PREFACE

The Asian Institute of Technology will need to face up rapid dynamic changes as it moves into the future. It will have to adapt to rapidly changing needs in the region, funding mechanisms, student demands and employability, creation of public and privately supported graduate schools, provide better compensation to faculty and staff, enhance campus and laboratory infrastructure, develop professionally run professional programs, initiate new knowledge areas, etc. While the present administration has taken some steps and have plans to meet up with others, a few overriding factors will have to be kept in mind. This will most certainly centre around the quality of our academic and research programs and the investment needed to further strengthen the same. While accreditation by professional bodies, planning for distant learning modules, etc. will be the needed in the future for our academic programs, in the area of research and development we will need to develop some niche areas in which we will be recognized and accepted to be amongst the front runners in the world.

It is with background that we have been working on the AIT Research Strategy for the next five years. This will be based on four principles, namely, Research Focus, Research Quality, Research Collaboration and Research Resource Mobilization. The work plans required to achieve the stated overall outcomes, measurable outputs, key performance indicators, etc are being developed using a Results Based Management (RBM) approach. The focus of research has been identified to be the umbrella area of “Sustainable Development in the context of Climate Change (SDCC)” with five identified thematic areas under its purview. It is hoped that will help create stronger inter-disciplinary teams that can form better networks both internally and with external partners. This will allow the institute to focus on some areas of research and competitively bid and win larger projects, which in turn will make possible better research outputs and infrastructure. It is hoped that this will be used in the future to hold discussions with various stake holders which will include donors, government agencies and the private sector so that AIT can serve as a platform for innovative research and development.

While the number of research projects and related funding has nearly doubled, based on year 2005, in the last two years this has leveled off. The reasons for this include smaller number of research faculty and staff, closing down of some major long term projects, needs to win projects in competition, changing demands and mode of operation of funding agencies, etc. This strengthens our belief to form larger interdisciplinary teams and need for partnerships. This is a challenge which all sectors of AIT are facing up to and will most certainly overcome.

We take this opportunity to thank all faculties, staff, students and indeed all stake holders who made it possible for us to bring financial stability to the institute. With the institute on the verge of becoming formally and international-intergovernmental organization and a number of initiatives being planned, it is hoped the institute will be able to sustain itself into the next 50 years. We look forward to increased collaboration and partnership to expand the knowledge base we have created and improve the quality of life of those who those most need it.

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# Preface

The Preface introduces the purpose and objectives of the document. It sets the stage for the content that follows, explaining the significance and context of the research activities and competitions being described.

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Chapter 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 AIT Mission

The Asian Institute of Technology promotes technological change and sustainable development in the Asian-Pacific region through higher education, research and outreach. Established in Bangkok in 1959, AIT has become a leading regional postgraduate institution and is actively working with public and private sector partners throughout the region and with some of the top universities in the world.

Recognized for its multinational, multi-cultural ethos, the Institute operates as a self-contained international community at its campus located 40 km (25 miles) north of Bangkok, Thailand.

Besides the usual laboratories and academic buildings, the main campus includes housing, sports, and medical facilities, a conference center, and a library with over 230,000 volumes and 830 print and on-line periodicals. All serve to fulfill the AIT mission -

"to develop highly qualified and committed professionals who play leading roles in the region's sustainable development and its integration into the global economy."

1.2 AIT Vision

To become a leading and unique regional multicultural institution of higher learning, offering state-of-the-art education, research and training in technology, management and societal development.

With this clear, timeless vision, the multi-skilled team of students, faculty and staff at AIT are set to continuously strengthen the institution by becoming

- A hub for the implementation of regional/transnational research projects, and a research facility for academic professionals. The hub will network with other academic and research institutions in the region and the world.

- A model international citizen.

- A collaborator and partner of national postgraduate institutions.

- A financially viable, self-sustaining institution, able to draw support from donors, the private sector and individuals, with good governance and strong leadership.

- A strong partner to its alumni, who are principal stakeholders through the AIT Alumni Association (AITAA)
2.1 Project Numbers and Budget 2005-2010

In line with the desire to impact on society by integrating academic research with industry and society’s needs, AIT witnessed a good growth in the numbers of sponsored and contracted projects undertaken and that of publications between 2005-2010. Figure 2.1 gives an overview of the trend of the ongoing sponsored and contracted projects for the period 2005-2010 both in and budget value terms and in terms of the number of ongoing projects undertaken during the same period.

Figure 2.1: Project Budget is identified in Million (’000,000) Thai Baht.

2.2 Trend of the Ongoing Projects by Category

Sponsored and contracted projects undertaken at AIT are assigned under the Fund 30 which are categorized as Research and development which comprises Research, Capacity Building, Networking/Coordination, Training/Workshop and conference projects. The Academic Programs category comprises newly initiated Professional programs conducted by the different schools and AIT Extension category comprises continuing professional education, short-course training and consultancy services. Figure 2.2 provides the trend for the period 2005 – 2010 on budget value terms and Figure 2.3 give the trend in terms of the number of ongoing projects under each category.

