



ROYAL AUDIENCE FOR AIT

The Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) had the honor of twin royal audiences with Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn in November.

President Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai led 45 AIT scholars to a royal audience with the Princess at the Chitralada Palace. The students included 24 King's Scholars, 11 Queen's Scholars, and 10 Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Scholars. They are top students from the August 2015 intake who have graduated in May 2017. The ceremony was

also attended by Dr. Subin Pinkayan, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Sahas Bunditkul, Chair of the Executive Committee, and AIT Vice Presidents, Prof. Sivanappan Kumar, and Mr. Surendra Shrestha.

AIT was also graced with a royal audience at the Chulachomkhalao Royal Military Academy (CRMA) exhibition. Prof. Voratas Kachitvichyanukul, Dean, School of Engineering and Technology (SET) received the token of appreciation on behalf of AIT on 15 November 2017.



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Sri Lanka Minister Seeks AIT's Expertise in Food and Agriculture Technologies

Sri Lanka's Minister of State for Agriculture Wasantha Aluwihare has sought AIT's expertise in enhancing farmers' knowledge and dissemination of modern technologies to help facilitate the transition of agricultural produce from the farmland to the market. He was interacting with AIT officials during his visit to the Institute of November 1, 2017.

The Minister stated that close to 40 percent of the agricultural produce is wasted, and AIT can help enhance the knowledge base and skill set of farmers, extension workers, as well as traders and officials. "I will encourage farmers to visit AIT to learn about recent developments in technology and to adopt new strategies," the Minister said.

The Sri Lankan delegation included Minister Wasantha Aluwihare; H.E. Kshenuka Dhireni Senewiratne, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Thailand; D V Bandulasena, Secretary, State Minister of Agriculture;



Delegation from Sri Lanka with AIT officials at the AIT Landmark.

Samanthi Thennakoon Wijeratne, Private Secretary to the Minister; WAG Sisira Kumara, Additional Director General, Department of Agriculture; and Ms Mahesha Bharathi Jayawardana, Head of Chancery, Embassy of Sri Lanka to Thailand.

Pakistan Ambassador for Expansion of Cooperation with AIT

Ambassador of Pakistan to Thailand, H.E. Mr. Asim Iftikhar Ahmad has desired an expansion of cooperation between Pakistan and AIT. Speaking to AIT officials on his visit to the Institute on 8 November 2017, the Ambassador stated that the partnership can be revitalized based on both historical context as well as mutual benefit.

Welcomed at AIT by President Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai, the Ambassador solicited suggestions to enhance the quality of engagement with AIT and stated that he would personally engage with key Pakistan institutions, particularly the Higher Education Commission (HEC) to ensure a strengthening of relations.

Noting the period of crisis faced by AIT due to the unprecedented floods in 2011, the ambassador



Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmad with Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai.

appreciated the efforts of the AIT President Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai in taking AIT back to its "known and well-acclaimed levels.

IFERT Deliberates on the use of Education for Transforming Rural Areas



Inauguration of IFERT exhibition.

Rural Education (INRULED) deliberated on the use of education for the purpose of rural transformation.

A three-day “International Forum on Education for Rural Transformation” (IFERT) jointly co-organized by AIT and UNESCO International Research and Training Centre for



Prof. Huang Ronghuai

The welcome message at IFERT was read on behalf of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. Delivering his welcome speech, AIT President Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai remarked that globalization has provided AIT with many blue-ocean opportunities. Director of UNESCO INRULED, Prof. Huang Ronghuai quoted the example of

major successes achieved by China in eradication of poverty. Ambassador of Canada to Thailand H.E. Ms Donica Pottie, and Mr. Ma Chao, Third Secretary, Embassy of People’s Republic of China also graced the occasion. IFERT was sponsored by ASEAN Secretariat with support from the ASEAN China Cooperation Funds (ACCF).

AIT partners with Balochistan Development Network



Mr. Amjad Rashid Qureshi

AIT has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Balochistan Development Network (BDN), a membership-based network comprising of 25 civil society organizations of Balochistan, Pakistan.

