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STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Partnerships for goals to strengthen the operational mechanism and revitalize global and regional cooperation for the sustainable and continuous development

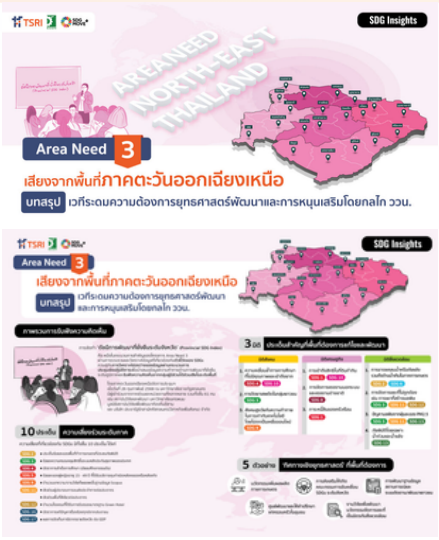
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Policy and Commitment to SDG 17: Partnerships for Goals

Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat University, Fiscal Year 2025

Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat University (SNRU) defines itself as “a higher education institution for local development”, so it treats partnership as central to every part of its mission. The 5-Year Strategic Plan (2026-2030) was approved by the University Council on 4 July 2025. It sets the vision “A Leading Higher Education Institution for Local Development with Global Perspectives through Innovation, Wisdom, and Good Governance," which reflects the university’s aim to link local development with national and international networks. This commitment appears in the university’s missions: to produce graduates who are social innovators for local and global development and to provide academic services and technology transfer that strengthen communities. A vice president for Planning, Strategy, Innovation, and Global Engagement oversees this work directly. The Global Engagement and University Rankings Unit carries it out, building and monitoring partnerships with institutions in Thailand and abroad. In 2025, SNRU had at least 15 memoranda of understanding with government agencies, private companies, educational institutions, and international organizations. Its international partnerships focus on the Mekong subregion and ASEAN, including Vietnam, Lao PDR, Indonesia, and China, and cover staff and student exchange, joint curriculum development, and joint research. In Thailand, SNRU works with other universities and the Rajabhat University network to develop curricula for future industries. It also works with public health agencies, private companies, and the Sakon Nakhon Chamber of Commerce on work-integrated learning. These partnerships connect to the Rajabhat University for Local Development program, which SNRU runs with communities, local governments, and public agencies in the region. For sustainable development, SNRU has set up a mechanism to drive the SDGs, appointing chairs and representatives for all 17 Goals. It also works with external partners such as Walailak University and SDG Move to build staff capacity and design ways to tackle local poverty. SNRU takes part in the THE Impact Rankings and UI GreenMetric and publishes the SNRU SDGs Report every year. All of this shows that SNRU uses multi-sector partnerships as its main way to create lasting positive impact locally, nationally, and across the region.

Key Activities & Projects : Relationships with regional government for SDG policy





SNRU hosts the Northeast “Area Need 3” forum on using a provincial SDG index to plan local development

On 26 February 2025, Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat University (SNRU) worked with the SDG Move Center at Thammasat University and Chulalongkorn University’s Social Research Institute to hold a forum on development strategy needs for Northeast Thailand under the Area Need 3 project. The forum looked at how the science, research, and innovation (SRI) system can support local development. More than 60 participants attended, including representatives from government agencies, academia, the private sector, and civil society.

The forum presented a preliminary provincial SDG Index for assessing each province’s development status. The index draws on analysis of provincial development plans, national indicators, and stakeholder consultations. Early results show nine at-risk goals in the Northeast: food security, health, education, gender equality, infrastructure, sustainable cities, responsible consumption, justice, and partnerships. Participants will use these findings to set development strategies suited to each province. The forum also started a regional effort to make the index a planning tool for the Northeast, with SNRU as the common ground where regional partners work together.