Publications over the years has seen an increase in the requirements in order to enhance quality of research from a time about a decade ago when doctoral students had only to submit a manuscript of a Paper before graduation, today all such students need to show acceptance of paper by an international and referred journal before they graduate. Publications in refereed Journals as one measure of productivity in the academic spheres increased with a high margin between 2009 and 2010 this. Discussions are being held to include additional criteria towards ascertaining the impact of such papers. Figure 2.4 shows the trend of publications under the categories namely Referred Journal Publications, Doctoral Thesis, Master’s Thesis as well as completed projects for the period 2005-2010.

Figure 2.2

Figure 2.3

Figure 2.4
Over the years there has been a reduction in seconded faculty (supported by different countries). This led to a reduction in the total full time faculty (as they were not all replaced by direct hire faculty) and highlights the tremendous effort put in by our faculty and research staff. There has also been a subsequent increase in adjunct faculty who offer specialized courses and professional programs. Figure 2.5 below shows the trend in the Faculty strength grouped as Full time faculty and total faculty including adjunct, affiliated, visiting faculty, etc.

![Figure 2.5: Faculty Strength 2005-2010](image)

Research excellence in an international institution of higher learning as AIT is linked with the graduate students we have. Figure 2.6 gives an institute wide trend on the intake, enrolment and graduated student strength for the period.

![Figure 2.6: INSTITUTE-WIDE INTAKE, ENROLMENT AND GRADUATE TREND, 2005-2010](image)

### 2.3 Most Cited Papers in Scopus

Publication and citation information is considered one of the most widely recognizable indicators of research output and quality, and collection and analysis of this information is among means to judge alignment of the institutions research activities with its strategic priorities. Table 2.1 below shows the top 5 most cited publications in Scopus lifetime. It is planned to have a year on year analysis in due course.

![Table 2.1](image)

### 2.4 Top 5 Researchers with the Highest Number of Projects initiated 2006-2010

The streamlining of Project management and corresponding incentives towards initiation of projects has helped reinforce the institutions research objectives and focus. Table 2.2 highlights the top Researchers with the Highest Number of Projects initiated 2006-2010.

![Table 2.2](image)
Overall during the period January - December 2010 there were a total of 449 sponsored and contracted projects conducted by the faculty and staff at AIT’s School of Engineering and Technology (SET), School of Environment, Resources and Development (SERD), School of Management (SOM), as well as at AIT Extension, IntERLab, and numerous other Institute-wide projects and centers. The total number publications for the same period stood at 691 from across AIT. The following (below) are brief snapshots of research conducted at AIT in 2010. Full details of all research conducted at AIT in 2010 can be found in AIT Research Annual Report 2010.

3.1 POLICE EYES: Portable Traffic Violations Detector

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Automobile accidents incur an extremely heavy toll on human lives and society. They also have great impact on the economy. According to the World Bank, the economic impact of automobile accidents in Thailand is a loss of more than 200 billion baht per year. Many accidents could be prevented if drivers obeyed traffic regulations. This research study is designed as a portable system capable of automatically detecting traffic violations and either sending a letter to warn the driver, and thereby informing nearby authorities, or automatically issuing traffic violation tickets. The system is composed of an embedded system, a radar system, a video camera system, a GPS system, and a WIFI communication device packaged as a portable system. The radar system is used to check for speeding vehicles, while the video processing algorithm is used in conjunction with radar measurement to reduce false positive errors in the radar measurement and to detect vehicles crossing lane boundaries. By enhancing our ability to detect and prevent traffic violations, the proposed system has the potential of economic benefits through lowered health care costs and higher productivity by reducing accident rates.
3.2 Automated Test Equipment

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In the increasingly competitive hard disk drive industry, all manufacturers need to aggressively develop their products to survive. Not only must they invest in research and development of products themselves; but also in advanced automation technology to use the new equipment in manufacturing processes to improve cycle time, productivity and flexibility of the production system. Automated Test Operation (ATO) found at the back end area of disk drive manufacturing is one of the operations that make use of advanced automation test equipment and technology to create more efficiency and effectiveness. ATO is a complex operation that is difficult for planning, monitoring and forecasting. It cannot quickly manage a production system to compensate for external demands and internal disturbances. The modeling of manufacturing systems can be used as a representation of complex systems like an automated test operation. The manufacturing models are used as a tool for monitoring, forecasting and controlling of a represented system. In this research, soft computing solutions were developed by using artificial neural networks, integrating with another artificial tool to simulate automated test equipment models to solve the complexity of disk drive test operation.

Automated Test Equipment

(Warning: Diagrams and images are not fully visible in the text-based format.)
3.3 Air Quality and Climate Impacts of Switching to Natural Gas-Fueled Public Transportation Vehicles in Bangkok

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AIT and Silpakorn University cooperated in this project both worked with the Royal Thai Government to assess the multiple impacts of the fuel-switching on air quality, climate, human health and economic with a particular focus on switching to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) in the public transportation system in the Bangkok Metropolitan Region (BMR) as a case study.

