



Foreign Minister of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Abul Mahmood Ali, and Foreign Minister of Thailand, H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai jointly inaugurate the Bangabandhu Chair and unveil a commemorative plaque at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

BANGABANDHU CHAIR INAUGURATED AT AIT

A Bangabandhu Chair on Sustainable Energy was formally inaugurated at the Asian Institute on 15 March 2018 following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between AIT and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh.

Prof. Joyashree Roy delivered the first Bangabandhu lecture. Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, H.E. Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali signed the citation of Bangabandhu Chair Professor at AIT. The MoU was signed by Mr. Md. Mahub-uz-Zaman, Secretary, (Asian and Pacific), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh, and AIT President Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai. A sapling of

Bangladesh Dinajpur Litchi was also planted by the visiting Foreign Minister at AIT.

Dr. Subin Pinkayan, Chairperson of AIT Board of Trustees; H.E. Nasrul Hamid, State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources of Bangladesh; and Ambassador of Bangladesh to Thailand, H.E. Saida Muna Tasneem were the distinguished guests at the occasion.

In a related event organized at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Foreign Ministers of Thailand, H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, and Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Abul Mahmood Ali jointly inaugurated the Bangabandhu Chair and unveiled a commemorative plaque. Details at this link: <https://goo.gl/mPNkDc>

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Bangabandhu Chair Professor at AIT: 15 March 2018



Indonesian Ambassador pays maiden visit, assures full support

Ambassador of Indonesia to Thailand, H.E. Ambassador Ahmad Rusdi assured AIT of full support as he welcomed cooperation between AIT and higher education institutions in Indonesia. On his maiden visit to AIT on 5 March 2018, Ambassador Rusdi spoke of the importance of international cooperation and stressed the need for educational partnerships.

Greeted at AIT by President Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai, the ambassador highlighted the importance of economy, infrastructure, defence and education, particularly in the context of ASEAN. Prof. Worsak spoke of the historical relations between AIT and Indonesia. "Indonesia has been a member of the AIT Board of Trustees since 1968," Prof. Worsak remarked.



H.E. Ambassador Ahmad Rusdi

AIT is very popular in Viet Nam: Ambassador

AIT is "very popular" and "prestigious" in Viet Nam, and almost everyone knows about the Institute. These were the remarks of the Ambassador of Viet Nam, H.E. Mr. Nguyen Hai Bang, during his maiden visit on 12 March 2018.

Ambassador Bang mentioned that since AIT had established an early presence in Viet Nam, it provided a link for Vietnamese students to pursue higher education in a foreign country. Recounting that AIT alumni have reached senior positions in many diverse fields in Viet Nam, the ambassador added that his visit was targeted at ascertaining ways to work together. "AIT is a high priority institute, and we will try and contribute towards the development of AIT," he added.



H.E. Mr. Nguyen Hai Bang

Canada for enhanced cooperation with AIT

Canadian universities can look towards an increased academic and research collaboration with AIT, as the country enhances its engagement in the ASEAN region. Recent governmental initiatives, which include encouraging Canadian students to travel abroad, as well as a concerted focus on gender components in all programs can unlock numerous possibilities for collaboration between AIT and Canadian universities. These were the remarks of H.E. Mrs. Donica Pottie, Ambassador of Canada to Thailand, during her visit to AIT on 26 March 2018.

The Ambassador was accompanied by Prof. Malcolm Butler, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Saint Mary's University, Canada.




H.E. Mrs. Donica Pottie (left) and Prof. Malcolm Butler.

QS Rankings by Subjects 2018 ranks AIT in eight subject areas

The Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) has been ranked among the top universities in eight subject areas, according to the QS Top Universities 2018 Rankings by Subject released on 28 February 2018.

Civil and Structural Engineering (ranked between 101-150) and Architecture and Built Environment (101-150) are two subjects where AIT is ranked at the top in Thailand. Other subject areas where AIT is included in world rankings includes Environmental Sciences (151-200); Business and Management Studies (201-250); Agriculture and Forestry (201-250); Computer Science



2018 QS World University Ranking by Subjects : Asian Institute of Technology

No.	QS Subject	World Ranking				Asia	Thailand
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2018	2018
1	Architecture & Built Environment	NR	NR	101-150	101-150	18	1
2	Civil and Structural Engineering	151-200	151-200	151-200	101-150	30	1
3	Environmental Studies	151-200	201-250	151-200	151-200	28	2
4	Computer Science & Information Systems	301-400	351-400	451-500	351-400	42	2
5	Mechanical, Aero. & Manufacturing Engng.	NR	NR	351-400	301-350	96	2
6	Agriculture and Forestry	NR	NR	NR	201-250	42	4
7	Business and Management Studies	NR	NR	251-300	201-250	47	3
8	Electrical & Electronic Engineering	NR	251-300	301-350	251-300	72	2

As research cultures and publication rates vary significantly across academic disciplines, the QS World University Rankings by Subject applies a different weighting of the 4 indicators below, depending on the subject areas.

- (1) Academic reputation
- (2) Employer reputation
- (3) Research citations per paper
- (4) H-Index

Survey drawn on responses from 75,015 academics worldwide.
 QS draws on 40,455 survey responses from employers worldwide.
 Number of citations per paper
 The h-index measures both productivity and impact of publication.

and Information Systems (351-400); Electrical and Electronics Engineering (251-300); and Mechanical, Aeronautical and

Manufacturing Engineering (301-350). This is the fourth year that AIT has been ranked by QS Top Universities Rankings by Subject.

Setting research priorities for cities and climate change: AIT's Dr Shobhakar Dhakal publishes in Nature

Cities must address climate change, and there is a need for a “long-term, cross disciplinary studies to reduce carbon emissions and urban risks from global warming.” Setting the agenda and six research priorities in the latest issue of “Nature” was Dr. Shobhakar Dhakal and 10 other leading scientists who have coauthored an article on “Six research priorities for cities and climate change.”



Cover of the 1 March 2018 issue of Nature

The 1 March 2018 issue of the prestigious journal “Nature” published this piece against the backdrop of the IPCC Cities

and Climate Change Science Conference organized in Edmonton, Canada, from 5-8 March 2018. “IPCC and nine global partners brought together some 700 researchers, policymakers and practitioners from 80 countries, where participants established a global research agenda that will inform the IPCC special report on cities,” says Dr. Shobhakar, who is the Head of Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change, at AIT.

The publication can be accessed at this link: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-018-02409-z>

SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS



Seminar on Cryptography Basics for Understanding Bitcoin and Blockchain Technology

Dr. Chanathip Namprempre
7 March 2018



Seminar on Trade Data Analytics: Case Studies at the Global, National, and Transaction Levels

Dr. Paul Janecek
21 March 2018



International Expert Workshop on Framework for Basin-scale River Health Assessment in the Mekong River Basin

9-10 March 2018



Seminar on Cryptocurrencies and Blockchain Research

Dr. Chanathip Namprempre
14 March 2018



Seminar on How Blockchain can disrupt our lives

Mr. Apichart Arunkunrarax
28 March 2018



Workshop on Water Security Assessment

26-30 March 2018

AIT Career Fair and Research Exhibition: 28 March 2018



AIT International Food Fair: 30 March 2018



AIT Blood Donation: 15 March 2018



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