

PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Summary Report

January 2005

(04, 11, 18, 25 January 2005 Meetings)

1. Welcome

The Acting President and PEC Chair welcomed PEC members to the first meeting of the year. Dr Teresita del Rosario, the newly-appointed Acting Dean of Extension, was welcomed and will attend the PEC meeting as a regular member.

2. AIT's Response to the Earthquake and Tsunami in South and Southeast Asia

In follow up to the special seminar which was held at AIT on Wednesday, 19 January 2005, the Institute has prepared a "Working Paper on AIT's Response to the Earthquake and Tsunami in South and Southeast Asia" outlining its position and presenting concept papers on some of the areas in which the Institute could play an important role. The AIT working paper has been widely distributed to the members of the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, International Advisory Panel, partner institutions, universities, donor agencies, and to the alumni at large through e-mail.

3. Tata and Toyota Scholarships for Asian Students at AIT

PEC endorsed the concept papers for Tata and Toyota scholarships for Asian students at AIT.

4. Fellowships for Pakistani Students at AIT

PEC endorsed the external fellowship scheme called "Friends of AIT in Pakistan". The Director of Admissions and Scholarships will manage these fellowships with the Admissions Committee to define administration guidelines.

5. Graduation Arrangement for May 2005

The PEC endorsed the proposed schedule and arrangements from the Registry Officer for the graduation in May 2005. Announcement on clearance with various offices will also be made accordingly.

6. English Program for Hydropower Engineering EVN Students

The PEC endorsed the 12-week English program to be conducted by AIT-Vietnam for EVN-funded students at a cost of US\$-6,940 to be taken from the tuition fee income from EVN. EVN will send 15 students to the new master's program on Hydropower Engineering in August 2005

7. AIT Tuition and Fees Payment

As a short-term solution, the AIT cashier will accept US\$ notes as payment for tuition and fees. Payments in US\$ can also be made at the Siam Commercial Bank. The CFO will, in the meantime, draft a long-term financial strategy.

8. Meeting with AITAA

The Acting President has met with the President of the AIT Alumni Association Mother Chapter and the President of the Thai Chapter to discuss ways in which the alumni could partner the Institute. The AITAA has committed their strong support to AIT and offered to cooperate in the following areas:

- (a) Technology Transfer Fund: An initial donation of Baht-100,000 to fund faculty travel for seminars on technology transfer in a third country in collaboration with the local AITAA chapter.
- (b) Scholarship/Endowment Fund: AITAA will assist in identifying large projects, especially where AIT alumni are involved. The discretionary funds of these projects can be tapped as a source towards this fund.
- (c) Prominent Alumni Lecture Series: A Brain Bank concept and can follow the model of the Nobel Laureates and Eminent Persons Lecture Series. An advisory group will be formed to identify speakers and topics. This would widely project AIT's image.
- (d) Landmark at AIT: AITAA will support the improvement/beautification of the AIT signboard at the main gate. Thammasat University and Science Park will be informed in advance of this beautification plan. In this regard, IS will draft a letter to PEA to possibly clear the electrical poles covering the AIT signboard along Paholyothin Road. AITAA can assist in contacting the PEA Governor.
- (e) Tsunami Disaster Assistance: The AITAA local chapters can coordinate and assist the team of AIT experts in their planned visits to other tsunami-affected countries, such as Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

The first installment of AITAA's contribution to the Technology Transfer Fund was presented on 26 January 2005.

9. MOU with Sripatum University

The MOU with Sripatum University (SU) was endorsed, incorporating the proposed change of converting scholarship to credit fellowships for AIT's part.

10. ST-2 New Rents

The PEC endorsed the new adjusted rental rates for ST-2, i.e. Baht-5,000 per month for single occupancy (from Baht-6,000 per month), and Baht-5,500 per month for double occupancy (from Baht-7,000 per month).

11. Water Consumption Charging in Accommodation Units

The Task Force housing rental structure has been reactivated to recommend proper measures and formula for water consumption charging.

12. AIT Community School Board

Prof Kazi M Ahmed and Mr Matthew Laszewski were appointed to serve in the AITCS Board, with immediate effect until 31 August 2005.

13. Medical Plan Options

The higher medical options will be discontinued. Concerned staff who have applied for these options and paid the premiums will be refunded accordingly, while AIT will absorb any additional costs incurred.

14. Car Parks

The ARCA and the Campus Environment Committee will look into the issue of car parking spaces on campus.