Parichart Promchote (Noi) is USU’s first PhD student to visit National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan through its exchange with the Department of Plants, Soils, and Climate. She began work toward a PhD in climate science at USU fall semester 2014, with the support of a Royal Thai Scholarship. She intends to quantify extreme climate events that may impact rice production in Thailand.

Under the supervision of Associate Professor Simon Wang and Professor Paul Johnson, Promchote aims to extend the use of weather indices for crop insurance, which will be a critical strategy to cope with climate impacts and variation.

“Noi’s research visit in Taiwan strengthened her technical skills in rice simulation modeling and her knowledge and perspectives about climate impacts,” Wang said. “She learned more about work in a real research environment and had very successful collaborations with researchers in Taiwan that will support both her dissertation and work following graduation.”

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