

GLOBAL RANKING

- 14th Agribusiness/Food Industry Management
- 54th Entrepreneurship
- 58th Sustainable Development and Environmental Management

FAR EAST ASIA RANKING

- 11th Engineering and Project Management
- 13th Executive MBA
- 13th Corporate Finance
- 16th MBA Full time
- 19th General Management



SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

AIT's Management Programs Among Global Top 20

AIT's prestigious Management programs have been ranked among the top global and regional programs, with its Master's program in Agribusiness Management being ranked 14th globally. Most AIT programs have improved their rankings in the latest Eduniversal Best Masters, which was released on 24 December 2013.

Three AIT programs are ranked among the top programs in the world, while five programs are ranked among the top programs in Far East Asia. In eight sectors, AIT programs have been rated as best in Thailand. The three programs that make it to the global top include Master's in Agribusiness Management (14th in the Agribusiness and Food Industry Management Sector, third in Asia, and first

in the Far East Asia and Thailand). AIT's MBA program has been ranked 54th in the field of Entrepreneurship, and 58th in the field of Sustainable Development and Environmental Management.

AIT's Master's program in Management of Technology is rated 11th in Far East Asia in the sector "Engineering and Project Management", while its Executive MBA program is ranked 13th in Far East Asia. The Professional Master's in Banking and Finance is rated 13th in Far East Asia in the sector "Corporate Finance," the MBA full time program is rated 16th among MBA programs in Far East Asia, and 19th in the sector "General Management." All AIT programs come out as the best programs in Thailand.



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Norway unveils third tranche of scholarships for Myanmar students



From left: H.E. Ms. Anne Ollestad, Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai, and H.E. Dr. Sahas Bunditkul.

The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMFA) unveiled its third tranche of scholarships for students from Myanmar to study at AIT. In an elegant ceremony organized at the Royal Norwegian Embassy at Yangon on 30 January 2014, the Ambassador of the Norway, H.E. Ms. Anne Ollestad, announced the commencement of scholarships for Myanmar students to undertake postgraduate studies at AIT.

The Ambassador remarked that education is the key to development in Myanmar, and AIT has an important role to play in offering knowledge and skills to students from Myanmar. “I am hopeful and confident that the students awarded scholarships through the program will return to Myanmar after their studies where their knowledge and competence is best suited, be it within the Government or in a private business,” the Ambassador said in her brief remarks. Later, the Norwegian Ambassador; H.E. Dr. Sahas Bunditkul, former Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand and member of AIT’s Board of Trustees; and Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai, Interim President, AIT addressed a press conference.

Prof. Yamamoto appointed Interim Vice President for Resource Development

Prof. Kazuo Yamamoto has been appointed as Interim Vice President for Resource Development at AIT. His appointment was approved at the meeting of the AIT Board of Trustees held on 16 January 2014. The appointment shall be effective from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014. Professor Yamamoto will be partially seconded to this position by the University of Tokyo.

New Vice President unveils proposal for Alliance for Global Sustainability Asia

Newly appointed Vice President for Resource Development (VPRD), Prof. Kazuo Yamamoto has unveiled a proposal for establishing Alliance for Global Sustainability Asia at AIT.

The Alliance for Global Sustainability (AGS) will establish a strong network in the region, help in obtaining faculty secondments and student scholarships, besides helping strengthen the AIT brand, Prof. Yamamoto said.

AGS is an international partnership between four of the world’s leading science and technology universities – ETH Zurich, MIT, The University of Tokyo, and Chalmers University of Technology. Since its creation in 1997, the AGS has drawn on the strength of its partners to develop capacity and new models for integrated research, education and outreach.

Prof. Yamamoto stated that AGS Asia will link with AGS, but it will be based in AIT, and it will network with Asian academic and research institutions, governments and industry. Prof. Yamamoto, who has worked as the Secretary of AGS when it was established, added that he was in consultation with his colleagues at the University of Tokyo about AGS Asia, and that they had agreed to extend the concept to AIT.



Prof. Kazuo Yamamoto

Students from 15 countries join AIT's January 2014 batch

Fifty-six students from 15 countries have joined AIT in the January 2014 batch. Welcoming them at the Orientation program held on 7 January 2014, AIT's Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Prof. Sivanappan Kumar offered them felicitations on behalf of the Institute.

Stating that AIT is committed to the Sustainable Development of the Asia-Pacific region, Prof. Kumar exhorted the students to avail of the myriad range of educational, research and outreach programs at the Institute. "The success of AIT is measured by the accomplishment of its students," Prof. Kumar said,

as he enumerated the accomplishments of the Institute's illustrious alumni. He suggested that besides academics, students should get involved in numerous activities such as "Greening of the AIT campus."

The Vice President for Academic Affairs also urged students to maintain high standards of ethical conduct. He asked students to get acquainted with the AIT faculty to make the most of the immense opportunities offered by the Institute. Prof. Kumar remarked that research and outreach are strengths of AIT, and hoped that students will find the Institute "exciting, rewarding and stimulating."



1- 4, 9 Incoming students. 5 Prof. Sivanappan Kumar. 6 Prof. C. Visavanathan. 7. Prof. Nitin K. Tripathi. 8. Mr. Salman Ali Suhail.

