

NARIT Astronomical Society (NAS), Astronomy club network for High school student in Thailand

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Astronomy club in Thailand was not very widespread in schools and establishing one can be challenging. NARIT Astronomical Society (NAS) is a series of astronomy camps specifically tailored with the goals of facilitating the establishments of astronomy clubs in schools in mind. Participants get to learn relevant skills in amateur astronomy, exchanging their ideas and creating a sense of community with peers who share similar interests.

Over the 10 years that NAS has been organized, we have trained over 500 participants from 50 astronomy clubs and 50 schools.

With the addition of NAS Virtual Camp Online, we were able to expand our reach and create a virtual meeting space where over 3,000 members were able to exchange ideas and develop their own to be implemented in their own clubs.

In the result overing 10 years of NAS, we can experience that the Astronomy club is an efficient first community in school for students to get their first exposure to Astronomy in several aspects in terms of practical knowledge, astronomy project and public outreach. By Creating an annual specialized training program, NAS was able to take the lead into creating a community where astronomy clubs across Thailand are able to justify their existence and have a lasting place where they can freely communicate, engage, and learn from each other.

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