



## AIT AMONG FOUNDING MEMBERS OF EASTERN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR OF INNOVATION (EECi)

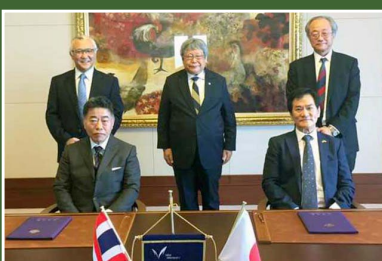
**A**IT is among the founding signatories of the Eastern Economic Corridor of Innovation (EECi), a project initiated under the Eastern Economic Development Plan that focuses on creating a science hub in the ASEAN region.

Fifty organizations from academia, national and international research organizations, governmental bodies, and the private sector are signatories to EECi. AIT was led by President Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai at the event.

The agreement signing ceremony took on 5 April 2017 at the U-Tapao International Airport in Rayong Province. General Prayuth Chan-o-cha, the Prime Minister of Thai-

land graced the occasion. Thailand’s Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Atchaka Sibunruang said that the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) has been tasked by the Ministry to establish EECi by forging a partnership with various organizations.

EECi will be spread across two campuses with the 1200-acre Wang Chan Valley Campus comprising of ARIPOLIS (for automation, robotics, and intelligent systems) and BIOPOLIS (for life science and biotechnology). Another 48-acre campus called Space Krenovation Park (SKP) will be located in Sriracha, Chonburi Province, and it will specialize in the aeronautic and aerospace industry.



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## MTR Academy and AIT to jointly develop pilot subject on Rail System Administration and Management

MTR Academy, Hong Kong, and AIT will jointly develop and deliver a postgraduate level pilot subject on “Rail System Administration and Management.” The two will also explore the possibility of developing a full Master’s program in Rail System Engineering and Management. This follows the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between MTR Academy and AIT on 4 April 2017.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Morris Cheung, President, MTR Academy, and Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai, President, AIT. Mr. Cheung was accompanied by Dr. Mark Ho, Deputy Dean of MTR Academy.



*Mr. Morris Cheung (left) and Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai.*

## AIT signs MOU with University of Salzburg

AIT has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with University of Salzburg, Austria. The agreement was signed by AIT President Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai on 7 April 2017.

AIT and the University of Salzburg will work towards finalizing a dual degree program in Remote Sensing and GIS. Discussions were held with Prof. Josef Strobl, Director, Z\_GIS, University of Salzburg. Also participating in the deliberations were Prof. Nitin Kumar Tripathi, Director, Special Degree Programs; Mr. Shawn Kelly, Director, Office of External Relations (OEXR), and Mr. Karma Rana, Institute Secretary.

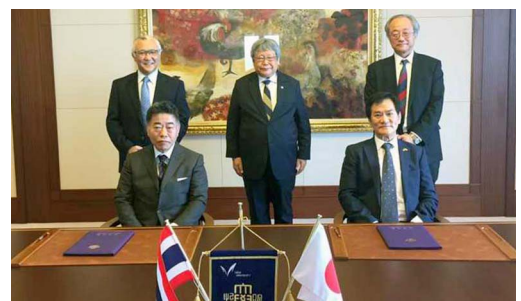


*MoU signing ceremony between AIT and University of Salzburg.*

## MoU with Meiji University

AIT and Meiji University have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to foster collaboration. The MoU was signed by Prof. Keiichirou Tsuchiya, President, Meiji University, and Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai, AIT President on 10 April 2017.

Meiji University has established its ASEAN Center in Bangkok, where Dr. Hiroyuki Konuma, Senior Adviser to AIT President, serves as Director. The Japanese Government has approved a proposal by Meiji university to promote urban development program among CLMV (Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam) countries and Thailand. AIT and Meiji University will explore modalities of collaboration to promote sustainable solutions to the impacts of urbanization. The MoU signing was also witnessed by Prof. Kosaku Dairokuno, Vice President for International Collaboration, Meiji



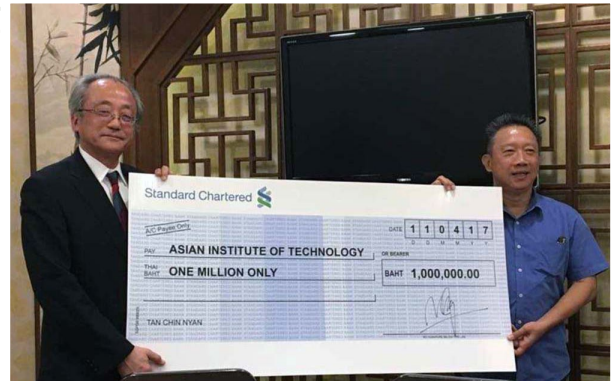
*MoU signing ceremony between AIT and Meiji University.*

University; Dr. Hiroyuki Konuma, and Prof. Kazuo Yamamoto, Vice President for Administration, AIT.

