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AITAA e-Gazette

a bi-monthly publication of the Asian Institute of Technology Alumni Association (AITAA) Headquarters, featuring highlights & updates from our Alma Mater and alumni all over the world, including activities by the National Chapters as well as appointments, promotions and other engagements. Contributions are highly encouraged. Please send your articles with 1-2 photos by email to AITAA HQ ait_alumni.association@gmail.com or aitaa@ait.ac.th

The AIT Alumni Association (AITAA) was formed in 1969 to develop mutual understanding among the alumni, and between them and the Institute. The corporate power and management of the association is exercised, administered and controlled by the Governing Board. The Governing Board consists of the Executive Committee of Mother Chapter and Executive Committees or representatives of National Chapters.

Vision: AITAA is a global entity whose members are proud to be associated with AIT to share their values and experiences through AITAA's global network.

Mission: AITAA's mission is to enhance relationships among AIT alumni for contributing to continuous growth and development of AIT, the alumni, and the society.

from the desk of AITAA President...

Dear fellow AIT alumni,

It is my immense pleasure serving you as AITAA President since 2016. Together with the AITAA Executive Committee, I am grateful for all the support that you have provided towards achieving our vision, mission and goals as alumni body. We, as alumni, have contributed in many ways to the betterment of our association and most of all, towards our Alma Mater. We have done many things and some of these are worthy to be shared and remembered. I believed it is fitting for us to document these achievements and events in any form, be it in paper, in electronic or social media. Many of our chapters are already doing these and I urged them to regularly update their information. I also encouraged all alumni to share information and actively support each other's efforts.



In this regard, we at the Headquarters are doing our best to keep up and, in doing so, I am pleased to present to you the **Inaugural Edition of the AITAA e-Gazette, FORWARD →**. This will be a bi-monthly publication of the AITAA Headquarters, featuring highlights and updates from our Alma Mater, AIT, and alumni all over the world, including activities by the National Chapters as well as appointments, promotions and other engagements. I look forward in receiving contributions from all of you in the coming days for the subsequent issues. We continue to strive our best and welcome your feedback.

I will continue to be of service to our association and uphold our common goal in developing mutual understanding among the alumni, and between the alumni and our institute, the Asian Institute of Technology.

Happy reading!

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somchet Thinaphong
AITAA President

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updates from alma mater...

Search for the next AIT President

Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai's term as current AIT President will end in July 2018. Prof. Worsak is the first AIT alumnus (CE 1973), first Asian and first Thai national to be selected as president of AIT in its fifty-four-year history. The search for the new AIT President is underway and the AIT Board of Trustees has recently concluded the shortlist of applications from prominent individuals worldwide. Who could be the next President? Stay updated to hear more in the coming months!

New landmarks in the campus!

The campus is dotted with new and refurbished landmarks such as the entrance signage, arc, globe, tower clock, bus station and many more! Thanks to AIT alumni and benefactors for their benevolent contributions in making these landmarks possible.



The entrance road sign before



The entrance road sign now



The Flags



The Bus Station



The Arc

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The Globe



The Tower Clock



The Welcome sights and signs



The campus' beautiful landscape

Just how many of us (AITians) in the world now?

According to the recent count in 2016, AIT has **22,877** alumni from **101** countries spread all over the world. Please refer to the map on the next page for a glimpse of the Alumni distribution by country from 1961 to 2016.

In addition, the **AIT Alumni Directory** is available online and all alumni are encourage to update their contact information at [AIT alumni directory web-based services](#).

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Alumni distribution of the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)
Source: <https://www.ait.ac.th/alumni/>

updates from headquarters...

46th Governing Board Meeting (GBM)

The AITAA Taiwan (R.O.C.) National Chapter will host the upcoming 46th AITAA Governing Board Meeting (GBM) to be held from 3-6 November 2017 at the Howard Civil Service International House in Taipei, Taiwan. This will be the biggest GBM gathering of AITAA history. More than 300 alumni and affiliates will participate in this event from 19 chapters, representing Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, USA and Viet Nam including the AITAA Headquarters in Thailand. Check the link for more details of the event <https://www.46aitaagbm.tw/aitaa/>



Re-establishment of the Australia Chapter

7 October 2017 marked the day when the AIT alumni in Australia convened a meeting in Canberra to re-establish the AITAA Australia Chapter. The Chapter was dissolved sometime in 2015 due to inactivity. Dr. Kamal Uddin (HSD 1996) was elected as the new Chapter President along with its new set of officers. The AITAA President, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somchet Thinapong, declared the official re-establishment of the AITAA Australia Chapter upon the endorsement of the AITAA Executive Committee on 20 October 2017. "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", Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somchet Thinapong said. Best wishes to all the officers and our fellow alumni in Australia!

