



# THIRTY-TWO COMPANIES JOIN THE SILVER JUBILEE EDITION OF AIT'S CAREER FAIR

hirty-two companies joined the silver jubilee edition of the AIT Career Fair organized on 27 March 2019. This included 12 companies participating in the bi-annual event for the first time.

Welcoming the exhibitors, President Dr. Eden Y Woon described AIT as a great destination to hire potential employees. "AIT students are international in their background and thinking, and beside being fluent in English, they have undergone a rigorous education," President Woon said. "Our students' worldview is very broad, and this makes them ideal recruits," he added. "Moving forward, AIT will become more global as it will have more exchange partners, offer a greater number of internship opportunities, and be home to more visiting professors," the President said.

Introducing the event Joan Carla Gonzales, Coordinator, AIT Career Center informed the participants that this was the 25th edition of the AIT Career Fair that began in 2006.

Alongside the Career Fair, a research exhibition of posters prepared by AIT students was also organized at the same venue, showcasing a record 31 research exhibits.



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# **RECENT NEWS / HAPPENINGS AT AIT**

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### AIT Unveils its 60th-Anniversary Logo

AIT has officially unveiled its 60th-anniversary logo. "Transforming AIT" is the theme of the logo, which represents a new dynamism as the Institution moves into the next decade of its existence.

Founded as the SEATO Graduate School of Engineering in 1959, it transformed itself into the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in 1967 following the promulgation of its Royal Charter. In 1973, it moved to its campus in Pathum Thani. The Institute celebrated its golden jubilee in 2009.

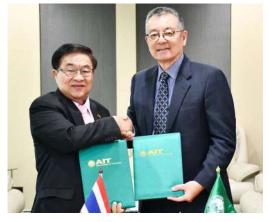


The logo was designed by the Institute's graphic designer, Ms. Nadhika Mendhaka.

### **INDEX International Offers Three Scholarships to AIT Students**

INDEX International will offer three scholarships to Master's students to pursue their education at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT). A formal Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed by Dr. Chainarong Na Lamphun, President and CEO of Index International Group Co., and Dr. Eden Y. Woon, President of AIT on 19 March 2019.

The scholarships follow the format of the INDEX International scholarships previously offered by Dr. Chainarong in 2017. The scholarships are available to Thai nationals, and they carry a bond requiring recipients to serve with INDEX International for a period of 48 months after the completion of their studies. One scholarship each goes to the School of Engineering and Technology (SET), the School of Environment, Resources, and Development (SERD), and the School of Management (SOM).



Dr. Chainarong Na Lamphun (left) and President Eden Y. Woon.

### **AIT Takes the Lead in Mapping Indonesian Floods**

AIT's Geoinformatics Center (GIC) has taken the lead in providing emergency maps following the flood that hit Indonesia's easternmost province of West Papua. Torrential rains caused widespread flash flooding and triggered landslides affecting mountainside villages. Initial estimates placed the number of those killed at over 100, with the worst landslides occurring in the city of Jayapura. GIC was the project manager following the activation of the Disaster Charter.



Red color depicts flooded areas.

### AIT Students Win 2019 International Day of Forests Debate



From left: Sarathanjali Manoharan, Megha Bajaj, and Pimolporn Jintarith.

A team of three students from AIT has won the 2019 International Day of Forests (2019 IDF) debate organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on 21 March 2019.

The AIT team of Sarathanjali Manoharan, Pimolporn Jintarith, and Megha Bajaj, who debated on the topic "Providing the youth with an equal opportunities to study forestry will help reduce inequality issues in the world," emerged as winners of the event, which was co-organized by the FAO, the Center for People and Forests (RECOFTC), and United Nations Environment.

Beside winning the contest. Sarathanjali Manoharan was also adjudged best debater. All three team members are currently studying in the Natural Resources Management (NRM) program in AIT's School of Environment, Resources, and Development (SERD). Like all AIT teams, the panel is highly international in its composition; while Sarathanjali is from Sri Lanka, Pimolporn is from Thailand, and Megha is from Nepal.

