



## 206 STUDENTS FROM 22 COUNTRIES AWARDED AT AIT'S 128TH GRADUATION

Two-hundred-and-six students from 22 countries graduated from the Asian Institute of Technology on 14 December 2017. Graduating students hailed from Asia, Africa, Europe and the Caribbean. Thailand and Myanmar with 50 students each provided the maximum number of students in this batch. They were closely followed by India (30), Vietnam (28), Sri Lanka (14), Nepal (9), Bangladesh (4), Indonesia (3), Afghanistan, Fiji, Lao PDR and People's Republic of China (2 each), and Bhutan, Cambodia, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and the Philippines (1 each).

The graduation speaker was Ambassador of Bangladesh to Thailand H.E. Saida Muna Tasneem, who exhorted students to make a difference in this world and bring down artificial barriers. Asking them to be like Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai, the Ambassador exhorted students to remain steadfast in maintaining human values and engage in humanitarian work.

The outstanding alumna address was delivered by Dr. Veerapong Chaiperm, Governor of Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand (IEAT).



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## Experts Stress the Importance of Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction in Education

Disasters, risk, and resilience need to be brought into curriculum at various levels of education, and different disciplines should be integrated within the education system. This was the dominant theme of the two-day conference on “Mainstreaming Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction in Education” organized at AIT on 1-2 December 2017.

The opening remarks were delivered by Mr. Bernard Philip, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Australia, and Prof. Pennung Warnitchai of AIT. Keynote addresses were delivered by Mr. Sanjay Srivastava of UNESCAP, Prof. Iyyanki Murali Krishna of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), and Dr. Gajendran Thayapan of University of Newcastle.

An overview of Disaster Resilience Education Capacity Building in South-East Asia (DRECB) was provided by Dr. Jason von Meding of



*Delegation at Mainstreaming Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction in Education.*

the University of Newcastle, and Dr. Indrajit Pal of AIT. DRECB is supported by the Australian-ASEAN Council (AAC).

## AIT signs MoU with Bhutan Power Corporation

AIT has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bhutan Power Corporation Limited (BPC) to support BPC employees to earn a Master’s degree at AIT. The MoU was signed on 11 December 2017 by BPC Managing Director Mr. Gem Tshering and AIT President Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai. According to the agreement, BPC will send five staff members every year for a period of five years for studying at AIT. The Managing Director of BPC, Mr. Gem Tshering is an alumnus of AIT (Master’s in Energy, 1994).

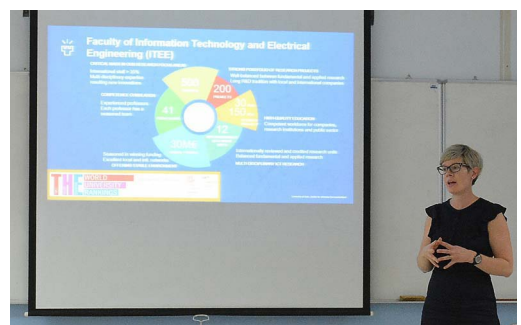


*Mr. Gem Tshering (left) with Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai.*

## International Double Degree Master’s Program with University of Oulu

AIT will launch an international double degree master’s program in Wireless Communications Engineering with the University of Oulu (UOulu), Finland. The agreement to launch the program was finalized during the visit of Ms. Hanna Saarela, Development Manager, Centre for Wireless Communications, University of Oulu, Finland, during her visit to AIT on 19 December 2017.

The cooperation agreement between AIT and UOulu has been signed by Dr. Helka-Liisa Hentila, Vice-Rector of UOulu and Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai, President AIT. According to the agreement, both universities will award a Master in Science to candidates who successfully complete the program.



*Ms. Hanna Saarela at AIT.*

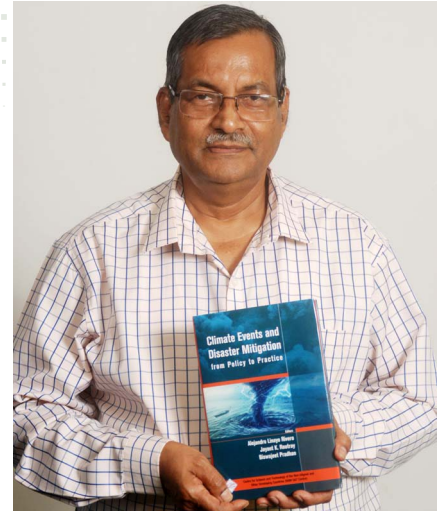
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## New book on Climate Events and Disaster Mitigation

A new book on “Climate Events and Disaster Mitigation - from Policy to Practice,” co-edited by AIT’s Prof. Jayant Kumar Routray has been released by the Centre for Science and Technology of Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre).

