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I am very pleased to join you this AIT Day 2010 on the auspicious occasion of the Fifty-first Anniversary of the founding of the Asian Institute of Technology, and to share in the launch of the new AIT Hall of Fame and the AIT Endowment Fund Campaign. I would like to express my appreciation to the Board of Trustees and President Prof. Said Irandoust for inviting me to return to AIT to celebrate the success of this Institute.

On this occasion, I am honored and flattered to accept the invitation of the Panel of Judges, chaired by former President Prof. Alastair North, to be the first Hall of Fame inductee at the Asian Institute of Technology.

It gives me great pride to be joined in the Hall of Fame by eleven other outstanding AIT alumni. All of the inaugural Hall of Fame inductees have contributed in exceptional ways to their respective professions, leading to a positive impact on the advancement of society and the sustainable development of their countries and region.

The achievements of each Hall of Fame inductee can serve to inspire AIT's alumni to pursue careers that apply technology, engineering, resources and development and management for the betterment of all peoples and of our fragile planet.

Congratulations to my fellow Hall of Fame inductees, whose lifetime achievements embody what the Institute is all about, and who have brought great pride to their alma mater and its alumni all over the world.

I wish also to congratulate the Institute on the signing of the New AIT Charter on 25 August 2010, thereby leading to International Intergovernmental Organization status for AIT. Attaining such a goal is a great achievement for any institution of higher learning, and I am pleased that this will herald a new era in the illustrious history of the Institute.

Today the Asian Institute of Technology's international reputation grows around the world, and this should make us all feel very proud.

May all of you who have benefited from an AIT education look back fondly and support the AIT Endowment Fund Campaign to ensure that AIT's noble mission continues and that together we help inspire Creative Global Leaders of Tomorrow.

I wish the entire AIT Community a very happy and special Homecoming on this AIT Day 2010.

Thank you.



