PUBA Professor Pratt Travels to Thailand for Local Leaders Project and Signs a Partnership with Khon Kaen University's College of Local Administration

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In February Dick Pratt traveled to Thailand to continue work with Khon Kaen University on two projects. The first is a continuation of the local leaders program that brought several exceptional leaders to Honolulu in November of 2008. On this trip the network was expanded to include more local leaders from northeast Thailand (Isan) as well as, for the first time, a few from Laos. The meeting was held near the Thai-Laos border, in the town of Dan Sai. There the leaders shared their experiences and reflected on the challenges they face in being effective.

The second part of the visit involved completing and then signing a memorandum of understanding with the new College of Local Administration (COLA) at Khon Kaen University. PUBA will partner with COLA in supporting their doctoral program in public administration. PUBA faculty will go to Thailand to teach courses, and will sit on doctoral committees.

The university president and campus deans in attendance at the signing ceremony.