The study presented two scenarios projected to 2015 and 2025, wherein a switch to using CNG and advanced vehicle technologies for public transport vehicles in the BMR was key. These scenarios were compared to current model (business-as-usual).

Methods included surveying of the situation and planned programs, emission inventory for air pollutants and climate-forcing forcers agents for the base year of 2009 and emission projection projected to 2015 and 2025 through using the International Vehicle Emission (IVE), and simulation of ambient air quality by a 3D dispersion air quality model, the Comprehensive Air Quality Model with extensions (CAMx).

The potential financial benefits from the emission reductions were preliminarily assessed. A feasibility study was also implemented using the Certified Emission Reductions (CERs) based on the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project approach to explore potential financial benefits from the emission reductions.

Substantial reductions of both air pollutants (COPM10, CO, VOC, VOC evaporative, and NOx and PM10) and climate forcing forcers agents (CO2, N2O, CH4, VOC, VOC evaporative, NOx, Black Carbon and Organic Carbon particles) would be achieved in both scenarios as compared to the business as usual, which justify the co-benefits gained from the switch. The results revealed relatively small reductions in ambient concentrations of both air pollutants and climate forcing agents. Through Certified Emission Reductions (CERs) trading, it is also possible to gain about 2.2 2,158,809 and 2.9 2,882,906 million US$/year, for years 2015 and 2025 respectively.

A relatively high investment is necessary to support the switch, such as engine modification and new engine technology, which must be studied further by the Royal Thai Government. Possible health benefits associated with the air pollutants reduction could further be explored in terms of morbidity and mortality reduction of the population in BMR.

3.4 Energy Security in Developing Countries: National and Household level vulnerability and challenges

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The challenges posed by potential supply disruptions and high price rises of fossil fuels to the economic growth are common to both developing and developed countries. Energy security, defined by The World Energy Assessment Report, as “the continuous availability of energy in varied forms in sufficient quantities at reasonable prices” may well reflect developed countries’ perspectives, but does not adequately capture the energy security dimensions faced by developing countries, as there are several additional dimensions that are unique to developing countries. The GNESD, through its member centers, has been analyzing energy security issues, both from the national and household sector perspectives, from developing countries’ perspectives.

The characteristics - in terms of the nature of energy security issues of developing countries, vulnerability and threats at national and at household level, and policies and measures in these countries to address the energy security - were the objectives of this research.

As an important dimension of energy security, easy availability of reasonable amount of clean/modern energy is considered a basic necessity to reduce poverty and improve the living standards. (Eg. energy policies of India and South Africa.) The following factors are mainly identified behind the vulnerability and the threats to energy security:

- Growing reliance on imported energy as most countries rely on imported energy. Energy price rise could, therefore, have a crippling effect on the economy and overall development for most countries under the study. Also, countries have initiated several kinds of programs to reduce the impact of imported energy, including replacement of petroleum products by biofuels promotion of renewable energy, and energy efficiency.

- Primary energy source diversification. The diversification of primary energy supply (Shannon Weiner index) shows improvements during the recent past in Thailand, Brazil, Tunisia, India and South Africa, and is comparable to OECD countries. In electricity generation sector, however, many countries depend to a large extent on a single source
Snapshots of AIT Research in 2010

[South Africa (coal > 0%), Tunisia (natural gas >88%), Senegal (thermal >90%), Brazil (hydro >70%), Kenya (hydro >50%) and India (coal >50%).]

- Energy demand and supply. The energy demand in developing countries is likely to increase substantially in the course of their development, and its use is also to move up the energy ladder. So, the sources of primary energy used are likely to shift from predominance of traditional use of biomass to that of modern commercial energy (fossil fuels and modern use of biomass). Several countries in South America have relatively abundant energy resources. However, lack of access to and regional (provincial) disparity of cleaner and convenient energy use appears to a large extent due to inadequate energy policies or policy failures.

- Reliance on non-marketed sources of energy. Substantial fraction of the population and industries in the countries under the study rely on non-marketed sources of energy (e.g. collected biomass) and this high dependence is likely to continue for a foreseeable future. The energy supply problem is compounded by the fast decreasing forest resources in many countries.

- Investment in energy sector. Considerable amount of investment would be required for resource exploration, infrastructure development (generation, supply and distribution systems) and supply of modern commercial energy. As investment by government alone would not be able to fulfill the required investment, several countries have adopted policies to attract private investment.

- The energy security-related vulnerabilities and threats in the household sector in the countries under the study have the following characteristics:
  - Energy costs: Energy costs form a significant share of total household expenditure (especially low income households’) in many developing countries (about 20% in South Africa and Thailand, and up to 40% in Kenya). Thus any significant rise in energy prices could have serious adverse effects on the poor families.
  - Energy access. There also exists big inequity in many developing countries in terms of access to modern and safe energy between the poor and rich. Though access to electricity is very high in some countries (Thailand, Tunisia, Argentina, Brazil), in others the level of electrification is low (in Kenya, access to electricity in households is about 15%, while only about 8% of households have access to LPG supply).
  - Lack of a reliable and sustainable supply of energy impacts the quality of energy services provided to households. In some countries, the residential sector has the highest share of the national energy consumption (Kenya at 77%).

