

MR. EDMOND YUE STUDENT EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Internationalization is one of the key priorities of AIT President Dr. Eden Y. Woon’s vision for AIT. We want to provide our Master’s students broader global opportunities for their further development in order to become responsible citizens of the world. A key way which this can be done is through one-semester academic exchanges with globally recognized prestigious universities. And we are steadily signing up more exchange partners.

But even though students will not have to pay additional tuition, they still have to pay for their board, lodging & airfare. We would expect and want the students to pay something for this lifetime experience. But we hope to supplement that with the **Student Exchange Scholarship Program**.

In May this year, Mr. Edmond Yue from Hong Kong became the first such donor, providing Thai Baht 1,000,000 (One Million Thai Baht) for a period of 5 years to the Student Exchange Scholarship program. He specifically wanted to help Chinese students from Heilongjiang province.



The scholarship will subsidize half of the student’s exchange expenses. This AIT student must come from Heilongjiang province exchanging to any AIT partner university to be eligible. Student granted for this Exchange Program will be called **Mr. Edmond Yue Exchange Scholar**.

Ms. Chen, Ying, Master student in the School of Management, is the first AIT student to benefit from the new Student Exchange Scholarship Program. She became the first Edmond Yue Exchange Scholar at AIT, receiving THB 100,000. —half of her expenses during the exchange program at EDHEC Business School, France from August – December 2019.



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Q & A with Dr Naveed Anwar, Vice President for Knowledge Transfer

Dr. Naveed Anwar, who joined AIT as Vice President for Knowledge Transfer spoke with the Institute's Office of Public Affairs (OPA). Prior to assuming the post of Vice President, Dr. Naveed Anwar served as Executive Director of AIT Solutions.

As the first VP for Knowledge Transfer, Dr. Naveed begins with a fresh mandate. "The position of Vice President for Knowledge Transfer is not only a new position, it also focuses on a new mandate-that has not been explicitly addressed at AIT before. This role emphasizes and supports important aspects of the vision of the new management team, which is to create an entrepreneurship culture and increase engagement with enterprises. Even though some of the activities in this portfolio are similar to my work in previous positions at AIT, most are new initiatives, with much wider scope and impact," says Dr. Naveed.



Dr. Naveed Anwar

Please read the full interview at this link:
<https://bit.ly/2OrLMdQ>

AIT Signs MoU with Construction Development Corporation Limited (CDCL), Bhutan

Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Construction Development Corporation Limited (CDCL), Bhutan, to enhance cooperation in delivering short courses, conducting training, and offering capacity building courses for professionals. The MoU was signed by Mr. Phuntsho Gyeltshen, Chief Executive Officer, CDCL, and Dr. Eden Y. Woon, President, AIT, on 17 July 2019.

The MoU aims at closer collaboration in delivering long and short-term customized professional development courses for CDCL professionals, and developing post-graduate certificate, diploma courses, for CDCL engineers and management.

Mr. Phuntsho Gyeltshen pointed out that while the company is fully owned by the Bhutanese government, it plans to set up subsidiaries over the next two to three years that will operate over the entire Asian region.



MoU signing ceremony between AIT and CDCL.

Mr. Phuntsho was accompanied by Mr. Kencho Tshering, General Manager, Human Resources and Administration, CDCL. The CDCL delegation also invited President Woon to visit the company during his proposed visit to Bhutan in August.

AIT and Chiang Mai University Co-host Ostrom Conference



AIT and Chiang Mai University (CMU) co-hosted the Third Conference of the Ostrom Center for the Advanced Study of Natural Resource Governance (OCeAN) on 11-15 July 2019. Prof. Ganesh P. Shivakoti, founder of the Ostrom Center, explained that the Center focuses on publications, hosting scholarly discussions, organizing and supporting training, engaging in policy dialogue with decision-makers, and organizing grant writing workshops. This was the third iteration of the Conference, and this year, the Conference theme was “Redefining Diversity and Dynamism in Natural Resources Management in Asia.”

AIT Alumnus Appointed Mayor of Kandahar

Md. Rafi Hayat, a master's graduate from Urban Environmental Management (UEM, 2018), School of Environment, Resources and Development (SERD), has been appointed Mayor of Kandahar, Afghanistan.



Md. Rafi Hayat

In a message to Dr. Vilas Nitivattananon of UEM, Hayat thanked UEM and his mentor. "All credit goes to UEM and to my dearest teacher," he said in a message sent on the very first day of assuming the office of Mayor.

Dr Salin Elected as Director, World Aquaculture Society-Asia Pacific Chapter

Dr. KR Salin of Aquaculture and Aquatic Resource Management has been elected a Director, World Aquaculture Society-Asia Pacific Chapter (WAS-APC). The World Aquaculture Society is the world's largest professional organisation in the field of aquaculture with 3500 members in over 100 countries.