#### Student Research Showcased at Exhibition



A research exhibition of posters prepared by AIT students was organized alongside the AIT Career Fair showcasing a record 31 research exhibits. The best poster award was won by Wachiranon Chuenchart of Environmental Engineering and Management, followed by Tina Rodvong of School of Management (second prize), while the third prize was shared by Gautam Dadhich of Remote Sensing and Geographical Information Systems, Anuja Dahal of Food Engineering and Bioprocess Technology, and Apantri Peungnumsai of Remote Sensing and Geographical Information Systems.

The exhibition displayed a wide variety of research ranging from engineering and environment to management.

### **AIT Champions League Launched**



The winning team

A new AIT Champions League Cricket Tournament has been launched by the AIT Cricket Club, AIT Students Union, and the Cricket Association of Thailand.

The inaugural edition of the tournament was held on 16-17 March 2019. The T20 hardball tournament had three teams saw participation from three teams — AIT

Sunrisers, AIT Challengers, and Elite AITians, with Elites defeating Challengers in the final. Shashika Atapattu captained the Elites, while Mishkat Ullah led the Challengers. Vinay Chowdary captained the Sunrise team. Chatura Lavanga Mendis of Sri Lanka won the player of the Tournament and Best Bowler award, while the winning captain, Shashika Atapattu (also of Sri Lanka) was adjudged best batsman and Irfan Asif Afraz (Pakistan) won the best all-rounder award.

# **SEMINARS/ TALKS/ WORKSHOPS**

**Global Technology Needs Assessment Workshop** 28 February - 2 March 2019



#### Seminar on "Communications in **Railways and How to Ensure Security**" Manpreet Mann, Bombardier

20 March 2019



Talk on "Towards **Sustainable Infrastructure Development in Asia and** the Pacific"

Dr. Bambang Susantono, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

26 March 2019



**Professional Training Program on Advanced Shrimp Farming AIT Extension** 

3 March 2019



#### Seminar on "Let's Make It Real"

Winai Chonnaparamutt, National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC)

6 March 2019



#### Talk on "Processing and **Rendering Gigapixel Images and Videos''**

Dr. Pedro Sander, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)

8 March 2019



Roundtable discussion on **"Transforming Education** to Build a Future-Ready **Skilled Workforce''** Roger Carl Schank 13 March 2019

International Symposium on Disaster Resilience and Sustainable Development



One-hundred-and-forty-five participants from 62 universities based in 19 countries participated in an international symposium on Disaster Resilience and Sustainable Development organized by AIT on 7-8 March 2019. Focussed on integrating higher education institutions achieving the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this is an initiative of the ProSPER.Net project titled "Disaster Resilience and Sustainable Development Education Network in Asia."

German-Bangladesh Higher Education Network for Sustainable Textiles project

26-29 March 2019



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### AIT Blood Donation: 5 March 2019



AIT Career Fair: 27 March 2019



### AIT International Food Fair: 29 March 2019



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### CLMVT Professional Program Draws 11 Insurance Companies

The Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam and Thailand (CLMVT) Professional Development Program in Non-life Insurance drew participants from 11 insurance companies, with Dr Sutthipol Taweechaiyakarn, Secretary-General of the Office of Commission Insurance inaugurating the week-long program. Organized by AIT Extension, the program focussed on advanced insurance business models and solutions. The program was supported by Thai Reinsurance Public Co. Ltd. (ThaiRe) — a company led by AIT alumnus Oran Vongsurapichet (MBA in 2000, and Ph.D. in 2011). Participants came from Republic Insurance Co. Ltd., Bangladesh, Forte Insurance PLC (Cambodia), Cambodia Reinsurance Public Co. Ltd., Thailand, Thai Reinsurance PLC, Thailand, Office of Insurance Commission, Thailand, Thanachart Insurance PLC, Thailand, Dhipaya Insurance PLC



Thailand, Vietnam National Reinsurance Corp., and Global Insurance Corp. (GIC), Vietnam. The program received extensive media coverage in Thailand.

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Full page coverage of AIT's Research in the Bangkok Post. The article quotes AIT air-pollution experts who state why PM2.5 still wreaks havoc after months of applied solutions.

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