

AIT As I Know and the Disruptive World



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The "SEATO Graduate School of Engineering (1966-1967)" was established by the Royal Decree at the campus of Chulalongkorn University, managed by a Board of Management appointed by the SEATO Council.

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"Some critics believed the Pate-Rorer and the USA dream was simply an experiment that could not succeed and the new school would become a part of Chulalongkorn University. There was no precedent for such an institute anywhere in the world."

W. L. Pate, Secretary for the SEATO Secretary General with AIT President Wiroon K. Kiatkubkulchai

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STATUS CHANGE OF AIT IN 1967 - WHY?



"Because of the ambiguous legal status and its affiliation with SEATO, it was not possible to transfer the financial base and obtain contributions from other sources."

Professor W. R. Rorer to the Report to the Board of Trustees, July 1966



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