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Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Khon Kaen University
Khon Kaen 40002 THAILAND

5 June 2026

Subject: Invitation to Attend The 8th International Conference on English Language Studies 2026 (The 8th ICELS 2026)

Dear President / Dean / Director / School Administrator / Head of Organization,

The English Language Department, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Khon Kaen University, in collaboration with Mahasarakham University, Ubon Ratchathani University, Suranaree University of Technology, the Association of English Teachers in Thailand (Thailand TESOL), the Thai Association for Applied Linguistics (TAAL), and the Thailand Extensive Reading Association (TERA), will organize **The 8th International Conference on English Language Studies 2026 (The 8th ICELS 2026), on 28–29 August 2026 at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Khon Kaen University, Thailand, under the theme: "Multilingualism at the Crossroads: Reimagining English Language Practices, Education, and Research"**

We cordially invites academic staff, researchers, scholars, and postgraduate students from your institution to participate in the conference. The conference aims to disseminate knowledge and research in English language studies and related fields, while fostering academic exchange and collaboration among English language educators and researchers at national and international levels. The event also provides a valuable opportunity to showcase research, explore emerging trends and developments in the field, and build academic and professional networks with colleagues from Thailand and abroad.

We would also greatly appreciate your assistance in publicizing this event within your institution and encouraging interested individuals to participate. Further information and registration are available at https://icels.kku.ac.th/.

Participants may attend the conference as official duty, subject to approval by their respective institutions, and may claim travel and related expenses in accordance with applicable regulations.

We would greatly appreciate your support and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Marasri Sorthip

(Assistant Professor Dr. Marasri Sorthip)
Vice Dean for Student Development and Communication Affairs
Acting Dean

Enclosures:

1. Executive Summary of The 8th ICELS 2026
2. Conference Program
3. Conference Poster

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The International Conference on English Language Studies (ICELS) was established through a collaborative initiative among four leading universities in Northeast Thailand: Khon Kaen University, Mahasarakham University, Suranaree University of Technology, and Ubon Ratchathani University. Since its inception in 2014, ICELS has served as a prominent international platform dedicated to English language studies, bringing together postgraduate students, scholars, educators, and researchers from Thailand and around the world.

Held biennially on a rotating basis among the four partner universities, ICELS promotes academic exchange, professional networking, and interdisciplinary collaboration in the field of English language studies. The conference provides opportunities for participants to present research, discuss contemporary issues, and explore emerging trends and innovations in areas such as English language teaching, learning and assessment; language, society and communication; discourse and language analysis; and language, culture and texts.

In 2026, the English Language Department, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Khon Kaen University, will host **The 8th International Conference on English Language Studies 2026 (The 8th ICELS 2026)**, marking its return as host institution following the successful conference held in 2019. In addition to the four founding universities, the conference is organized in partnership with the Association of English Teachers in Thailand (Thailand TESOL), the Thai Association for Applied Linguistics (TAAL), and the Thailand Extensive Reading Association (TERA).

Held under the theme **"Multilingualism at the Crossroads: Reimagining English Language Practices, Education, and Research,"** the conference seeks to promote an understanding of multilingualism as a valuable resource for education, research, and contemporary society. It provides a platform for participants to exchange knowledge, perspectives, and experiences related to the use of English and other languages in multilingual contexts.

The conference also aims to support the development of academic perspectives, educational practices, and policy initiatives that respond to linguistic and cultural diversity at local, national, and international levels. Furthermore, it serves as an important venue for strengthening academic networks among students, scholars, educators, and professional organizations from Thailand and abroad.

The conference will take place on **28–29 August 2026** at **the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Khon Kaen University, Thailand.**

Key Dates

- **30 June 2026** – Abstract submission deadline
- **30 June 2026** – Early-bird registration deadline
- **15 July 2026** – Acceptance notification deadline
- **21 August 2026** – Regular registration deadline
- **28 August 2026** – On-site registration and Conference Day 1

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The 8th International Conference on English Language Studies (The 8th ICELS 2026)

Theme: *Multilingualism at the Crossroads:*

Reimagining English Language Practices, Education, and Research

Date: 28–29 August 2026

Venue: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Khon Kaen University, Thailand

DAY 1 | FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST 2026	
8.30–9.00	Registration
9.00–9.30	Opening
9.30–10.30	Keynote Address
10.30–10.50	Coffee Break
10.50–11.20	Parallel Sessions 1
11.25–11.55	Parallel Sessions 2
11.55–13.00	Lunch
13.00–13.45	Featured Talk 1
13.50–14.20	Parallel Sessions 3
14.20–14.40	Coffee Break
14.40–15.10	Parallel Sessions 4
15.15–15.45	Parallel Sessions 5
15.50–16.20	Parallel Sessions 6 and Invited Talk 1: TERA
DAY 2 | SATURDAY, 29 AUGUST 2026	
8.30–9.00	Registration
9.00–10.00	Plenary Talk 1
10.05–10.35	Parallel Sessions 7 and Invited Talk 2: Thailand TESOL
10.35–10.55	Coffee Break
10.55–11.25	Parallel Sessions 8
11.30–12.15	Featured Talks 2
12.15–13.15	Lunch
13.15–13.45	Parallel Sessions 9 and Invited Talk 3: TAAL
13.50–14.20	Parallel Sessions 10
14.25–14.55	Parallel Sessions 11
14.55–15.15	Coffee Break
15.15–16.15	Plenary Talk 2
16.15–16.45	Closing

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SUT
SURANAREE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

UBU
UBON RATCHATHANI UNIVERSITY

THAILAND TESOL
Association of English Teachers in Thailand

TAAL
Thai Association for Applied Linguistics

TERA
สมาคมการอ่านอย่างกว้างขวางในประเทศไทย
Thailand Extensive Reading Association

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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