Key Activities & Projects : Relationships with regional NGOs and government for SDG policy

SNRU and SDG Move design a strategic SRI mechanism to tackle local poverty and inform national policy

On 18 June 2025, SNRU and the SDG Move Center at Thammasat University held a workshop on designing strategic network mechanisms to drive the SRI system in the Student Council Meeting Room, Building 20. Prof. Dr. Tosawat Seetawan, Vice President of SNRU, opened the event. Thammasat researchers and SNRU faculty jointly designed a strategic network model so the SRI system can help achieve the SDGs at the local level. The model is designed so that other areas can use it. Participants chose "poverty alleviation" as the pilot issue. Findings from the process will be developed into policy recommendations for the research strategy of the Office of National Higher Education Science Research and Innovation Policy Council (NXPO).







SNRU reviews research progress and a precision poverty-eradication platform for Sakon Nakhon Province

On 30 May 2025, SNRU's Research and Development Institute held a meeting in the Sroysuwanna Meeting Room, Building 10, to review research progress and plans for a comprehensive, precision poverty-eradication platform for Sakon Nakhon Province. The meeting is part of a project to make Sakon Nakhon a strategic research area for ending poverty and creating social opportunity through research, innovation, and technology. Dr. Asoke Ponbumrung, Director of Research and Innovation for Poverty Alleviation and Inequality Reduction, explained the meeting's goals. Asst. Prof. Dr. Kongpop Chaamat, Vice President, then presented research progress and early findings. Experts, academics, network partners, and target groups exchanged views and visited an exhibition of the poverty-reduction model. In the afternoon, project leader Mr. Panuwat Boontatao led a site visit to the sub-project "Inclusive Agriculture for Poverty Reduction and Quality of Life for All Ages" at the Makham Pom Community Sufficiency Economy Learning Center, Sakon Nakhon Municipality. The meeting highlights SNRU's role in producing data and tools that help the province plan poverty-reduction measures for those who need them most.










SNRU, the province, and Sakon Nakhon Municipality launch "Ja-Learn-Mueang" to make Sakon Nakhon a learning city

On 14 May 2025, SNRU's Civil Engineering and Architecture program, Faculty of Industrial Technology, launched "Ja-(Learn)-Mueang: Developing Cross-Sector Collaboration Mechanisms to Make Sakon Nakhon a Learning City" in the Sukkasem Meeting Room, 5th floor, Sakon Nakhon Municipality. Mr. Weerarat Theeramitr, Deputy Governor of Sakon Nakhon Province, opened the project, and Asst. Prof. Chakrit Chanchitpreecha, President of SNRU, gave the project report. The project builds collaboration between the government, local authorities, and the public. It develops knowledge bases and learning spaces about the city's history and culture, encourages active citizens to help develop the city, and establishes lasting governance arrangements. The aim is to make Sakon Nakhon a learning city built on a creative economy.







Key Activities & Projects : Cross-sectoral dialogue about SDGs

SNRU hosts the 8th "Live in Sakon, Love Sakon, Work for Sakon Nakhon" forum, bringing all sectors together on sustainable provincial development





On 21 August 2025, Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat University (SNRU) and 11 other educational agencies in Sakon Nakhon hosted the 8th "Live in Sakon, Love Sakon, Work for Sakon Nakhon" forum of 2025 at Jamjuree 1 Auditorium. Mr. Chusak Ruying, Governor of Sakon Nakhon, opened the event, and Asst. Prof. Chakrit Chanchitpreecha, President of SNRU, welcomed participants on behalf of the hosts. Attendees included the deputy governors, the provincial permanent secretary, heads of government agencies, the private sector, local government executives, and staff from many organizations.