Jointly edited by Prof. Alejandro Linayo Rivero of the Research Center On Disaster Risk Reduction in Venezuela, Prof. Jayant Kumar Routray of AIT, and Prof. Biswajeet Pradhan of University Putra Malaysia, the book includes 17 scientific and technical papers contributed by experts from 15 countries. The publication follows the holding of a workshop by the NAM S&T Centre in partnership with the National Science and Technology Commission (NATSEC) of Sri Lanka in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in March 2017.



*Prof. Jayant Kumar Routray*

## AIT faculty member co-authors book on Natural Hazards Management in Asia



*From left: Dr. Indrajit Pal, Mr. Surendra Shrestha, Mr. Bernard Philip and Dr. Tuhin Ghosh.*

A faculty member of AIT, Dr. Indrajit Pal, has co-authored a book on “Natural Hazards Management in Asia.” Published by Sage Publications, the book is a study on how natural hazards convert into disasters.

“Focusing on Asian countries, it takes a holistic view of the subject and discusses different concepts of disaster management covering both theory and practice,” Dr. Indrajit Pal says. “The book also explains best practices and the most effective tools for alleviating the consequences of such disasters,” he adds.

## Dr. Krishna R. Salin promoted to the rank of Associate Professor



*Dr. Krishna R Salin*

Dr. Krishna R. Salin has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in AIT’s School of Environment, Resources and Development (SERD). His promotion was

announced by AIT President Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai on 6 December 2017 following the recommendations of the Faculty Evaluation Panel (FEP) and the SERD Professional Board.

Dr. Salin joined AIT as an Assistant Professor in August 2014. Prior to joining AIT, he was holding the position of Assistant Professor (Senior Scale) at Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS), India (May 2011-July 2014).

## Long Service Award

Twenty-two employees were honored with the “Long Services Award” on the occasion of the AIT Fun and Sports Day 2017. The names and length of service of the award recipients are as follows:

- Pairuch Arnprayoon (39 years)
- Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai (39 years)
- Chirapar Promprawongse (38 years)
- Pichai Chantrapunth (37 years)
- Ruangsilp Sriviset (37 years)
- Niramol Pornvilai (37 years)
- Somnuk Yimkeo (37 years)
- Ekkankun Krong-atek (35 years)
- Sumalee Preede (35 years)
- Karn Intoop (35 years)
- Orawan Kosaipolkul (34 years)
- Winya Panichkul (33 years)
- Suchitra Piempinsest (33 years)
- Nualchan Sangthongstit (33 years)
- Vanchai Plangpanya (32 years)
- Sawan Suwannarith (32 years)
- Suda Inta (32 years)
- Yupa Katchasuwanmanee (32 years)
- Wilaiporn Cherngchawano (31 years)
- Dr. Noppadol Phien-Wej (30 years)
- Natnipha Vimuktanon (30 years)
- Kamron Pimsak (30 years)



## AIT to Develop Faecal Sludge Management System in Thaklong Municipality

Following the dictum of “think globally, act locally,” AIT is also contributing towards the development of local and regional capacity. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by Mayor of Thaklong Municipality in Pathum Thani province, Mr. Thai Thogprang, and AIT President Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai on 22 December 2017 works towards this goal of local application of internationally-tested technologies.

According to Dr. Thammarat Koottatep, the lead player from AIT on this partnership, AIT will develop Faecal Sludge Management (FSM) systems in Thaklong Municipality. It will also act as a center for promoting and supporting innovative technology information for similar organizations in low and middle-income countries to disseminate this technology. AIT falls under the jurisdiction of Thaklong municipality.



*From left: Mrs. Tikhamporn Tanwattana, Mr. Thai Thogprang, Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai, and Dr. Thammarat Koottatep.*

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## Blood Donation Camp: 6 December 2017



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