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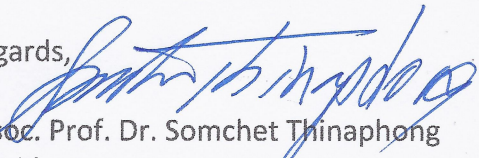
Evolving AIT to the *Greater Next*

Referring to AIT's Institute-Level Advisory Board (ILAB), at its meeting on 21 October 2016, discussed the core issue of phrasing a statement that would embody AIT's "future position", and in that occasions, discussion and comments were invited from the AIT community¹. We AIT Alumni have perused the summary of the ILAB meeting and the comments presented on the referenced web page, and come up with our comments and suggestions as follows:

1. The summary and comments on *vision.ait.asia* focus on establishing a single vision statement.
 - a) We seek your comment as to what activities may have been completed in the last whole year to finalize a vision for AIT including activities, as Prof. Webster noted, [to] "...get 'buy-in' from all of the stakeholders: faculty, staff, students, alumni and donors."
 - b) We would also appreciate any subsequent implementation of AIT's vision on an operational level to get any fruitful benefits and values.
2. In support of AIT's efforts to position AIT for the future, we offer the attached document "Evolving AIT to the Greater Next" which conceptualizes a possible vision and mission statements for AIT that reflect AIT's uniqueness while maintaining a level of abstraction so as to allow flexibility of operations in a rapidly changing world.

We trust that our suggestions can be included in deliberations by AIT on its future position, and would welcome an opportunity to discuss or present the concept with you at your convenience. We hope that you find our suggestions and comments useful, and we look forward to supporting AIT in its endeavor to define its future.

Regards,


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¹ <http://vision.ait.asia>, retrieved 27 September 2017.