The MoU was signed by Chairperson of BDN, Mr. Amjad Rashid Qureshi, and Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai, President of AIT, on 17 November 2017. Signing the agreement, the BDN Chairperson stated that the province of Balochistan requires technical assistance from well-established institutions like AIT. Since the province faces a dearth of qualified professionals, BDN wishes to engage with AIT to develop human resources in Balochistan, he said.

AIT signs agreement with Siam University to offer Unified Bachelor Master degree programs



Dr. Pornchai Mongkhonvanit (right) and Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai.

AIT has signed an agreement with Siam University to offer a Unified Bachelor Master degree program in Civil Engineering and Information Technology. The Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed by Dr. Pornchai Mongkhonvanit, President, Siam University, and AIT President Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai on 9 November 2017.

President of Siam University, Dr. Pornchai commended the “long and prestigious history of AIT” in advancing the cause of education. “This international program should attract students from all over,” Dr. Pornchai said. President Worsak stressed that this offering will be an elite program, adding that only those students who secure excellent scores will be eligible to pursue this academic stream.

AIT Career Fair: 1 November 2017



AIT International Food Fair: 9 November 2017



Eastern Economic Corridor: Challenges and Opportunities: 23 November 2017



Speakers included Dr. Uttama Savanayana, Minister of Industry, Dr. Veerapong Chaiyapern, Governor of Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand, Dr. Kanit Sangsubhan, Secretary-General of the EEC Office, Mr. Yoji Hamanishi, Managing Director, SCG Yamato Express Co., Ltd., Mr. Budit Sapianchai, President of BCPG Public Company Limited, Mr. Zhigang U, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Thai), Mr. Viriya Chongpaisal, President, GlaxoSmithKline Company Ltd. (Thailand), and Mr. Tassapon Bijleveld, Chief Executive Officer, Asia Aviation

Company Ltd., PLC. Dr. Subin Pinkayan, Chairman, AIT Board of Trustees graced the occasion.



Performance Seismic Based Design: Best Practices

by Ron Klemencic
3 November 2017



Talk on IoT Security

by Narudom Roongsiriwong
8 November 2017



Enhancing International Opportunities Through Fellowships and Grants

by Rajgopal Sashti
10 November 2017



The Introduction of Biodiversity Conservation Activity in NIES

by Dr. Manabu Onuma
21 November 2017



ASEAN-Korea Environmental Cooperation Project as a Successful Model of Regional Cooperation for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development

by Dr. Ho Sang Kang
23 November 2017

ALUMNI



Hina Saeed (MBA, International Business, 1999) has been appointed Secretary General of SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SAARC CCI).



Ms. Maria Fe Nuestro Ferriols (CA, 1982) has been elected the next President of Asian Institute of Technology Alumni Association (AITAA). She was elected at the 46th Governing Board Meeting of AITAA held in Taipei.



Dr. Somkiat Prajamwong (Master's in Water Resource Management, 1987) has been appointed Director, Office of National Water Resources Management, Thailand.

New Book by AIT Authors Explores the Water-Energy-Food Nexus

A new book by AIT authors explores the Water-Energy-Food nexus in the global perspective, and explores futuristic perspectives in this paradigm. Focusing on contributions to the global debate on water-energy-food nexus, it quotes examples of the nexus approach from different regions of the world and provides new perspectives on the future of the nexus agenda. Published by Wiley, the 19-chapter book is co-authored by Dr. P. Abdul Salam, Dr. Sangam Shrestha, Vishnu Prasad Pandey and Dr. Anil K. Anal. While Dr. Salam and Dr. Anil serve in AIT's School of Environment, Resources and Development (SERD), Dr. Sangam works in the School of Engineering and Technology (SET). Dr. Vishnu serves in International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Nepal.



From left: Dr. P. Abdul Salam, Dr. Sangam Shrestha, and Dr. Anil K. Anal.



News You Can Use

Scenes from the International Women's Cricket matches

Teams from China, Nepal, Hong Kong, UAE, and Malaysia played the International Cricket Council (ICC) at the AIT grounds from 20-26 November 2017.



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