- Dependency on biomass. Biomass energy use remains high in most developing countries, especially those in the low income category. The household sector is the major user of biomass. In countries where options other than biomass are either not available or not affordable, ensuring sustainable supply of biomass energy presents a major energy security challenge.

Countries under the study have formulated policies and initiated measures to address the threats to energy security through country specific programs. (Eg. promotion of renewables, energy efficiency, private sector investment, developing regional cooperation, developing strategic reserves.)

Centers Participating in the Energy Security Study

Africa: The African Energy Policy Research Network/Foundation for Woodstove Dissemination (AFREPREN), Kenya; Energy Research Center (ERC), South Africa; Mediterranean Renewable Energy Centre (MEDREC), Tunisia; Environmental Development Action in the Third World (ENDA-TM), Senegal.

Asia: Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand; The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), India.

South America: Janeiro and CENBIO at the University of Sao Paolo in conjunction, Brazil; The Institute for Energy Economics at Bariloche Foundation (FB), Argentina.

The complete reports of each centre and the synthesis report is available at www.gnesd.org.
3.5 Pavement Surfaces with Higher Solar Reflectivity

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Bangkok, like many cities in the world, encounters significantly increasing challenges of higher temperatures due to the urban heat island phenomenon. Using traditional building materials such as asphalts and concrete for roads and other infrastructure is among the key factors causing the air temperature in the city to be higher compared to that in surrounding areas. This is due to the absorption of the solar radiation and hence the radiation of excess heat during the day and at night. Increases in the pavement temperature causes the ambient temperature to rise, which in turn increases energy costs for air conditioning and damages air quality in the city. One way to address this problem is to provide pavement surfaces with higher solar reflectivity or albedo for roads. The measurement of albedo over 106 asphalt pavement sections and 43 concrete pavements sections across Bangkok Metropolitan Area revealed that the albedo of both pavement types were quite low, i.e., less than 0.10. This result indicates an opportunity to increase pavement’s albedo through various surface treatment methods. Examples of these methods include coating with grey or tan emulsion sealcoats, resurfacing with lighter colour chipseals, and overlying with concrete white-topping. The choice of materials determines albedo increase, and materials with lighter shades correlate to the higher albedo and lower surface temperature. The lightest available was shown to reduce maximum surface temperature by 7 to 14 degrees C.
3.6 Physical Model for Monkey Cheeks

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The Monkey Cheek project in the MahachaiSanamchai canals performs the function of storing flood waters in the upper areas, while at the same time releasing water into the Gulf of Thailand in relation to the tide levels of the sea by relying on the appropriate use of gravity and pumping stations. The project comprises construction of regulators and pumping station in canals, which yield considerable benefits without requiring huge investments. It can be linked with the Monkey Cheek project in the lower Tha Chin River to form an integrated system for efficient flood alleviation in Bangkok.

Dr. Sutat Weesakul is Principal Investigator of the project. AIT has been rendering its service towards the study, which is apart of the overall project to be carried out by Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (HAII) for the Chaipattana Foundation. H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn is the executive chairperson of the Chaipattana Foundation.

AIT has been responsible for constructing the physical model and performing the function of storing flood water not only in the upper areas, but also in the ponds donated by local people and the golf course. The main objective is to provide the appropriate procedure for operating all regulators and pumping stations so that they are in harmony with natural conditions.

3.7 Physical Hydraulic Model Study of the Xayaburi Hydroelectric Project

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The Xayaburi Hydroelectric Power Project will be constructed across the lower Mekong River mainstream just upstream of Baan Pak Neun district in the northern province of Xayaburi, Lao, PDR.

From right to left abutment, the dam construction consists of the following main components and structures:

- A navigation system placed at the extreme right abutment and partially cut into the right bank slope.
- An overflow spillway, equipped with ten (10) radial gates each 19 m wide and 21 m high, with upstream and downstream stoplogs and associated cranes.
- An intermediate block that separates the spillway from the powerhouse complex and houses the powerhouse unloading and erection areas as well as part of the fish passing facilities.
- An intake-powerhouse complex with eight (8) Kaplan generating units including all electro-mechanical and hydro-mechanical auxiliary equipment and systems. The intake-powerhouse complex also includes eight (8) sand flushing outlets and part of the fish passing facilities.
- A fish ladder facility for upstream fish migration on the extreme left abutment.

The normal headwater level of the Project is established at an elevations of 275m, following the criterion to limit the raising
of the water levels at Luang Prabang during flood conditions to acceptable levels. The maximum powerhouse outflow established through economic optimization is 5,000 m³/s, while the spillway capacity is designed up to the PMF estimated at 47,500 m³/s.