The co-hosts came from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research, and Innovation:

- Regional Education Office 11 and the Sakon Nakhon Provincial Education Office
- Sakon Nakhon Primary Educational Service Areas 1-3 and the Sakon Nakhon Secondary Educational Service Area
- The Provincial Vocational Education Office, the Provincial Learning Promotion Office, and the Sakon Nakhon Special Education Center
- Kasetsart University Chalermphrakiat Sakon Nakhon Province Campus and Rajamangala University of Technology Isan, Sakon Nakhon Campus

The province holds this forum every month, with a different group of agencies hosting each time. It gives government, state enterprises, local governments, the private sector, and civil society a place to exchange views, hear recommendations, and find shared ways to develop the province and solve its problems, so Sakon Nakhon can develop securely and sustainably.







SNRU, CODI, the Sakon Nakhon community organization network, and partners review 2025 and plan poverty reduction for 2026

On 8 December 2025, SNRU's poverty-reduction research platform team, the Sakon Nakhon Community Organization Network, and the Community Organizations Development Institute (CODI), Northeast region, held a forum at SNRU. The forum reviewed lessons from the network's work in fiscal year 2025 and looked at how to support it in fiscal year 2026. Partners came from several sectors:

- Government: the Sakon Nakhon Provincial Office of Social Development and Human Security, the Provincial National Parks and Forestry Office, and the Bio-Economy Development Office (Public Organization)
- Civil society: the Sakon Nakhon Provincial Cultural Council and other civil society groups

Mr. Wanlop Charoensuttinan, chair of the working committee of the Sakon Nakhon Provincial Community Organizations Council, presented the network's results and lessons. As a result of the forum, the council invited SNRU's research team to serve on its expert committee and advise on projects proposed for 2026. The projects cover four areas that match SNRU's research: community capacity building, ecosystem strengthening, community welfare systems and "Sufficiency Homes". The projects were scheduled for review on 17 December 2025 so they could be implemented locally.

Both forums show SNRU hosting and taking part in cross-sector dialogue, where government, the private sector, community organizations and civil society shape local development together. They support SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

Key Activities & Projects : International collaboration data gathering for SDG

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SNRU and Vietnam's University of Danang surveyed birds at Nong Han wetland, recording a flock of more than 300 Glossy Ibis for the first time in years

On 24 November 2025, Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat University's Research and Development Institute (RDI), the University of Education - The University of Danang (UED), Vietnam, and partners from government, civil society, and the Sakon Nakhon Bird Conservation Club carried out a field bird survey in the Nong Han wetland, Sakon Nakhon. The team recorded a sight rarely seen in Thailand: a flock of more than 300 Glossy Ibis at Don Hin. The species is uncommon in Thailand, and a gathering this large signals the health and richness of the Nong Han wetland ecosystem. It confirms that the lake remains an important habitat for waterbirds and other wildlife and that it deserves serious conservation alongside sustainable uses such as ecotourism, nature education, and biodiversity research. The survey marks another step in collaboration between Thai and Vietnamese universities and partners across sectors to manage natural resources sustainably and raise awareness of the value of the Nong Han wetland.





SNRU signs an MOU and MOA with the University of Danang–University of Science and Education, Vietnam, for short-term student excha



On 20 May 2025, Prof. D van, Vice President of SNRU, and Asso Van Hieu, Vice Rector of the Universit versity of Science and Education (U signed a Memorandum of Understandi morandum of Agreement (MOA). The a short-term student exchange, sharing ching and training, and research cooperation. They provide students at both institutions with a framework for cross-cultural learning and joint research in science, agriculture, and the environment.

SNRU runs a student exchange program with Hue University, Vietnam.

From 30 March to 5 April 2025, the Language and International Relations Center of SNRU's Institute of Language, Arts and Culture ran a student exchange program with Hue University, Vietnam. Asst. Prof. Chakrit Chanchitpreecha, President of SNRU, opened the program on 31 March 2025, and Dr. Pasutha Komolmal, Director of the Institute, reported on it. Thirteen Vietnamese students and two supervising teachers took part. They learned about Thai culture, including Songkran, Thai dance, and Thai cooking; studied the Thai education system; and visited Ban Tha Wat, Wat Tham Pha Daen, and the Phu Phan Royal Development Study Center. The program also offered Vietnamese-for-tourism training to SNRU staff and interested members of the public in Sakon Nakhon.