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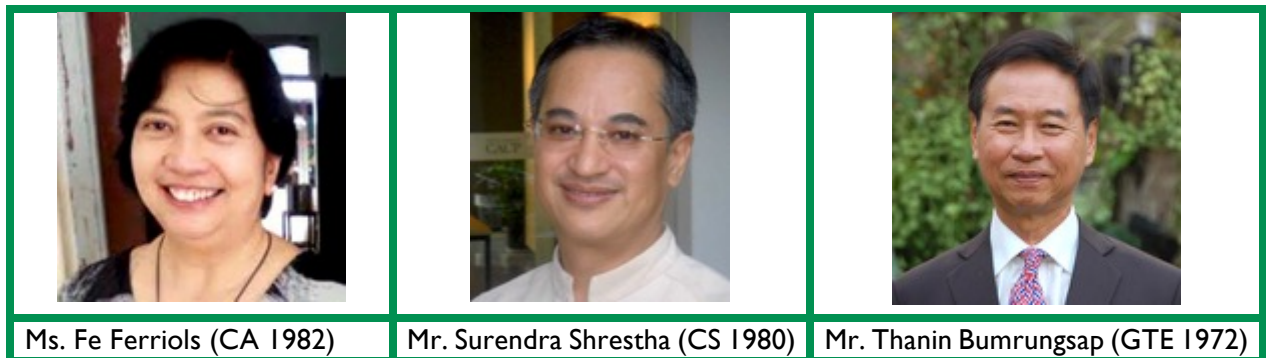
The newly elected AITAA Australia Chapter President, Dr. Kamal Uddin (HSD 1996), 6th person from right, together with the new sets of Chapter Officers and fellow alumni at the meeting to re-establish the Chapter, 7 October 2017, Canberra

Search for Distinguished Alumni and Honorary Members

The Selection Committee of the Distinguished Alumni and Honorary Member Awards convened a meeting on 4 and 20 October 2017 to review the nominations. The AITAA Honorary Membership Award is given to individuals who have made exemplary contribution to AIT, AITAA and its alumni. The names of the 2017 awardees for the following sectors: Public Service, Business & Professional, Academic & Research, International Affairs, and Honorary Members will be conferred at the 46th Governing Board Meeting in Taiwan in November 2017. Congratulations in advance to all the awardees! The alumni community is proud of you. Keep up the good work in raising the profile of AIT!

Upcoming Election for the next AITAA President

Three prominent AIT alumni will vie for this very important position as the new AITAA President, namely, Ms. Fe Ferriols (CA 1982), Mr. Surendra Shrestha (CS 1980) and Mr. Thanin Bumrungsap (GTE 1972). The election will take place at the 46th Governing Board Meeting (GBM) in Taiwan on 4 November 2017. The incumbent President, Associate Professor Dr. Somchet Thinaphong (WRE 1975 & 1980), was elected during the 44th GBM in November 2015 in Colombo, Sri Lanka to serve the association for the period 2016-2017. Heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somchet for his excellent contributions to AIT and AITAA. Our best wishes to the next AITAA President!



The AITAA Presidential Candidates 2018-2019

Executive Committee (ExCom) Meetings

The members of the AITAA Executive Committee (ExCom) held its fourth meeting of the year on 25 August 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand. The meeting was convened to discuss governance issues, annual selection of alumni awardees and honorary members and other matters pertaining to the association's objectives, including the preparation of the upcoming GBM in Taiwan. Since holding office in 2016, the

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AITAA ExCom held a total of ten (10) meetings to date. Sub-committee meetings were also held on several occasions.



AITAA Executive Committee Meeting, August 2017, Bangkok

127th AIT Graduation, Graduation Night and Induction Ceremony

The members of the AITAA ExCom joined the AIT Student Union and the AIT Administration in honoring the new graduates during the 127th Graduation Ceremony and welcoming them to the AIT Alumni Association at the Graduation Night and Induction Ceremony in May 2017. More than 450 graduands from 27 countries attended the ceremony both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Ms. Janette Lauza-Ugsang (HSD 1996) AITAA Executive Committee Public Relations Officer, delivered words of encouragement and advice on behalf of the AITAA Executive Committee. Like in previous years, the AITAA Headquarters has been instrumental in providing support to AIT Student Union in their student-wide campus activities.



Members of the AITAA Executive Committee together with AIT Student Union Officers and Graduates at the 127th Graduation Night and AITAA Induction Ceremony, 12 May 2017, AIT Conference Center



Members of the AITAA Executive Committee at the 126th Graduation Night and AITAA Induction Ceremony, August 2016, AIT

