



**ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
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**CITATION FOR PROFESSOR DON GEORGE ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ON 22 JANUARY 1998**

The Chair and members of the Board of Trustees, the President, faculty, staff, students and alumni of the Asian Institute of Technology, unite in expressing their gratitude, respect and affection to Professor Don George, Vice Chair of the Board, on the occasion of his retirement as a Trustee.

Elected to the Board in January 1978, Professor George has, for twenty years, brought to its affairs a dedication, experience, sagacity and good will that have served the interests of the Institute outstandingly well throughout his tenure of office. In July 1982, Professor George was elected Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, a sign already of the considerable respect in which he was held by his fellow Trustees and by the whole Institute community. In this capacity, he has served with distinction, chairing the Policy and Planning Committee, supporting and acting for the Chair on the Executive Committee and the full Board, as well as participating in the deliberations of the Faculty, and the Student Relations Committee. Professor George has also been a member of three Presidential Search Committees.

There is no doubt that in Professor Don George, the Institute's Trustees found a Board member with the right background indeed. He had experience of the highest academic administrative office, as Vice Chancellor and Principal of the University of Newcastle, Australia, where he also held a Chair in Engineering. He had BSc, BE and PhD degrees, had lectured in Engineering, and worked in key research laboratories at home and overseas.

Professor George has also led or been a member of other major national and international Boards and Commissions, including the International Atomic Energy Commission, and the Council of the Association of Commonwealth Universities. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences (FTS) and became an Officer of the Order of Australia in 1979 for his contributions to science and engineering.

Along with experience such as this, Professor George has brought to our deliberations, decision-making and activities his special quiet analytic skills, patient listenability, percipience and common sense. These considerable qualities, have made him an invaluable member of the Board, and a true friend of the Institute.

It is with respect and affection that the Board bids him farewell, invites him to become an Honorary Life Trustee of the Asian Institute of Technology, and wishes his wife, Lorna, and him a long and healthy future.

**M L Birabhongse Kasemsri
Chair, Board of Trustees**

**Professor Roger G H Downer
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