



INSTITUTE FORUM

Thursday, 1 December 2016
2 to 4 p.m. (1400-1600 hours)
AIT Conference Center (AITCC) Auditorium

Theme:

“LET'S LEARN FROM THE STUDENTS”

- 🌐 1345 - 1400 Arrival and registration
- 🌐 1400 - 1415 Welcome and Introduction by the AIT President,
Professor Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai
- 🌐 1415 - 1500 Students' Presentation on
“Pushing the Global Citizen Agenda – Students' Perspective”
- 🌐 1500 - 1545 Open Forum
- 🌐 1545 - 1615 Tea Reception and Interactions

SYNOPSIS OF THE STUDENTS' PRESENTATION:

What are global citizens according to students?

What can AIT do to develop global citizens?

How to attract more students from other continents?

How to attract talented students from Asia?

Seven AIT students from three different continents, from three different schools in AIT, had several meetings and identified problems AIT students face. They did a problem-cause analysis and collected constructive actions which will benefit students, faculty and staff - our AIT community.

During the session, the speakers will explore the 5 I's of global citizenship, proposed by the AIT President, Professor Worsak, from a student's perspective:

- 🌐 International perspective
- 🌐 Interdisciplinary competence
- 🌐 ICT competence
- 🌐 Industrial Relevance
- 🌐 Innovative mindset

They will share, for example, what are the biggest challenges for students and why an intercultural campus is not necessarily the right platform for creating culture-sensitive people.

THE TEAM OF STUDENTS:

Clara Elizaga (Philippines, SOM) has more than 15 years of experience in Small and Medium Enterprises Product Development and Branding partnering with the Philippine Department of Trade and Industry under various development projects. In addition, Clara also served as Senior Manager of Mall Operations in the Philippines for almost 6 years, handling SM City Cagayan De Oro, one of the 64 malls of market leader SM Supermalls.

Huno Solomon Kofi Mensah (Ghana, ETSuD, SERD/UNESCO-IHE) is a development enthusiast with focus on improving livelihood strategies of the people by equipping them with skills relevant for development. Solomon has vast and diverse experience as a field engineer (Agricultural, hydrogeology) working on various donor funded projects in Ghana and West Africa on various levels, interacting with local and international experts. He believes AIT is strategically positioned and is capable of training competent graduates with high calibre skills that can solve global challenges.

Nikolai Bn (Germany, SET), was working for Thales Aerospace, a French-German enterprise leading in airborne navigation and landing systems and satellite technology. Besides extending his knowledge in the field of engineering at AIT, Nikolai is keen on learning the Asian traditions and culture and has thus far visited six countries in Asia. This semester he has initiated the club "AIT Music Association" where gifted musicians can exchange knowledge and skill and expand their talents.

Noorie Safa (Bangladesh, SERD), worked for Gender Justice Programme of BRAC, the largest non-governmental development organisation in the world, as a Senior Sector Specialist. Being involved in Gender Integration and Knowledge Management unit, she was responsible to provide technical support to gender mainstreaming process of selected BRAC programs and enterprises, to produce knowledge products as well as to facilitate International gender trainings and learning sharing sessions with regard to gender justice issue.

Piraya Lueprasitsakul (Thailand, SERD), is elected to be the next President of the Student Union in January 2017. She has been serving as Vice President of the Thai AIT Student Association as well as treasurer of the Student Union, and is currently the Student Union Vice President. Having visited seven different countries in Asia, Europe and Australia, and also joined UNESCO World Youth Conference 2009, she developed the interest in understanding different cultures. While studying at AIT, she has been trying to encourage other Thai students to enjoy the opportunity of being in a cultural diverse environment and join common SU activities by creating platforms and announcing SU activities with Thai explanations. Besides this, her field is food engineering and biotechnology.

Tharika Fernando (Sri Lanka, UG, SET) was passionate about the leadership and communication skills of the community, working hard to establish Toastmasters Club at AIT, and has been selected to participate in several conferences regarding youth networking and youth building up. Tharika has a dream to be an executive with regarding Asian context in UN affiliated organization.

Wendy Wuyts (Belgium, SERD) was a board member of a European student organisation, co-funded by European Union and European Youth Foundation, connecting thousands of students in more than 30 countries, and has almost ten years' experience in intercultural teamwork, communication and organisation of intercultural exchanges, workshops and seminars. In addition, Wendy has professional experience in media and television and has worked together with award-winning filmmakers from Belgium. This semester, in AIT, she initiated "Student 2 Student sessions", where students can express themselves, exchange ideas and teach each other in a non-formal and multicultural environment. She has been herself in more than 60 countries and is currently a world blogger for Mo*, a Flemish alternative news magazine with a special focus on globalization.