In order to ascertain the most critical hydraulic aspects of the Project, a physical hydraulic model study was commissioned at the AIT Hydraulics Laboratory by the Project Owner, Ch. Karnchang Public Company Limited in an agreement dated 15 May 2009. The physical models were built and investigated following the “Specification for the Physical Hydraulic Model Studies of Xayaburi HEPP” issued by the Project Engineer, AF-Colenco Limited on January 2009.

**Physical Hydraulic Model Study of the Xayaburi Hydroelectric Project**

### 3.8 EU-Asia Link Project Gender and Sustainable Development: Natural Resource Management, Migration and Multi-local Livelihoods

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The links between gender, natural resource management and migration are becoming more visible in many regions, particularly regarding their role in fostering (or undermining) local forms of sustainable development. The emerging body of literature on the impacts of internal and international migration processes highlights the significance of gender and its intersections with other social structures in natural resource management and sustainable livelihoods. The experiences of Europe and Southeast Asia provide some interesting pointers for a comparison of similarities as well as differences. Policy responses can benefit from cross-cultural learning, a process which requires bridging knowledge gaps pertaining to these fields. The key actors in both these regions, including governments, practitioners and academics share, an interest in bridging these gaps of knowledge in the policy field to (a) ensure gender equable resource management, (b) minimise incidences of “distress entry” to migratory networks leading to exploitation and human rights abuse, and (c) ensure protected migration practices, security of livelihoods and sustained forms of local development. The Asia-Link Project offers an excellent opportunity to fill the gaps of knowledge through enhancing the mutual intellectual, social and economic co-operation between the EU and Southeast Asian regions. The Asia-Link project aimed to develop a range of collaborative South-South and North-South activities to strengthen collective institutional capacity in higher education involving programme and curriculum development, training and skills-transfer, and dissemination through conferences, workshops. To this aim, the Institute of Social Studies (ISS), the Netherlands, Andalas
University, West Sumatra, Indonesia, the Asian Research Centre for Migration (ARCM) of Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand and Brighton University, the United Kingdom combined forces.

Collaborative experiences in substantively significant cross-cutting fields of these 5 partners enriched the quality of the programme. They will jointly provide valuable expertise for future guidance in the following specific areas:

1) The focus of the Asian-European network of academic institutions will be on the enhancement of human resources in higher education to improve activities in policy research, advice and training on gender, natural resource management, migration and security of livelihoods;

2) The collaboration addresses the intersections between the following policy fields: gender and natural resource management, gender and migration, gender and sustainable livelihoods;

3) Commitment and support from the partner academic institutions will bridge the existing knowledge gaps and enhance the role of higher education in policy research, training and advice.

The activities in this project are as follows:

1) An exchange student program involving the 5 partner universities.

2) Workshops held in various partner universities and an international conference in the Hague.

3) Joint publications and extended networks beyond the project period.

At the Asian Institute of Technology:

1) 3 Ph.D students were sent to the University of Brighton, UK, Institute of Social Studies, the Netherlands and Andalas University, Sumatra, Indonesia for 2-3 months;

2) 1 MSc student was sent to ARCM, Chulalongkorn University;

3) One migration workshop was held in November 2010;

4) Five post graduate students were received from 3 partner universities (Andalas University, University of Brighton, Institute of Social Studies).

3.9 Seismic Vulnerability and Risk Assessment of Dhaka, Chittagong, and Sylhet City

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This project is a part of the Comprehensive Disaster Management Program of the Government of Bangladesh, which was funded by UNDP, DFID, and the European Commission.

The implementation of program activities was carried out by an international consulting team consisting of Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), National Society of Earthquake Technology of Nepal, Oyo International Corporation, and several leading academic institutions of Bangladesh. AIT was responsible for the seismic vulnerability and risk assessment of three major cities—Dhaka, Chittagong, and Sylhet. In this project, detailed information about buildings, essential facilities, population, lifelines, and transportation networks were first collected and acquired from several sources, and field surveys of more than 20,000 buildings were carried out. Based on these collected data, a comprehensive set of GIS maps describing the existing conditions of these cities were then developed. The seismic vulnerability of more than 40 representative building types was also determined through the use of advanced numerical analyses. Potential economic and social losses in the three cities from various possible earthquake scenarios were finally estimated using a GIS-based software package named “HAZUS”. The obtained results were used for developing a national contingency plan for earthquake disaster management of Bangladesh.
3.10 Consumer Judgment of the Quality of Food: Do quality labels help?

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Consumers commonly have a problem with correctly assessing the quality of food produce. Recent food scares have lessened the confidence of consumers in guessing food quality by visually inspecting, touching and smelling food produce at open air “wet” markets. Yet, consumers can either rely on their own ability to identify quality and select the best quality or best quality-price relationship or they can trust others, in particular the retailer, the brand or a third party that certifies or endorses the product. These indirect or extrinsic quality cues become more important. In Thailand, there are now a seemingly myriad quality labels from different labeling authorities and organizations. Do they convince consumers about the food quality?

On behalf of the UNFAO, we studied consumer quality judgments using a decision-based method called conjoint measurement. The rational for this method is that it is assumed that respondents are not able to realistically estimate how important each attribute is for them. Instead, just like real life they are asked to make judgments for product bundles which implicitly require trade-off decisions. Conjoint measurement assumes that each product evaluated by a consumer can be represented by an additive combination of separate utilities existing for the individual attribute levels.