Dr. Fredric William Swierczek appointed Director of AIT Center Vietnam (AITCV)

Dr. Fredric W. Swierczek has been appointed as the new Director of AIT Center Vietnam (AITCV). His appointment will be effective from 21 January 2014 till the end of December 2015.

Dr. Swierczek takes over from the outgoing AITCV Director Dr. Amrit Bart, has assumed a position at University of Georgia. Dr. Swierczek is a founding faculty member of the AIT School of Management (SOM) and has previously served as the Director of AITV in 2007. Dr. Swierczek has extensive experience working in Vietnam having served as the Coordinator of the International Executive MBA Program in Vietnam. He served as Associate Professor in SOM from 1989-2006.



Dr. Fredric William Swierczek

Dr. Nitin Kumar Tripathi promoted Professor



Dr. Nitin Kumar Tripathi

Dr. Nitin Kumar Tripathi has been promoted to the rank of Professor at AIT. He was promoted following the endorsement of his promotion at the meeting of the AIT Executive Committee

on 24 December 2013, and the approval of the AIT Board of Trustees at its meeting on 16 January 2014.

Dr. Tripathi joined AIT as an Associate Professor in the Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System (RS&GIS) Field of Study (FoS) of the School of Engineering and Technology (SET) in 2000. He obtained both his Master's in Technology (Remote Sensing) and Doctorate (Remote Sensing and GIS) from Indian Institute of Technology (I.I.T.), Kanpur, India.

Dr. Surachet Pravinongvuth joins Assistant Professor



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Dr. Surachet Pravinongvuth has joined as Assistant Professor in the field of Transportation Engineering (TRE) in AIT's School of Engineering and Technology (SET).

Dr. Surachet completed his Ph.D. in Transportation Systems Engineering from Utah State University in 2007. He obtained his master degree from AIT, in the field of Infrastructure Planning and Management in 2001, and Bachelor's in Civil Engineering from Chulalongkorn University in 1999. Dr. Surachet is an expert in the area of transportation planning and traffic engineering, with a proven track record in researching, consulting, managing, and teaching; in both public and private sectors. Prior to joining AIT, he was the Chief of Transport System Research and Development Section at the Expressway Authority of Thailand.

AIT alumnus appointed Deputy Minister in Vietnam



Dr. Cao Quoc Hung

An alumnus of AIT, Dr. Cao Quoc Hung has been appointed as Deputy Minister, Ministry of Industry and Trade in Vietnam.

Dr. Hung is a graduate of AIT having completed his Doctoral program in Engineering in Energy Technology from the School of Environment, Resources and Development (SERD) in 1998. He has worked on the topic “Sectoral Energy Demand Analysis and Long-Term Demand Forecasting for the S.R. Vietnam.”

Before being appointed as Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade, Dr. Cao Quoc Hung have held various important positions in the government including Deputy Director of International Cooperation Department (Ministry of Industry), Director of International Cooperation Department (Ministry of Industry and Trade), and Deputy Director of General Department of Energy (Ministry of Industry and Trade).

FAO teams up with AIT, signs MoU



Mr. Hiroyuki Konuma (left) and Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai.

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and AIT have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop innovative approaches in research, education and capacity building in the field of food and agriculture.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Hiroyuki Konuma, Assistance Director-General and Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, and Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai, Interim President, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), at FAO’s Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific on 10 January 2013.

Stating that AIT is one of the most important institutions which deals with regional issues, Mr. Konuma remarked that the role played by AIT is “very highly recognized.”

Passing Away



Mr. Bernardo Gadlan

Mr. Bernardo Gadlan, Administrative and Finance Officer, Media and Communications Unit (MCU) passed away at the age of 52.

Fondly known as “Bernie”, he served as a point person for MCU dealing with faculty, staff, students, administration and external clients. A condolence meeting was

organized in Mr. Gadlan’s memory at AIT on 14 January 2014 which was attended by senior AIT officials. Bernie’s funeral ceremony was held on 21 January 2014 at Rangsit-Klong Si Methodist Church and Crematorium.

Board Chairman outlines AIT Road Map

A full-day session of AIT’s faculty and staff deliberated on the AIT Institutional Road Map, which was organized under the aegis of the Chairman of AIT Board of Trustees, H.E. Dr. Subin Pinkayan.

“The AIT Road Map is an operational guideline for 2014-2018,” Dr. Subin remarked at the beginning of the workshop held on 22 January 2013 at the AIT Conference Center. The AIT Road Map, which was approved at the meeting of the AIT Board of Trustees held on 16 January 2014, was presented to the AIT community, which began its deliberations on operationalizing an action plan.

“I identify myself as a member of the AIT community and I have come to work with you,” is how the Board Chairman described the day’s workshop. Welcom-



From left: Dr. Gregory Chiu, H.E. Dr. Subin Pinkayan, Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai, and Dr. Jonathan Shaw.

ing Dr. Subin, AIT’s Interim President Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai remarked that this was the first time that the Board Chairman has come down to work with the entire AIT community.

News You Can Use

Making Education Work

“Classrooms have had computers for decades, but in the past few years the buzz about “education technBBC quotes a report titled “Making Education Work” to say that “England’s education system is failing to meet the country’s long-term economic needs and requires a radical overhaul.”

It says: “A group of academics and business leaders says a new cross-party body should set long-term educational goals protected from the electoral cycle. They also want more emphasis on team working and problem-solving, and a baccalaureate system at A-level.”

Read more: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-25881774>

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