



## Internship Placement 1:

**Organization:** Thapra Fish Farm

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**Position:** Assistant manager/Co-owner

**Location:** The farm is located in Khon Kaen province,  
Northeast of Thailand (google map <https://goo.gl/qokodp>)



**Type of farm:** Fish hatchery

**Farm description:** Thapra Fish Farm is a SME hatchery farm located in the outskirts of Khon Kaen city. It is about 20 km from Khon Kaen city. The farm was started in 1989 and has been developed since. Recently, it covers the area of 100 Rai (160,000 square meters) with 25 hatchery ponds. Six main fish species including tilapia, common carp, silver barb, small scale mud carp, Jullien's golden-price carp and Thai climbing perch, have been produced.

**Number of international student accepted:** 4

**Internship duration:** 2-6 weeks during April-May (every year)

**What interns can do?** See the farm systems, understand the resources used in fish farm located in rain fed area of tropical region, and provide help in farm work, whenever necessary. Nature and the amount of work depend on fish species. Some of the examples are preparing fish pond for the next stocking, feeding/caring fish, and assisting fingerling purchase.

**How to get there:** You can fly with local airline to Khon Kaen city from Suvarnabhumi airport (50 min for US\$90). But can also catch a public bus (cost less than US\$20) but it takes about 6 hours road from the capital, Bangkok (Mo Chit Bus Station). Then meet the SSNS coordinator (Dr. Somsamorn at +66 8585 59893/somsamorn@gmail.com) for orientation and further arrangement.



**Living conditions:** Be prepared to live in rural setting. Very few people can speak English; only the farm assistant manager. It will be a life-time experience in learning local culture, language and adapting a different way of life. Internet and mobile phone services are there. A mobile phone machine and SIM card can be purchased in Khon Kaen city. ATM/cash machines and international money service are available in Khon Kaen city.

**Climate:** Tropical climate with temperature up to 39°C. Sun shine protecting gears such as sun screen, sunglasses, and hat are needed.

**Culture:** It is important to respect local culture and traditions. Cover-up dresses are required. Shoes or sandals do not matter but most of the time you will need to walk; therefore, light sport shoes/trainers will be suitable.

**Miscellaneous:** travel medical kit, light mosquito net, sleeping bag, flash light, umbrella, few books, towel and other toiletries are suggested to bring.

**Interns are responsible for the followings:**

1. International airfare and local travel
2. Visa fees for visa/passport
3. Medical /Life insurance
4. Food and drinks (participants need to bring their own lunch)
5. Nearby farm apartment or hotel rental (Approx. US\$120-200/month depending on location and condition of the place)
6. Motorcycle rental (Approx. US\$4.5-5.5 /day or US\$45-55 /month)
7. Cost of damages due to negligence