages students to participate in exchange programs and research collaborations worldwide. This global perspective enriches the academic experience.

Cutting-Edge Facilities: The university is equipped with modern laboratories, research centers, and facilities that support innovation and experimentation in various fields. These include specialized labs for soil science, genetics, and environmental monitoring.

