

## Brand-New Attractions in AIT Campus



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# 2018 - A Landmark Year of AIT

The year 2018 will be remembered as a "landmark year" in the history of AIT. Roughly six years after its worst calamity due to the great 2011 flood, which was followed by the worst financial crisis in its history, AIT has once again come to life and now risen again.

All new AIT landmarks and renovated green environment came to fruition on April 27 this year, when Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn formally inaugurated the Modernized AIT Library. Her Royal Highness also inaugurated the two brand new signature landmarks of AIT, i.e., "the AIT Clock Tower" and "the AIT Gate". While visitors to AIT campus should not miss to visit AIT Modernized Library and these two new landmarks, there are several other new and interesting places in

AIT where new milestones have been erected.

As one reaches the campus from the Paholyothin Highway, the new hefty sign board of AIT is clearly visible from afar. Entering the road towards the AIT campus, we can spot a new AIT bus stop. The old ramshackle bus-stop shelter has now been replaced with a modern structure, and a bright poster showcasing AIT's fame for its internationality. Closer to the AIT entrance is the "Knowledge City Police Station" that serves our community with a 24-hour vigil.

AIT now greets every visitor with a wide majestic "AIT Gate", which reflects both AIT's heritage and modernity. The road has been widened, and we are installing automated barrier

gate for easier flow of traffic. The tangled mesh of hanging wires and the makeshift guard house has now been removed. A new guard house at its new location provides better facilities to our security personnel, and helps them serve us better.

Turn to the right towards AIT Administration Building, and we can easily spot the brand-new "AIT Clock Tower" over the walkway to the AIT Conference Center. The AIT Clock Tower has quickly emerged as a landmark and it is a popular meeting point inside AIT. It provides a perfect backdrop for memorable photographs to preserve AIT memories.

On the right into the AIT Conference Center is the rechristened "Robert B Banks Auditorium", recently named

to honor our former President Prof. Robert B Banks. Adjacent to the AIT Conference Center is the new "Flood Memorial Garden", which traces the history of the Great Thailand Flood of 2011. It will soon display the story of how members of the AIT Community defended the campus from the Great Thailand Flood of 2011 before it fell to the titanic force of nature and was completely inundated under two metres of water for around two months. Nearby is the brand-new "AIT Conference Center Annex" which was recently built using SCG-Heim Japanese standards to add 20 premium hotel rooms to the AITCC.

On the left side of the AIT Clock Tower is the entirely renovated Administration Building. The well-lit entrance has a brand new Reception



Hall with a welcome lounge for visitors. The hall displays information boards of AIT's three schools, and an AIT Timeline that traces the history of the institute, decade by decade, from 1959 onwards. Also included is a presentation room, where guests can be entertained with AIT presentations and videos.

A new entrance to the President Office on the upper floor has also been created, which supplements the narrow spiral staircase with a broad, elegant and comfortable flight of stairs. We realized that many of our senior visitors found navigating the old narrow staircase to be cumbersome.

Take the recarpeted road or the pedestrian path, and you will find your way to the modernized AIT Library –

the central hub of student life nowadays. In its center court stands the "Knowledge Garden" where students can enjoy weekend concerts and other activities. AIT Library today is a show case of modern interior design, modern services of online knowledge resources with the most advanced technology, as well as classical hard-copy version upstairs. The library is spacious with assortments of modern facilities. It has 16 group-study rooms, with flat screen connected to online resources. It also provides relaxing spaces including beanbags, floor sitting, and comfortable chairs. There is a fully equipped teleconferencing room and an online broadcasting studio. The library is also served by a Library Robot who fetches returned books back from the books stations. The lighting of the library is supported by its solar roof. On the side of the

Library, we have the photocopy shop to serve the students.

