

PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Summary Report

April 2004

(20, 27 April 2004 Meetings)

1. Academic Centers and Outreach Centers in AIT

It was reported that the Executive Committee, at its last meeting, has approved the guiding principles on the establishment and operation of academic centers, as embodied in the P&P on the Establishment and Review of Operation of Academic Centers. These principles will be applied to specific cases involving ASEP, COGEN 3 and UNEP.RRC.AP.

2. AIT Community School

PEC members felt that the offering of Grade 8 from the next school year, contrary to the recommendation of the AITCS Advisory Council, would be beneficial to the Institute, provided that it can be accommodated in the current facility. The CFO was requested to make a cost-benefit analysis, taking into account the overall staffing, Institute subsidy and fee structure, particularly for non-AIT pupils.

3. MoUs

PEC endorsed for signing the draft MoUs between AIT and Hanoi Construction Department, Vietnam; between AIT and the Department of Mineral Resources, Bangkok, Thailand; as well as between AIT and the Fisheries University, Vietnam with the advice that they be made consistent with the AIT standard format and reviewed by the legal adviser.

A status report of ongoing MoUs will be submitted to Board of Trustees, for information, as requested by the Executive Committee.

4. AIT-KIST Cooperation

Members were informed that, in the framework of the AIT-KIST MoU, an International Joint Symposium will be held at AIT from 20 to 21 May 2004.

5. Campus Environment Committee

- As verified from the deeds, ownership of the lands relinquished by AIT, namely those occupied by Kasikornbank Klong Luang Branch and the Communications Authority of Thailand (CAT), has been transferred to the current occupants.
- PEC received the report of *The AIT Arboretum Project Steering Committee*. The offer made by Khunying Suthawan Sathienthai, spouse of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, conveyed through the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment of Thailand, to participate in the AIT project together with the spouses of Ambassadors was welcomed and will be reported at the 11 May 2004 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

6. Construction of New Dormitories

Members were informed that the FY 2004 budget will be adjusted, taking into account the expense for the construction of the two new student dormitories, which was already approved by the Executive Committee.

7. Security Services on Campus

The HR Director presented the report of an assessment of the current security service company Chubb (Thailand) Ltd. which was conducted by an internal committee which also included a comparison with two other security service companies. In view of their satisfactory performance, PEC endorsed the renewal of the current contract of Chubb (Thailand) Ltd.

8. Proposed Medical Self-Insured Guidelines

PEC received the report from the AIT Medical Doctor on the health insurance and endorsed the proposal to move from the Bupa-Blue Cross Co. to an Institute-administered insurance scheme. PEC endorsed the proposal made by the AIT Medical Doctor to appoint a junior doctor in view of the added responsibilities with the shift to the new scheme.

9. Project-Funded Students

It was clarified that doctoral students could be project-funded, contingent upon availability of budget explicitly for this purpose.

In due course, the CFO will determine the break-even figure that will justify the engagement of doctoral students against a full-time staff.