## 1 Million THB Donation by Alumnus

AIT alumnus from Malaysia, Mr. Tan Chin Nyan has donated 1 Million THB towards a Master's degree scholarship at AIT. The donation was received by AIT's Vice President for Administration, Prof. Kazuo Yamamoto on 11 April 2017 in Kuala Lumpur. He was accompanied by Mr. Sanjeev Jayasinghe, Director, Office of Advancement.

Mr. Tan Chin Nyan graduated in Structural Engineering and Construction (SEC) in 1986. Applications for the scholarship for Structural Engineering Program have already commenced. Earlier, Mr. Tan Chin Nyan had also contributed 1 Million THB towards the AIT library modernization campaign.



*Prof. Kazuo Yamamoto (left) with Mr. Tan Chin Nyan.*

## Prof Kanchana Kanchanasut is 2017 Network Startup Resource Center-Internet2 Fellow

Prof. Kanchana Kanchanasut is one of the two recipients of the Network Startup Resource Center (NSRC)-Internet2 Fellowship. This was announced ahead of the annual Internet2 Global Summit, which was held from 23-26 April in Washington, D.C.

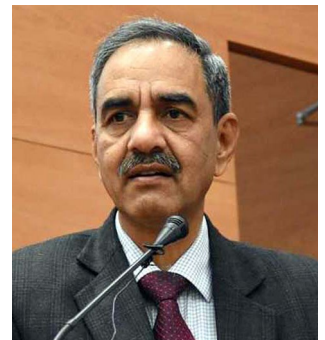


*Prof. Kanchana Kanchanasut*

The Global Summit meeting hosted nearly 1,000 information technology decision-makers and high-level influencers from higher education, government and scientific research organizations. Funding for the fellowships is provided by the NSRC and Internet2.

## AIT alumnus appointed Chairman of India's BBMB

AIT Alumnus, Devendra Kumar Sharma has been appointed Chairman of India's Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB). Earlier, he was serving as Managing Director of Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation.



*Devendra Kumar Sharma*

Sharma graduated from AIT with a Master's in Water Resources Engineering in 1983. BBMB is the managing authority of the Bhakra Dam, which is one of the highest gravity dams in the world. It was widely described as a "temple of modern India," when it was constructed in the 1960's.

## AIT International Food Fair: 11 April 2017



## SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS



“From Spatial Data to Spatial Services Infrastructures”

Prof. Josef Strobl, University of Salzburg, Austria

7 April 2017



“Preparation of Nano powder by Super Critical and Glycothermal Processes”

Prof. Dae Young Lim, Pai Chai University, South Korea

21 April 2017



“Robust Strategies for Urban and Regional Energy System Resilience”

Prof. Matthias Ruth, Northeastern University, Boston, US

24 April 2017



“Business Process Integration using SAP ERP System”

Five-day training course by AIT Extension

24-28 April 2017

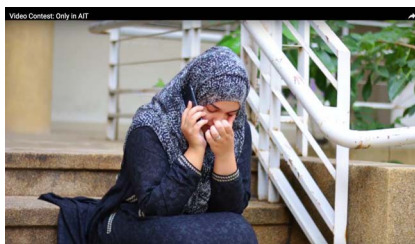
## AIT launches Instagram

AIT has launched an Instagram account to add to the existing portfolio of Social Media accounts. AIT Instagram is available at this link: <https://www.instagram.com/aitasia/>

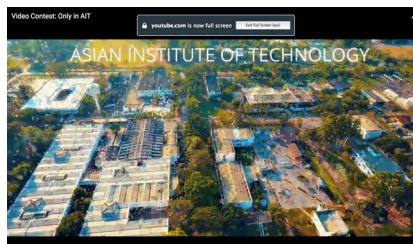


## “Only in AIT” video contest

Three final entries submitted by AIT students in the "Only in AIT" video contest.



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<https://youtu.be/rNfK5u0cs0M>



[https://youtu.be/XuUoOekMu\\_o](https://youtu.be/XuUoOekMu_o)

April is the time for full bloom at AIT



Blast from the Past

The Story of the AIT Flag

AIT Graduation Day  
19 May 2017

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THE FIRST flag of the Asian Institute of Technology has been designed by 24-year-old Mr. Ng Hon-Kwong of Hong Kong, the winner of a flag design competition held recently at the Institute. The flag with Mr. Ng's emblem will be used officially for the first time when AIT formally opens its new 400-acre campus at Rangsit, 40 kilometers north of Bangkok, on February 14, 1973. Congratulating Mr. Ng above is Mr. David L. McClintock, AIT Vice-President for Administration.

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