Key Activities & Projects : Collaboration for SDG best practice

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SNRU and Khon Kaen University raise laboratory safety to international standards with the ESPReL Checklist

On 13 June 2025, Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat University (SNRU) and Khon Kaen University's Research Center for Environmental and Hazardous Substance Management held a workshop on laboratory safety standards and safety surveys using the ESPReL Checklist in the Creative Activity Room, 3rd floor, Building 20. The workshop was part of the Host University for Laboratory Safety Standards project, led by Khon Kaen University. Prof. Dr. Tosawat Seetawan, Vice President of SNRU, welcomed participants, and Dr. Wiparat De-ong, Director of the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT), opened the event. Speakers from partner universities gave a keynote lecture and hands-on training on the ESPReL Checklist, a laboratory safety assessment tool used across Thailand. The workshop marked an important start in adopting the host university's best practices in SNRU's laboratories, improving safety for staff and students and supporting high-quality research that benefits society.

SNRU presents Sakon Nakhon's poverty-reduction model and exchanges practice with researchers from 20 provinces

On 7-8 June 2025, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kongpop Chaamat, Vice President and project leader, led SNRU's poverty-reduction platform research team, together with a team from Rajamangala University of Technology Isan, Sakon Nakhon Campus, to a conference themed "Doing Good, Achieving Results, What's Next?" at the Novotel Bangkok Future Park Rangsit. Dr. Kitti Satjawattana, Director of the Thailand Science Research and Innovation Fund (TSRI), gave the keynote. At the conference, Sakon Nakhon presented its poverty-reduction work as a model. The team exchanged practices with researchers from 20 provinces on poverty platforms, professional learning communities (PLCs), collaboration mechanisms, and partnership building. Experts also coached the team on synthesizing data and completing its full research report so that proven practices can be scaled up to other areas.





SNRU's Institute of Language, Arts, and Culture visits the Pattaya City Cultural Council to exchange approaches to community cultural work

On 7 June 2025, executives and staff of SNRU's Institute of Language, Arts and Culture visited the Pattaya City Cultural Council in Chonburi Province to learn about and exchange approaches to managing local culture. The focus was on mobilizing resources, including intellectual and human capital, to promote, conserve, restore, and share community arts and culture, with an emphasis on young people's involvement in sustaining local identity. The visit strengthened networks between cultural organizations in different regions, and the institute will adapt the best practices it learned to cultural work in Sakon Nakhon Province. Together, these three activities show SNRU exchanging best practices with external organizations in two directions: bringing in good practices from other universities and organizations to improve its own work and sharing its own models for other areas to use. They support SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

Key Activities & Projects : Collaboration with NGOs for SDGs

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SNRU and the Local Development Research Institute Foundation sign an MOU to advance research and academic services for local development

On 26 June 2025, Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat University (SNRU) signed a memorandum of understanding on "Advancing Research and Academic Services for Local Development" with the Isan Local Development Research Institute Foundation, a non-profit organization working on research and community development in Northeast Thailand. The MOU was signed by Asst. Prof. Chakrit Chanchitpreecha, President of SNRU, and Dr. Niran Pitakwatchara, MD, Chair of the Foundation. Ms. Oranong Khandet, Deputy Director of SNRU's Research and Development Institute, and Ms. Punika Hongudon, Secretary of the Foundation, signed as witnesses. The partnership links the Foundation's experience working with local communities with SNRU's knowledge and research. Its aims are to develop research and academic services that respond to the problems of communities in Isan, to help communities tackle poverty and inequality themselves, and to drive sustainable local development. It reflects SNRU's role as a university for local development, working with civil society to advance SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).





