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To:

AITAA National Chapters

Subject: Re-establishment of AITAA Australia Chapter

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of AITAA HQ, I am pleased to declare the re-establishment of AITAA Australia Chapter. This declaration is in line with the premise of the resolution of the AITAA Governing Board (GB) made at its meeting No.43 on 22 November 2014 in Manila, Philippines, under the agenda item 9 (Other Business) which is:

The GB agrees that HQ has an authority to dissolve inactive Chapters, and re-establish them in case there are groups of alumni in the particular countries interested in the reactivation.

Please be informed that the previous Australia Chapter had become inactive and nonresponsive to our several attempted communications since 2015. Our emails sent to the previous President of the Chapter went unanswered and failed to yield any result. However, a current group of AIT alumni in Australia contacted us expressing interest to re-establish the Australia Chapter. We, the AITAA Executive Committee, decided to declare the dissolution of previous Australia Chapter and urged the interested group to proceed with the re-establishment process.

Referring to the AITAA Statutes, Article VI Sec. 2 states that "Ten (10) or more regular members of AITAA may form a National Chapter, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee". I am pleased to share with you the attached Minutes of Meeting of the mentioned group of AIT alumni in Australia on 7th October 2017 in Canberra, wherein, a total of fifteen (15) AIT alumni have organized a meeting and resolved to re-establish the AITAA Australia Chapter. The planned meeting was widely announced in advance to other alumni in the country as well as information was sent to the AITAA HQ. In this regard, I am also pleased to inform you that I have received an approval of the AITAA Executive Committee regarding the re-establishment of the chapter. Therefore, I am now declaring AITAA Australia Chapter as re-established as of today, 20 October 2017.

I would like to thank Dr. Kamal Uddin (HSD 1996) who spearheaded this event and other fellow alumni for their efforts and great support which led to the successful re-establishment. I have confidence that Dr. Kamal Uddin together with the new set of officers will lead AITAA-Australia to become a strong networking link among the AIT alumni in the country in close collaboration with AITAA HQ and other AITAA National Chapters. We hope to see representatives of the new AITAA Australia Chapter at our upcoming Governing Board Meeting (GBM) in Taiwan.

Please join me in extending our best wishes and congratulations to our fellow alumni in Australia for this great achievement.

Yours sincerely

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President

AITAA Headquarters