



AIT Welcome Show showcases Institute's tremendous diversity and talent

The Asian Institute of Technology's cultural richness was on display at the AIT Welcome Show 2012 organized on 9 November by the AIT Student Union. The seven-hour extravaganza, which continued into the wee hours of the morning, saw students showcase their performing talents on an open-air stage at the mini football field of the AIT campus.

The new venue was the stage for events which included "Mr. and Ms. AIT", classical music renditions,

rock music, acoustic music, drama, traditional dance, contemporary dance, and a talent show. Organized by AIT Student Union (AITSU), and led by its President Mr. Rajeev Sinha, and Ms. Suby Anthony, Chairperson, Culture and Gender Committee, along with scores of student volunteers, the event witnessed participation from students of various countries including Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

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School of Management ranked 2nd in Thailand, 22nd in Far East Asia & 146th in the World

AIT's School of Management (SOM) was one of two business schools in Thailand to crack the global top 200 in a newly released ranking of the world's best 1000 business schools in 154 countries. In the Eduniversal Worldwide Business School Ranking 2012 announced in Paris on 24 October 2012, SOM was placed 146th globally, and second in Thailand. It ranked 22nd of all graduate business schools in the Far East Asia geographical region. Dean of the School of Management Dr. Barbara Igel said: "Faculty, students and staff at AIT's School of Management are very proud of having yet again achieved recognition for being well known internationally.



AIT's Yunus Center features at the Global Social Business Summit

Yunus Center at AIT (YCA) featured front and center at the Fourth Global Social Business Summit 2012 held at Vienna from 7-10 November 2012. YCA was one of only six key presenters, both in the academic session, and at the main plenary graced by Her Majesty Queen Sofia of Spain, and state representatives from Austria, Bahrain, and Brazil. The Summit also provided an opportunity to YCA to re-launch and introduce its new initiatives. Dr. Faiz Shah, Director, YCA presented the six thematic areas of YCA's newly launched program at the plenary session.



AIT delegates with Nobel Laureate Prof. Muhammad Yunus (center).

A record-breaking 38 companies join November Career Fair 2012

A record-breaking 38 companies participated in the AIT Career Fair on 7 November 2012. The event offered fair-goers a full range of job placement availabilities, internship opportunities, as well as information on long-term career prospects, on-the-job training, research partners, and opportunities for networking with attending company representatives. An IELTS Preparation Workshop was also organized.

Ten companies conducted on-the-spot interviews on the sidelines of the event. Overall, the fair was dominated by a large number of Thai firms who set-up employee recruitment booths on the ground level of the AIT Conference Center.



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BNF is the key of future Green Revolution in Africa: Expert

Biological Nitrogen Fixation (BNF) is the key to African food security, human nutrition and health. It acts as a unifying system contributing to soil nitrogen economy, aids soil fertility, helps stimulate plant and animal protein production, and increases the legume and cereal crop yield. This was stated by Prof. Felix Dapare Dakora of Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa, while delivering a lecture on “Challenges on food security in poverty alleviation” on 2 November 2012. Prof. Dakora, who is the recipient of the ‘UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in Life Sciences’, regretted that not enough young scientists were being groomed in Africa, while the senior batch of scientists are gradually fading away.



Prof. Felix Dapare Dakora

Climate change and disasters impinge on water and waste management issues

Climate change, extreme climatic events and disasters are greatly influencing water and waste management issues, and researchers and policy makers can no longer afford to ignore them during project management and policy formulation. Traversing through the challenges confronting the water and sanitation sector, Prof. Guéladio Cissé of the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH), Switzerland, spoke about management trends, ongoing works, and the relationship of sanitation and hygiene with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in a special lecture on “New trends and challenges in waste management” organized at AIT on 12 November 2012.



Prof. Guéladio Cissé

Universiti Teknologi Petronas desires partnership with AIT



Universiti Teknologi Petronas delegation at AIT.

Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP), Malaysia has expressed its desire to partner with AIT. A UTP delegation led by Prof. Khairun Aziz Bt Azizli, Director, Sustainable Resources, and including Dr. Nasir Shafiq and Dr. Mohamed Hasnain Isa, which visited AIT on 27 November 2012, identified environmental engineering, water engineering, disaster management, offshore technology, and sustainability studies as potential areas of partnership.

AIT student bags top paper award



Mr. Ghafar Ali

A paper authored by AIT's doctoral student has been selected among the top five journal review articles of the year 2011 by the journal 'Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews.' The paper is authored by Mr. Ghafar Ali, a doctoral candidate of Urban Environ-

mental Management, School of Environment, Resources and Development (SERD), and coauthored by Dr. Vilas Nitivat-tananon, Associate Professor, SERD.

Kevin Mauritson joins AIT International School as Principal



Mr. Kevin A Mauritson

Mr. Kevin A Mauritson has joined the AIT International School as its new Principal with effect from 5 November 2012. Prior to joining AIT, Mr. Mauritson worked as Executive Principal of Sampoerna Academy Bogor in Bogor, Indonesia.

AIT's Abha Mishra gets best paper award

AIT's Dr. Abha Mishra has been conferred the SAWADA Prize for the best paper published in the journal 'Paddy and Water Environment Engineering' for the year 2012. The award was granted during the International Society of Paddy and Water Environment Engineering (PAWEES) 2012 Conference titled 'Challenges of Environment and Water Management in Monsoon Asia' held from 27-29 November 2012 at the Royal Irrigation Department, Pakkred, Thailand.

AIT alumnus presented Outstanding Academic Staff award, honored by Deputy Prime Minister



Dr. Assadej Vanichchinchai (left) with H.E. Mr. Phongthep Thepkanjana.

Dr. Assadej Vanichchinchai, an AIT alumnus from the School of Management was presented the prestigious "Outstanding Academic Staff Award 2012 of Association of Private Higher Education Institute of Thailand" by Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, H.E. Mr. Phongthep Thepkanjana on 18 November 2012.



Dr. Abha Mishra (left) with Prof. Tai-cheol Kim.

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Afghanistan wishes to send 100 undergraduate students

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan wishes to send one hundred students to pursue undergraduate programs at AIT. Further it wishes to join the AIT Council. This was stated by H.E. Prof. Obaidullah Obaid, Minister of Higher Education (MoHE), Afghanistan, during a visit to AIT.

The Minister conveyed his greetings from President of Afghanistan, H.E. Mr. Hamid Karzai to the AIT President Prof. Said Irandoust. The Minister stated that previous batches of students who have graduated from AIT had expressed extreme satisfaction and happiness at their studies and stay at AIT, and this has encouraged the Ministry to send more students to AIT. "AIT and Afghanistan have a relationship that began in 1970, and we will make all steps to enhance the relationship," he added. Currently Afghanistan has 50 students at AIT, and there



H.E. Prof. Obaidullah Obaid (left) and Prof. Said Irandoust.

is scope for sending another 100 students in undergraduate courses, the Minister said. Since the undergraduate intake is in August, Afghanistan can send these students for a bridging program as early as January, he added.

News You Can Use

Who will control the Internet?

Media has been abuzz over reports about possibilities of takeover of the Internet ahead of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) meet in December to be held in Dubai.

The New York Times had a news report debunking claims of an Internet takeover:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/11/technology/debunking-rumors-of-an-internet-takeover.html>

The Register mentioned the EU vote:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/11/24/european_parliament_votes_against_itu/

Google too jumped into the fray:

<http://www.slashgear.com/google-rallies-against-closed-door-itu-internet-regulations-meeting-by-un-26258275/>

BBC reported of US attempts to resist the move:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-19106420>

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