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**Graduation Speech by: Mr. Supawat Chaikasem, EEM/SERD- Representative of Doctoral graduating students, Morning Session, 123<sup>st</sup> AIT Graduation Ceremony, 22 May 2015**

Good morning honored Guests, AIT President, Faculty members, Friends and the Graduating student of 2015!

First of all, I would like to thank you for providing me this opportunity to deliver a speech on behalf of all Ph.D. graduates.

We have all accomplished one of the major early milestones of our lives in today's AIT graduation. This is the major step in the journey of our lives, one that should be recognized for its immense significance. It is an act not only of personal commitment, but also one of pride. We all worked hard to get to this day, and our work did not go to waste. During this journey, there were many challenges, daily struggles and many sleepless nights. For example on October 2011, I faced the biggest challenge, as my reactor was flooded and stopped for 6 months in the middle of the experimental run. But I did not give up during that time. I accepted the failure and learned from it. Failure is part of life, it is a part of every career, and you have to know how to take advantage of it. Recognize you have failed, try to realize it fast, learn from it, and move forward. Embrace failure and make it become a part of your persona. You are going to have long careers, and as I have said, you will be having failures in your personal, business, and professional lives. I have had my share. But just use this as a building block to your next success. Negative results from the experiment do not necessarily mean the end, as you have learnt and achieved something from it.

Graduation however, is not an end goal. It is a part of the larger journey of life, and our true learning starts from now.

We thank AIT for providing us with great opportunities and motivation for our growth in the future. Studying in AIT has not only led me to develop the

professional working style and critical thinking skills, but it has also greatly enhanced my confidence and passion to continue in this profession.

After graduation, we will start our careers in society. We will pursue this in different places with the spirit of self-learning and self-training that we have acquired while studying in AIT. Our achievement today would not have been possible without the excellent guidance and ample encouragement from our professors, families and friends.

In conclusion, during my studies in AIT, I have come to realize that passion is a key ingredient to studies, research and life. It is with passion, courage of conviction, and a strong sense of self, that we take our next steps into the world, remembering the impressions about the AIT environment. You must always have faith in people. And most importantly, you must always have faith in yourself!

Congratulations to the class of 2015!