The most important conclusion of this study is certainly that retail exerts a strong impact on the perception of food quality. We see a clear generational shift. While older consumers put considerable trust in wet markets and trust their own abilities to evaluate the quality of food more. Most likely, younger people are more aware of chemical contamination of food and replay more on the quality commitment of brands of food producers and mass retailers.

The generational shift is heading towards modern trade such as supermarkets. We also see, albeit on a much lower level, brands as more and more important trust agents. In contrast, quality certificates are on average not a substitute for the trust in retail and brands. Only a small segment of the market notices certificates and associates certificates with quality. At best, certificates are complementary, perceived as a modern element of food together with brands and supermarkets. In this sense they have a limited capacity to offset low trust in the food supply chain. Instead they strengthen and reinforce the perception of modernization of the food supply chain.
3.11 Public Management Executive Development Program (PMED) 2010

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The PMED Program has been commissioned to AIT by the Ministry of Interior (with the Damrong Rajanupab Research and Development Institute as the co-host) since 2009. This is a capacity building program for the high-level personnel (i.e., Vice Governors or PC 9 and higher) of the Ministry. There are 3 main groups of subjects: (1) strategic management for competitive advantage of the nation, (2) natural resources, culture and tourism, and (3) agenda for good governance. The Program also requires the participants to conduct one practicum project to enhance their understanding and problem-solving skills.

In 2010, there were altogether 31 participants of which 5 participants reported on strategic management issues; 11 reported on natural resources management; and 15 reported on Agenda for good governance. Findings from the individual studies revealed that no matter which areas of issues the Vice Governors are faced with in terms of administrative dilemmas, the necessary conditions to achieve higher levels of effectiveness of provincial administrative goal performance included the following: (1) clear vision and mission with action plans aligned and key performance indicators to monitor the implementation process; (2) participative management; (3) social capital building; (4) developing the community or provincial society’s readiness for change; (5) ensuring the integrated performance and developing teamwork of all parties concerned by the provincial governor; (6) the local government being strengthened.

3.12 The Impact of Total Quality Management on Supply Chain Management in Thai Automotive Industry

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The automotive industry in Thailand continues to grow at a fast pace. Thailand has the biggest automobile assembly base in the region. Due to this fact Thailand is known as “the Detroit of Asia”. The automotive industry is vital for the Thai economy and hence there is need to continuously improve its process.

In this growing automotive sector of Thailand, Dr. Barbara Igel, Associate Professor and Dean of School of Management along with Dr. Assadej Vanichchinchai, PhD graduate of SOM, AIT, did a research to investigate the relationships among total quality management practices (TQMP), supply chain management practices (SCMP) and firm’s supply performance (FSP). During research, based on an extensive literature review, measurement instruments for SCMP, TQMP and FSP were developed and verified by experts, pilot test and various statistical techniques to ensure reliability and validity in structural equation modeling.
constructs. The hypothesized model was tested through a path analysis and qualitative case studies of two large first-tier automotive suppliers were conducted to obtain more in-depth information. The results showed the set of SCMP, TQMP and FSP measures are reliable and valid for Thailand’s automotive industry. And TQMP not only has a direct and significant positive impact on SCMP and on FSP, but also has an indirect and significant positive impact on FSP through SCMP.

3.13 SEA-UEMA Project

Prof. A. T. M Nurul Amin, Dr. Ranjit Perera, Dr. Edsel Sajor, Dr. Vilas Nitivattanon, Dr. Nowarat Coowanitwong, Dr. Kyoko Kusakabe

The Southeast Asia Urban Environmental Management Applications (SEA-UEMA) Project was a signature partnership between AIT and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The CAN$ 9.48 million CIDA-funded project lasted from 1 August 2003 – 31 August 2010 and implemented work in 8 countries in Southeast Asia. The project improved implementation and sharing of sound urban environmental management policies and practices in the three key urban environmental sub-sectors of water and sanitation, solid waste, and air pollution.

Key Results

Gender equality was one of the crosscutting themes of the project. During the period of 2003-2008, the project implemented activities under five components, namely: Graduate Education, Alumni Demonstration Project, UEM Sub-Sector Network and Professional Support Program, Joint Action Research, and Application of Research Results and Lessons Learned towards achieving 4 outcomes and 4 output results. During the extension period (2009-2010), the project implemented activities under four core areas, namely: Flagship Projects, Policy Advocacy, Learning Networks and Training, and Graduate Education toward achieving 2 outcomes and 5 output results. Gender equality remained as one of the cross-cutting themes.

