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Thai Queen Accepts Schiller International University Honors



Festivities in the Royal Palace in Bangkok marked the occasion as the Queen of Thailand accepted an honorary degree from an independent American university. She later presided over a banquet attended by 80 persons prominent in Thai society.

Queen Sirikit received a doctorate of humane letters from the founder and president of Schiller International University, Dr. Walter Leibrecht. The British and American ambassadors to Thailand joined many other distinguished guests in the Throne Room of the palace to witness the ceremony. The Queen later announced her intention to pay a return visit to the University's European centers.

The university degree was in honor of the Queen's services to humanity. Queen Sirikit has launched many agricultural and craft projects during a personal campaign to reduce poverty and alleviate its effects in Thailand.

"Queen Sirikit is a remarkable leader," said Dr. Leibrecht, "who is really adored by her people. She has always tried through her social projects to help them help themselves."

There are many Thai students enrolled at Schiller International University, which offers bachelor's and master's degrees in international business, hotel and tourism management, international relations and information technology.

Schiller International University was founded by Dr. Leibrecht in 1964. Today it has campuses in the USA, Great Britain, France, Germany, Spain and Switzerland, and its 2000 students come from well over 100 countries. The institution's multinational environment is becoming increasingly attractive to Asian students, according to Dr. Leibrecht.