Key Activities & Projects : Education for the SDGs

Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat University: curricula and education for sustainable local development

Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat University (SNRU) follows an educational philosophy of "outcome-based education in which learners apply knowledge in practice to develop their local communities creatively". It therefore develops curricula that respond to local and labor-market needs, and it promotes lifelong learning for people of all ages. In fiscal year 2025, SNRU taught through six faculties and one college: the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Management Science, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Faculty of Science and Technology, the Faculty of Agricultural Technology, the Faculty of Industrial Technology, and the Graduate School. In academic year 2024 (1 June 2024 - 31 May 2025), SNRU offered 68 programs through six faculties and the Graduate School: 49 bachelor's, 1 graduate diploma, 10 master's and 8 doctoral programs. It had 8,058 undergraduate and 932 graduate students. In 2024-2025 SNRU launched a new Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering (2024 curriculum) and revised its Bachelor of Industrial Education in Industrial Technology, to train the workforce the region needs. SNRU also systematically builds sustainability into teaching. In 2025, it offered 72 courses related to the environment and sustainability, such as Principles of Environmental Science, Environmental Ecology, Renewable Energy Technology, Industrial Energy Conservation, Sustainable Tourism and the Sufficiency Economy Way of Life. Its "Social Engineer" plan links four levels: policy, curriculum, student activities, and community fieldwork in Living Labs. Under the plan, learning outcomes from the U-SEAL framework (University Social Engagement & Active Learning) are integrated into every program, so that all students develop public-mindedness, understand communities, and can create innovations for sustainable local development.



Key Activities & Projects : Education for SDGs in the wider community

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Workshop on "Upgrading Model Communities for Beef Cattle Farming in Sakon Nakhon Province"

Local communities serve as the vital foundation for grassroots economic development. Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat University (SNRU), through its Research and Development Institute, organized a practical workshop titled "Upgrading Model Communities for Beef Cattle Farming in Sakon Nakhon Province" on July 24, 2025, at the Ban Khaem Phung Beef Cattle Farmers Community Enterprise, Non-Hom Subdistrict, Mueang District, Sakon Nakhon. The program transferred comprehensive knowledge on beef cattle farming through model learning stations. It aimed to empower local farmers and community members to apply technology and innovation to reduce costs, increase income, and manage community resources sustainably.





Practical Workshop on "Community Knowledge Management" to Empower Local Knowledge Utilization

Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat University (SNRU), by the Research and Development Institute, conducted a practical workshop on "Community Knowledge Management" from July 20 to 23, 2025, at Ban Tha Wat, Lao Po Daeng Subdistrict, Mueang District, Sakon Nakhon. The training sought to build understanding of knowledge management processes within a community context and promote collaborative learning based on natural resource capital. It focused on strengthening community members' skills in collecting, analyzing, and transferring local wisdom for sustainable community development.

Academic Service Activity: "STREAM Education with Sawdust Modeling Clay" Driving Education for Sustainable Development (SDG 4)

The Science Teaching Program, Faculty of Education, Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat University, in collaboration with Sawang Daen Din School in Sawang Daen Din District, Sakon Nakhon, hosted an academic service and practical workshop titled "STREAM Education with Sawdust Modeling Clay" in August 2025. The activity shared knowledge of science, technology, and environmental conservation with secondary school teachers and students. It emphasized utilizing local agricultural waste to create innovative products based on the STREAM education concept, actively advancing Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education).





Innovation Delivery and Knowledge Transfer: "Sufficiency Economy Agriculture Model for Poverty Eradication and Upgrading Drying Occupational Groups"

Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat University continues to advance community outreach and technology transfer. Between February and March 2025, the university's poverty eradication model task force organized practical training on frog breeding and delivered agricultural water management technology under the Sufficiency Economy Agriculture project. Additionally, the team transferred innovations and knowledge to upgrade local drying occupational groups in the Non-Hom Subdistrict, Sakon Nakhon, aiming to enhance vocational skills, improve quality of life, and sustainably eradicate poverty in the area.