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## **Agreement Signing Ceremony between AIT and NSTDA**

**Wednesday, 29 June 2016**

**AIT Conference Center**

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The Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) and National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) will launch a joint academic cooperation between both parties at the Agreement Signing Ceremony to be held on Wednesday, 29 June 2016 at the AIT Conference Center, AIT Campus in Pathumthani province.

According to the agreement, NSTDA will send eleven (11) Thai experts / researchers in various fields to serve as Special Adjunct Faculty members to teach AIT students and to conduct joint research at AIT. The researchers are from BIOTEC, NECTEC, MTEC, and NANOTEC, Royal Thai Government.

At the ceremony, Prof. Yongyuth Yuthavong, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Science and Technology, Royal Thai Government, will offer his remarks on the new cooperation between the two institutes. Dr. Hiroyuki Konuma, Senior Advisor to the AIT President and former FAO Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, will deliver a Keynote Lecture titled “World Food Security and the Role of Research and Science”, followed by a Question and Answer period and presentations from NSTDA researchers.

### **PROGRAM**

**13:00 – 13:30 hrs.**

- Guests arrive at AIT Auditorium
- Presidents of AIT and NSTDA arrive in the AIT Auditorium

**13:30 hrs.**

- Introduction of Dignitaries, VIPs and Special Guests (MC)



- Brief AIT Presentation by Mr. Shawn Kelly
- Remarks by AIT President Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai
- Remarks by Dr. Thaweesak Koanantakool, NSTDA President
- Remarks by Prof. Yongyuth Yuthavong, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Science and Technology, Royal Thai Government, Former President of NSTDA, and Former member of the AIT Executive Committee and Institute-level Advisory Board, and Senior Specialist of National Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, NSTDA.
- Keynote Lecture by Dr. Hiroyuki Konuma, Senior Advisor to AIT President  
*Title: "World Food Security and the Role of Research and Science"*
- Key Presentation by Dr. Verawat Champreda, Senior Researcher at BIOTEC  
*Title: "Translating Biotechnology to Sustainable Economy"*
- Key Presentation by Dr. Uracha Ruktanonchai, Senior Researcher at NANOTEC (*Title: To be confirmed*)
- Signing of the NSTDA-AIT Agreement
- Certificate of Appreciation Presentation to NSTDA researchers from Dr. Subin Pinkayan, Chairman of the AIT Board of Trustees. (Introduction of Adjunct Prof. / Researchers by MC)
  - Dr. Verawat Champreda (BIOTEC)
  - Dr. Supakorn Siddhichai (NECTEC)
  - Dr. Noppadon Nuntawong (NECTEC)
  - Dr. Pattavadee Ploykitikoon (NECTEC)
  - Dr. Chanchana Thanachayanont (MTEC)
  - Dr. Sitthisuntorn Supothina (MTEC)
  - Dr. Uracha Ruktanonchai (NANOTEC)
  - Dr. Rawiwan Maniratanachote (NANOTEC)
- Group Photo
- End of Signing Ceremony



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**15:00 hrs.**

- Refreshments for Honored Guests