

PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (PEC)

Summary Report

January 2003

(7, 14, 21 and 28 January 2003 Meetings)

1. Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Wanphen Thongsri, the Chief Financial Officer who joined AIT from 15 January 2003 was welcomed and will attend PEC meetings as a member.

2. Royal Decoration Received by former AIT President Bender

The family of the late President Prof. Milton E. Bender has expressed their wish to present AIT with the royal decoration which President Bender had received from H. M. The King of Thailand. The decoration will be placed alongside with the picture of President Bender in the Administration Building. A representative of the Bender family Mr. Michael Nicholas accompanied by Mr. Noppadon Muangkroot will visit AIT on 4 February 2003 during which a small ceremony will be held to mark the presentation.

3. MoU between AIT and DOST, Philippines

PEC endorsed the draft MoU between AIT and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Republic of the Philippines, proposed as a co-sponsoring arrangement between DOST (providing major scholarship support) and AIT (mobilizing complementary support) aimed at increasing the number of Filipino students at AIT. The MoU will be signed between the AIT President and Secretary of DOST during the visit of the President and Provost to the Philippines from 27 to 28 January 2003. The first batch of students through this MoU is targeted for August 2003.

4. AIT Strategy 2003-2008

Proposals were invited from the Schools and Units on new initiatives under the AIT Strategy Framework 2003-2008. The initiatives will be compiled and discussed at PEC, following which the selected initiatives would be presented for consideration by the Executive Committee at its 10 March 2003 meeting.

5. FY 2003 Budget Preparation

The President, Provost, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Chairman of the Finance Steering Committee will review the budget submissions. The School budgets should be linked with the AIT Strategy Plan (2003-2008). Each School should also provide a written narrative in support of new initiatives linked to the strategic plan.

6. RTG Joint Research Project

A total of 36 proposals have been received as of the deadline. The composition of the selection panel will be similar to the previous one comprising the following: Registrar, Dean SCE, Dean SERD, Dr. Sununta Siengthai (SOM), Dr. Vacharaporn Esichaikul (SAT)

and one representative each from the Office of the National Education Commission and the Ministry of University Affairs. The screening committee will meet on 21 February 2003 following which there will presentations made by the representatives from the Thai partner institutions. A public seminar will also be held for the presentation of the sixteen projects selected last year.

7. Review of Academic Center

A special PEC meeting will be convened to decide on the rationale, expected role and objectives of an academic center based on which the review of the academic centers in the Schools would take place.

8. AIT Extension Organization Structure

PEC endorsed the new organizational structure of the AIT Extension which now comprises of three divisions, namely, Information Technology (IT), Agriculture, Resources and Development (ARD), Management and Educational Development (MED) and a Languages Center. The new AIT Extension Catalog for 2003-2004 was also distributed to members. PEC reconfirmed that the Languages Center's operations will be centrally funded.

9. AIT Promotion through Channel 9

Discussions are currently underway with Channel 9 to develop a promotional program that is of wider public interest with emphasis on science and technology and which would have broader involvement of the research community e.g. coverage on the joint research projects funded by RTG and interview with beneficiaries. A draft proposal has been prepared and sponsorship through corporations and alumni are being explored. The possibility of undertaking this activity jointly with the Science Park will also be explored. Copies of the broadcast will also be provided to the AITAA country chapters in CD form for promotion in their respective countries.

10. AIT Conference Center: Revised Rooms Rates

The new room rates for the AIT Conference Center were approved and will be implemented effective immediately.

11. Request from Advisor to Prime Minister of Thailand

Dr. Krasae Chanawang, Advisor to the Prime Minister of Thailand, has requested AIT through the School of Environment, Resources and Development (SERD) to provide technical support for the planning of the Thailand drinking water supply and sanitation.

12. SAT MoUs

PEC endorsed the draft MoUs between SAT and the Asia Pacific Nanotechnology Forum Inc. and the Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics, Hong Kong Polytechnic University.