In total, the SEA-UEMA Project implemented the following during the whole implementation period (2003-2010): thirty-one (31) Alumni Demonstration Projects; twenty-six (26) Joint Action Research; four (4) Policy Advocacy; five (5) Pilot Projects; and five (5) Flagship Projects. The project also established 7 Country Nodes in Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Philippines, and southern Vietnam and northern and central parts of Vietnam. The project provided 110 scholarships in Southeast Asian countries for students to pursue, PhD, masters, diploma and certificate level programs at AIT. The project trained 1636 specialists, researchers, and practitioners in various professional training courses and gender trainings. The project established 352 partnerships with different partners from 8 countries during implementation of its activities.

A total of 849 UEM experts, researchers, city managers and practitioners became Regional UEM network members, and a total of 21 UEM policies were put in the action agenda of relevant government agencies. Gender equality was integrated into most activities of the SEA-UEMA Project including planning, implementation, evaluation, and reporting.

The project recorded lessons learned, unexpected results, problems and challenges experienced over the period of project implementation and how overcome those. All project results were disseminated through dissemination meetings, websites, e-blogs, and through the distribution of publications. The project published numerous publications including case studies, monographs, policy briefs and proceedings of meetings, conferences and policy dialogues and forums. The SEA-UEMA Project also implemented a sustainability strategy to sustain the project beyond the project tenure.

Through the implementation of the SEA-UEMA Project, AIT made a significant contribution to improving urban environments in Southeast Asia, and it remains committed to supporting environmental improvements in the region.
4.1.1 Mission

School of Engineering and Technology (SET) is the synergistic integration in November 2005 of the two former Schools, namely, the School of Civil Engineering (SCE) and the School of Advanced Technologies (SAT).

Historically, these two schools came into existence only in January 1993 when the Institute reorganized the need to reform its academic structure from smaller-sized units called “Divisions” to larger bodies named “Schools”.

The School of Civil Engineering (SCE) represents the legacy of AIT when it was established with a single field of study in Hydraulics Engineering. Subsequently, other civil engineering fields of study were launched to assist the recovery from the ravages of the Second World War. SCE emphasized on a learning process that combines theoretical problem-solving and real life application of engineering principles. Its research orientation was outward-looking, addressing the actual and anticipated needs of the built environment.

The School of Advanced Technologies (SAT) consisted of fields of study that were launched in response to the needs of the regional industrialization in the second and third decades of AIT’s existence. The School was committed to being international, multidisciplinary centers of excellence in Information, Communications, Industrial Systems, and Space Technologies through education, research and outreach.

The new School of Engineering and Technology amalgamating the School of Civil Engineering (SCE) and the School of Advanced Technologies (SAT) will strive to create synergies between the activities of the two former schools to build up world-class multidisciplinary and cross-disciplinary education, research and outreach activities across the boundaries of traditional fields of knowledge. More interdisciplinary programs shall be launched so faculty members can work effectively across the disciplinary walls. The new school will enhance its academic portfolio by emphatically injecting the “SI” features namely internationality, innovation, integration, information technology and industrial partnership.

In line with the mission of the Institute, the mission of the School of Engineering and Technology is:

To develop highly qualified engineers and technologists who play leading roles in promoting the region’s industrial competitiveness in its integration into the global economy.

More information about the school can be accessed at the SET’s homepage http://www.set.ait.asia/.

4.1.2 Thematic Groups, Fields of Study and Multidisciplinary Programs

CIVIL AND INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING GROUP

Since the founding of AIT, its civil engineering fields have promoted modern methodologies, emerging technologies and innovative materials for the design and construction of safe and economical infrastructure in the region. The Civil and Infrastructure Engineering group includes the following fields of study:

- Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Management (CEIM)
- Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering (GGE)
- Structural Engineering (StE)
- Transportation Engineering (TrE)
- Water Engineering and Management (WEM)

INDUSTRIAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING GROUP

For several decades, AIT has served in the development of the region by equipping young engineers with the high-tech knowledge required to work in complex industrial environments. Since its inception, the Industrial Systems Engineering (ISE) thematic group at AIT has contributed to this mission by focusing on industrial competitiveness and innovation for sustainable growth in the region. The ISE group is comprised of the following fields of study:

- Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering (IME)
- Nanotechnology
- Mechatronics (Mec)
- Microelectronics and Embedded Systems (MES)

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Information and communications enable access, connections and sharing, in turn enable knowledge creation and economic opportunity. The fields in the Information and Communications group are:

- Computer Science (CS)
- Information Management (IM)
- Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems (RSGIS)
- Telecommunications (TC)

Interdisciplinary Programs

- Offshore Technology and Management (OTM)
- Information and Communications Technologies (ICT)
- Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation and Management (DPMM)
- Gender, Transportation and Development (GTD)
4.1.3 Strategic Research Areas

The School of Engineering and Technology has identified broad research areas related to the strengths of its faculty, its curriculum and its existing facilities that are the building blocks for education niches in engineering and advanced technologies.