Dr. KR Salin (fifth from left).

WAS is run by a Board consisting of elected officers from among its worldwide memberships every three years, and Dr. Salin was elected as a Director of the WAS Board in May 2019 in a worldwide ballot and will serve on the Board until 2021. The first meeting of the new Board was held on the sidelines of the Asian Pacific Aquaculture (APA 2019) Conference, Chennai, India in 18-21 June 2019.

AIT Team Selected as Finalist in S-Booster

An AIT team consisting of Mr. Gautam Dadhich (doctoral student, Remote Sensing and GIS) and his advisor, Dr. Hiroyuki Miyazaki of Information and Communication Technologies, School of Engineering and Technology have been selected as finalists in S-Booster, a space-based business idea contest organized by the Cabinet Office, Government of



Mr. Gautam Dadhich

Japan. Their winning proposal was titled “BlueWatch—Spatial Aquaculture Advisory System for Smart Aquaculture Farms”, in which satellite earth observation and positioning technologies can help aquaculture farms deal with risk management by issuing early alerts. Four finalists were selected among 15 proposals in the Asia Round. The final round will be held in Tokyo in November.

OUTGOING

Shanghai Ocean University (SHOU)



President Cheng Yudong (left) and Dr. Eden Y. Woon

President Eden Y. Woon signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the International Exchange Office, Science and Technology Department, Graduate School, College of Fisheries and Life Sciences, SHOU.

2 July 2019

Tongji University



President Dr. Eden Y. Woon interacted with President of Tongji University, Chen Jie.

2 July 2019

Shanghai Jiao Tong University



Dr. Eden Y. Woon met with Dr. Xu Xue-min, Vice President for Education and International Affairs, Shanghai Jiao Tong University (right).

3 July 2019

MoU with RCEES



Dr. Eden Y. Woon signing an MoU with RCEES.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by AIT President Dr. Eden Y. Woon and Dr. Ouyang Zhiyun, Director, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences (RCEES), Beijing, China.

4 July 2019

Beijing Normal University



Dr. Eden Y. Woon (left) and Prof. Dong Qi.

AIT President Dr. Eden Y. Woon held deliberations with Prof. Dong Qi, President of Beijing Normal University.

4 July 2019

Beijing Institute of Technology (BIT)



Prof. Li Hezhang, Vice President of Beijing Institute of Technology (left) and Dr. Eden Y. Woon.

President Dr. Eden Y. Woon met with Prof. Hezhang Li, Vice President, BIT.

5 July 2019

INCOMING

CAS Innovation Cooperation Center



A delegation from the Chinese Academy of Sciences Innovation Cooperation Center, Bangkok, interacted with President Dr. Eden Y. Woon and senior AIT officials.

10 July 2019

Bangladesh Minister of Public Administration



H.E. Mr. Farhad Hossian, Minister of State of Public Administration of Bangladesh visited AIT.

26 July 2019



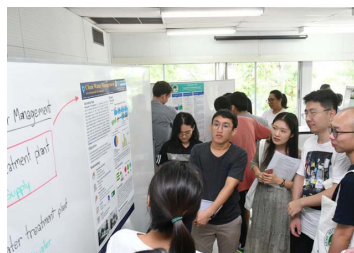
Education Camp and Study Tour for Students from JIS Group Educational Initiatives, India
1-15 July 2019



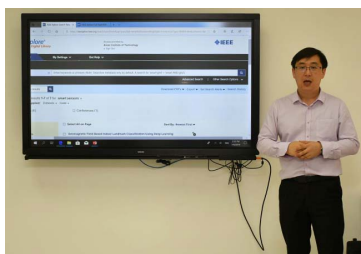
Summer School Program for Assam Agricultural University, India
22 July - 10 August 2019



Asia Pacific School on Internet Governance
7-10 July 2019



Poster Presentation Session by Bridging Program Students
24 July 2019



IEEE Xplore Training: Resources & Tools for Research
8 July 2019



National Consultation Workshop on Eco-Friendly Water Management for Sustainable Wetland Agriculture
25-26 July 2019



Education Camp and Study Tour for United Group of Institutions, India
15-29 July 2019



Inception Workshop on Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning for the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC) Trade Hub Project
28 July – 1 August 2019



Summer Camp for Northwestern Polytechnical University, China
22-29 July 2019



Effective Faecal Sludge Planning to Minimize Environment Pollution and Protect Public Health
31 July 2019

Welcome New Students!

AIT is getting ready to greet its latest intake of students. The Orientation Day program will be organized at the AIT Conference Center on August 2, 2019.



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