Exit through the VIP lounge of the Library, one can grab a coffee at the "Inthanin Garden" which offers organic coffee. You could take your coffee to the patio, which is a favorite among students during late evenings. The well-lit surroundings, with lush lawns and pathways are a sight to behold. A little down the path towards the student dorms is another new facility - a large "7-11 Convenience Store", to serve the campus residents in addition to the existing Lawson Shop.

But that is not all. There are still other facilities coming up. A brand-new air-conditioned dormitory complex is now under construction near the

School of Management Building. The entire campus is now lit with LED lights, and roads have been repaved, while dorms and other facilities are under regularly maintained and upgraded where required.

While I can write more about the new AIT, it is best that you visit us and experience it first-hand.

Welcome to AIT!



AIT GATE AND ENTRANCE

Photo: Geoinformatics Center (GIC)





AIT GATE AND ENTRANCE NIGHT VIEW

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**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

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NIGHT VIEW OF AIT CLOCK TOWER  
Photo: TayZar (Students' Union Photo Contest)



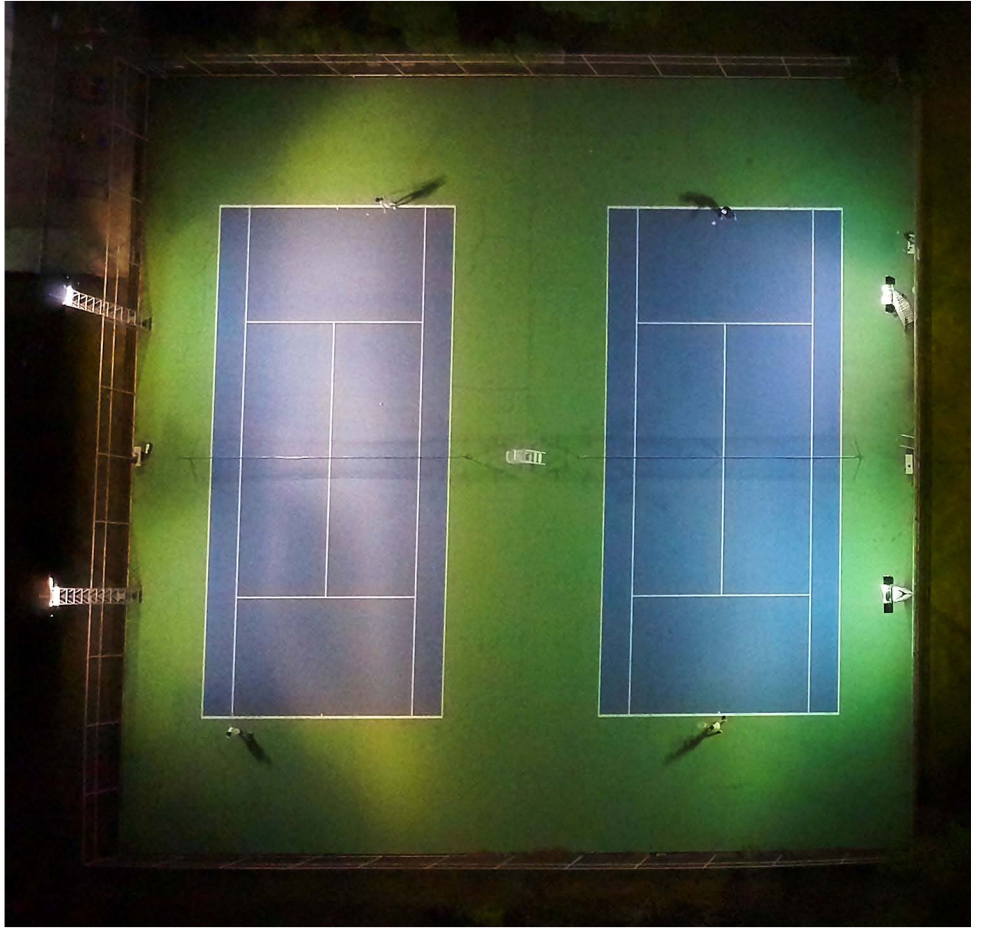
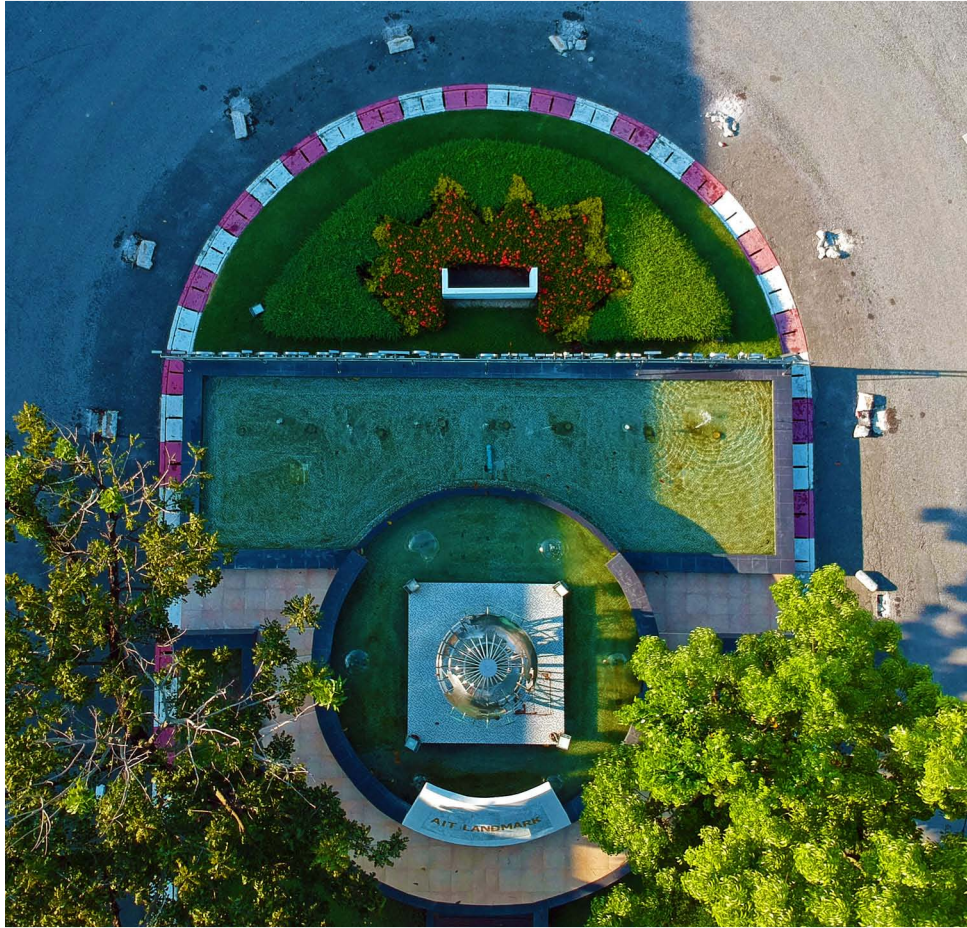


# DRONE VIEW OF AIT CLOCK TOWER

Photo: Geoinformatics Center (GIC)







**DRONE VIEW OF AIT GLOBE AND TENNIS COURT**  
Photos: John Benedict Bernardo (Students' Union Photo Contest)



**VIP LOUNGE IN  
AIT LIBRARY**

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**NIGHT VIEW OF AIT LIBRARY**

