

**AIT President explains the clue of invalid "degree"
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AIT President explained the change of the stand of MoFA not to ratify the new Charter, causing its students to be victimized, resulting its degree to be invalid. He stated that he did not have right of decision making.

Due to the event of AIT students have lodged the letter of complaint to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) and the Ministry of Education (MoE), with regard to the case the Civil Servants Commission or CSC would not recognize the degree approved by AIT Council, since the said Council has still no juristic personality under the Thai law. Professor Dr. Said Irandoust, the President of AIT said that in solving the problem for the said students, it would be the duty of the Council in acting as the Institute's Council together with MoFA, as representative of the Thai Government. Currently, it was initiated to discuss on the solution of the said problem, without having any conclusion yet. Anyhow, he viewed that the alleged invalidity of degree of AIT should not happen, since, every step of action was completed and the degree had been valid before the enforcement of the new Charter. With regard to the status of AIT in the absence of the juristic personality, as the result of the enforcement of the new Charter, without being ratified by the Thai Government, he explained that the drafting process of the new Charter, it had been well approved and supported by MoFA thoroughly. But, the Thai counterpart changed its stand suddenly, upon receiving the complaint letter addressing to MoFA. However, the detail on the said letter was yet disclosed, therefore, AIT did not have right to explain to any allegation thereof.

"However, I have explained all the occurred problems on the status of AIT to the Office of Higher Education Commission (CHE) and MoFA, as the representative of the Thai Government, by proposing them to consider the ratification of the new Charter for the betterment of the problems, because I do not want the students, faculty members and the Institute to be victimized by the problem of legal opinion. Additionally, in the past the Thai Government acted as the leadership in proposing the draft new Charter and provided good support thoroughly, including during the drafting process of the new Charter, it was confirmed by MoFA that the new Charter would be enforceable immediately upon ratifying by at least 5 countries, even though without Thailand.", the AIT President said.

Professor Dr. Said further said that as it had been noted that the change of the new Charter would be for the benefit of business investment, he insisted that the intention of AIT was remained unchange i.e., as non-profit organization. In the mean time, the purpose of the new Charter was to make clarity and upgrade the status of AIT to be intergovernmental organization for the target of AIT's development. Initially, the concept was to set up AIT as the network in various countries worldwide.