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Joint Fund-raising Event

A joint fundraising Golf Tournament was organized by AITAA Thailand and AITAA Headquarters on 17 March 2017 at the Cascata Golf Club in Bangkok, Thailand. In the midst of the challenges in organizing the event, it turned out to be very successful. This event was attended by a number AIT alumni, sponsors and friends. Outpouring of support and donations were received from Bangchak, BCPG, GUSCO, East Water & Universal Utilities Group, Khun Praphan Angpanitcharoen, Inthanin Garden and many more. Lucky draws, trophies, prizes and gifts were presented during dinner by the President of Friends of AIT (FoAIT), Dr. Subin Pinkayan (AIT Board of Trustees Chairperson and AIT alumnus), President of AITAA Thailand, Dr. Verapong Chaiperm, Representative of AITAA Headquarters Business Officer, Khun Utai Srimhai, and Khun Manus Supasiriluk, Secretariat of AITAA Thailand Chapter. Credit also goes to the ever-devoted AIT alumni, namely, Khun Chaiwat Kovavisarach, Khun Vitsarut Wongchoopan and team from AITAA Thailand, for FoAIT Dr. Chainarong Na Lamphun and Khun Chaovalit Ekabut and representatives from AITAA Headquarters: Khun Praphan Angpanitcharoen, Dr. Nattawuth Udayasen, Khun Wasu Ngamsom, Khun Chartri Asawaratanaporn, Khun Sutthida Muangrod, Khun Taweechai Termkunanon and Dr. Dacha Luangpitakchumpol. The event garnered a significant (gross) proceeds in the amount of THB 4.85M (approximately US\$146K)! Congratulations to everyone involved and keep the spirit of camaraderie alive!



Dr. Subin Pinkayan (President of FoAIT and Chair of AIT BoT) presenting gifts to winners



Golf Tournament Dinner Party attended by AIT alumni and Friends of AIT



Venue of the AITAA Golf Tournament at Cascata Golf Club, 17 March 2017, Bangkok

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AITAA Golf Tournament Trophies

AITAA President's involvement in AIT events

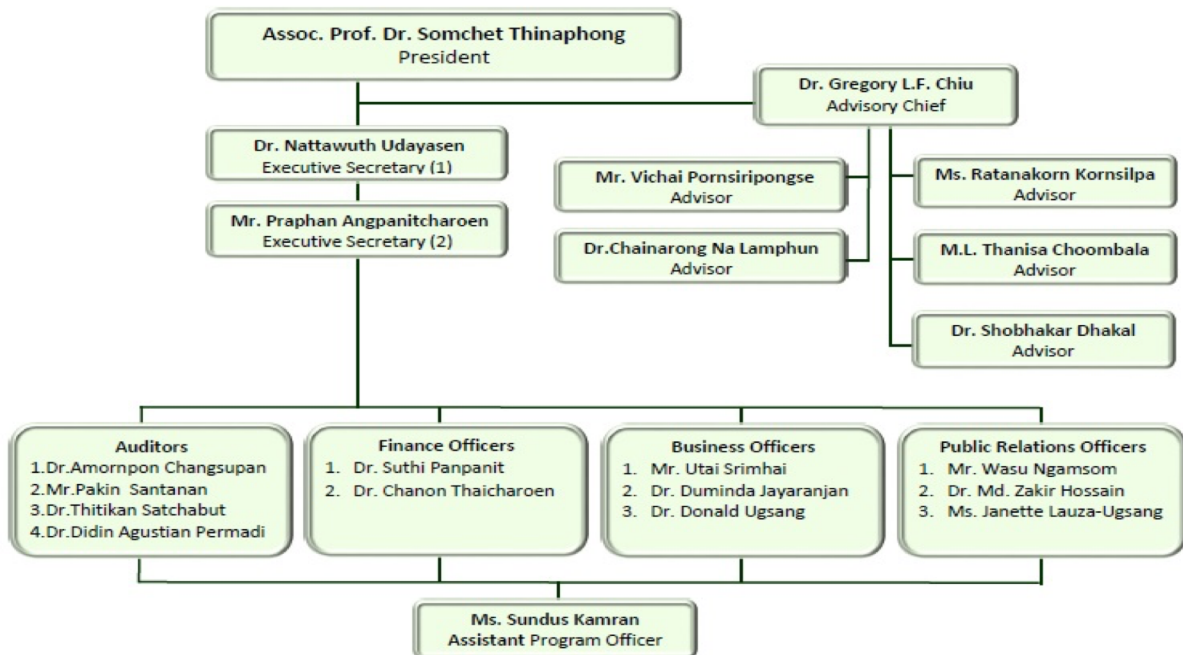
The AIT Board Meetings are convened twice a year and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somchet Thinaphong, AITAA President, participated at these events on 16 February and 20 July 2017 on behalf of the alumni body.



AITAA President at the AIT Board Meeting, 16 February 2017, AIT Conference Center

The current AITAA Executive Committee

AITAA Organization Chart 2016-2017



The above chart presents the current members of **AITAA Executive Committee 2016-2017**, whose term will end in December 2017. We are grateful to all their voluntary and invaluable contributions and

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service to the AIT Alumni Association (AITAA). We wish them all the best and their continued support to our association!

updates from host country...

On 26 October 2016, the AITAA President issued a memo to all members of AITAA informing them of the passing away of Thailand's beloved and highly revered monarch, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej 15.52 hours on 13 October 2016 in Bangkok in his 89th year of age, the 70th year of his reign. A year-long period of mourning was subsequently announced by the government. The actual cremation was held on 26 October 2017. More details of the funeral arrangement are available at the Committee on Public Relations for the Royal Cremation for His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej website at <http://kingrama9.net/en/>



Source: <http://www.bahtsold.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/2.png>

updates from national chapters...

Visit the AITAA website for **AITAA National Chapters'** news, events and other related information at <https://aitaa.asia/>. Stay updated, connected and talk to us

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