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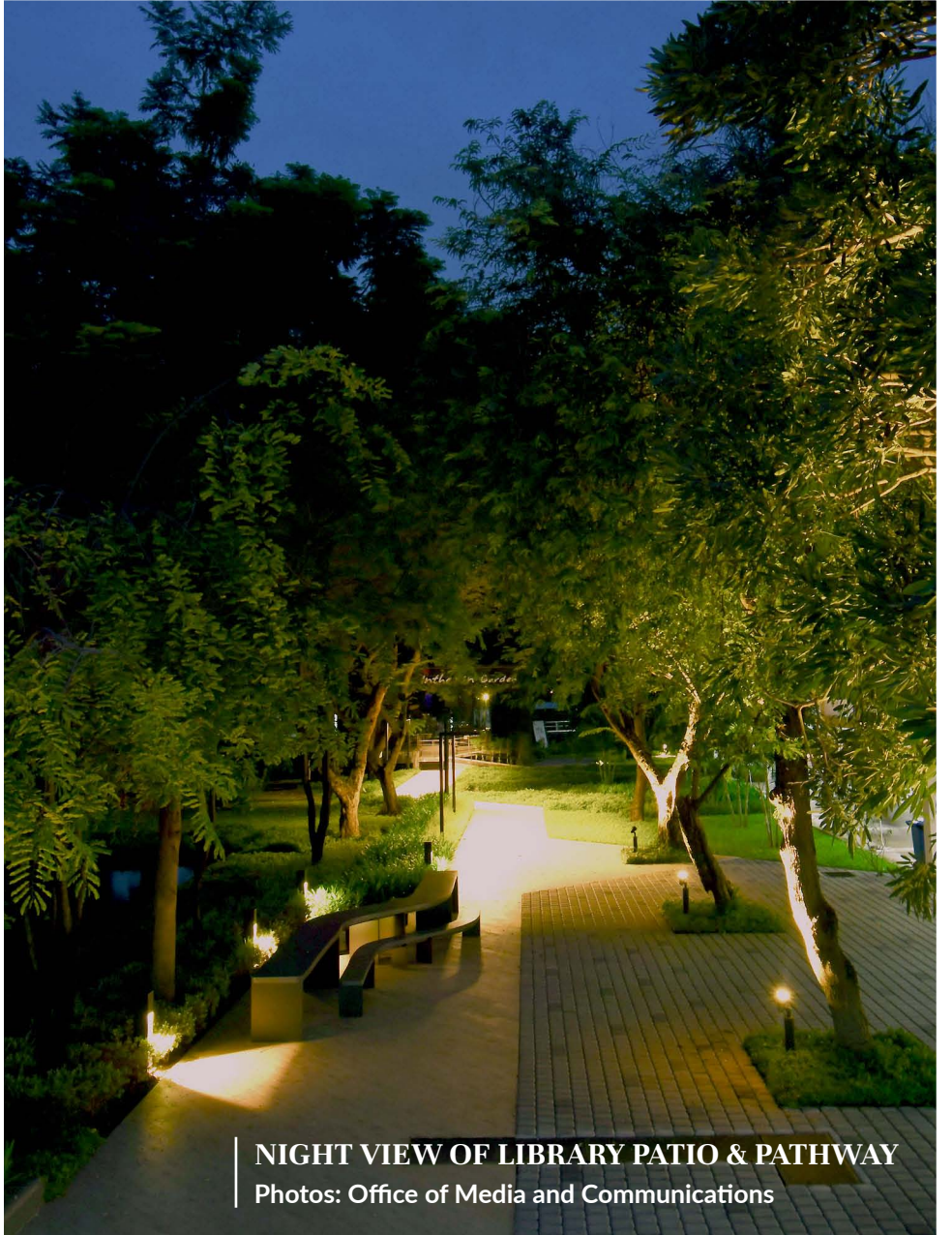


**KNOWLEDGE GARDEN (NIGHT & DAY VIEWS)**

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**NIGHT VIEW OF LIBRARY PATIO & PATHWAY**  
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**ROBERT B. BANKS AUDITORIUM**  
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**AIT CONFERENCE CENTER ANNEX**  
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| INTHANIN GARDEN



| PHOTOCOPY SHOP



| TRAVEL CLICK







| POLICE STATION



| GUARD HOUSE



| AIT BUS STOP

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