

On September 7, 2025, the symposium “The History and Culture of Ghosts: Reports from Thailand, the Land of Ghosts” was held at the Chushu Memorial Hall in Building 1, Kudan Campus, Nishogakusha University. This symposium was co-hosted by the Department of History and Culture, Faculty of Letters, Nishogakusha University, and the Department of Cultural Promotion Thailand, as part of the Thailand-supported project “UNLEASHING THE ART OF THAI GHOSTS.”

Following opening remarks by President of Nishogakusha University, Susumu Sato, Part 1 featured lectures by Professor Apirak Kasempongkorn from Mahidol University (Thailand), Professor Emeritus Hiroo Sato from Tohoku University, and Professor Satoko Koyama from the Department of History and Culture, Faculty of Literature, Nishogakusha University. Two students from the Department of History and Culture also presented reports.

The discussion in Part II featured the three speakers from Part I, joined by Professor Yuji Yamada from Mie University and Associate Professor Eiichi Hayashi from the Department of History and Culture, Faculty of Literature, Nishogakusha University.

Additionally, on the following day, the 8th, an exchange meeting was held between students from the Koyama Seminar and Thai students and creators. Group work was conducted on creating characters blending Thai and Japanese yokai (supernatural beings) and ghosts, along with exploring potential product development.

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