The following lists the information about the specific focal areas grouped by Fields of Study

**Computer Science and Information Management (CSIM)**
Software Engineering and Development; Information and Knowledge Management

**Industrial Systems Engineering (ISE)**
Design and development of devices and sensors; Automation and control of machines; Product design and integration of machines and processes; Planning, operation, control and logistics of Industrial systems

**Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems (RS&GIS)**
Remote sensing (RS); Geographic information system (GIS); Global positioning system (GPS); Digital mapping technology; Digital photogrammetry

**Telecommunications, Information and Communications Technologies (TC, ICT)**
Mobile Communications; Telemetric and Network Performance Analysis; Focal Area 3: Optical Networks

**Advanced Infrastructure Development**
- Application of new approaches and concepts in the development of infrastructure including innovative project financing
- PPP/PFI, integrated project management
- Infrastructure asset and valuation management, and infrastructure safety and security

**Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering (GGE)**
Sustainable geological exploitation for engineering activities; Design of safe structures; Disaster mitigation and rehabilitation

**Structural Engineering (StE)**
Computational Mechanics, Earthquake Resistant Design, Experimentation Methods, Advanced Structural Materials

**Transportation Engineering (TrE)**
Transportation Logistics; Highway Pavement; Road Safety

**Water Engineering and Management (WEM)**
Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM); Water Related Disaster Management (WRDM)

4.1.4 Academic Outreach Centers

The School of Engineering and Technology has a wealth of innovative and untapped knowledge database from its master’s and doctoral research activities. Many outreach and research centers are set up to transform the knowledge into industrial needs. These centers also serve to transfer the practical aspects and the society impacts of the knowledge and technology back to the class room.

**ACECOMS: Asian Center for Engineering Computations and Software**
The prime mission of ACECOMS with 29 satellite centers in 21 cities in Asia and other regions carries out research in engineering computations, develops computer software tools for engineering applications, and conducts training in the effective use of latest computing technology. Visit ACECOMS: http://www.acecoms.ait.asia/

**ACSIG: Asian Center for Soil Improvement and Geosynthetic**
ACSIG provides a strategic location for advanced technological education, researches and outreach activities on the application and effective utilization of ground improvement techniques. Visit ACSIG: http://www.set.ait.asia/acsig/

**ACTS: Asian Center for Transportation Studies**
ACTS activities include modules on intelligent transportation systems, traffic simulation, freight transport, urban road safety and road safety audit. Visit ACTS: http://www.set.ait.asia/acts/

**Geoinformatics Center**
Geoinformatics Center is dedicated to development and promotion of remote sensing and research activities in Asia-Pacific by sharing satellite data, research results and experiences with researchers in the region. Visit Geoinformatics Center http://www.geoinfo.ait.asia/

**Habitech Center**
Habitech activities include research and outreach activities such as training in production and construction, provision of services associated with projects implemented by various organizations, agencies or the private sector. Visit Habitech: http://www.habitech-international.com/home.html

**International Ferrocement Information Center**

**Regional Network Office for Urban Safety**
The Regional Network Office for Urban Safety (RNUS) is a collaborative center jointly operated by the AIT and the University of Tokyo for the promotion of urban safety engineering utilizing advanced engineering technologies including remote sensing and GIS. Visit RNUS: http://www.set.ait.asia/rnus/

**Thailand Accident Research Center**
The Thailand Accident Research Center is an offspring of MOTC’s Road Safety Master Plan acknowledging the lack of information on accidents in Thailand and the need to establish TARC. TARC provides academic back up and a base for road safety research. Visit TARC: http://www.tarc.ait.asia http://www.tarc.or.th/
4.1.5 Governance

Dean

NIITIN V AFZULPURKAR, BEng, Univ of Poona, India; PhD, Univ of Canterbury, New Zealand

Associate Professor [Computer vision (pattern recognition and image processing); MEMS design, fabrication for electronic and bio medical applications; Soft computing algorithms for robotics and automation applications; Mechatronics applications for industrial use]

Associate Deans

NOPPADOL PHIEN-WEJ, BEng, Chulalongkorn Univ, Thailand; MS, PhD, Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA.

Associate Professor [Tunnelling and other underground excavations in rocks and soils; Slope stability and retaining structures; Landslides; Earth structures and dams; Pile foundations; Buried pipes and culverts] [Soft ground tunnelling; Underground excavations in rock; Deep excavations; Land subsidence from deep well pumping; Rock properties]

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BONAVENTURA H W HADIKUSUMO, BEng, Univ of Diponegoro, Indonesia; MEng, AIT; PhD, Univ of Hong Kong.

Associate Professor [Construction Information Technology; Construction Project Management; Construction Site Safety, Virtual Reality application in construction; Web-based project design and management; System Dynamic Simulation in Construction; Construction site safety]

4.1.6 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

ACECOMS: Asian Center for Engineering Computations and Software

Database Development for Piping Analysis Software
Duration: 01 Dec 09 - 30 Jul 10
Project Investigator(s): Naveed Anwar
Sponsor: Computers & Structures Inc
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 340,000

Performance Based Design of Knightsbridge Building
Duration: 01 Mar 09 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Naveed Anwar
Sponsor: Century Properties Inc Manila, Philippines
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,530,000

Performance Based Evaluation of Serendra District 1
Duration: 01 Jan 10 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Naveed Anwar, Pennung Warnitchai
Sponsor: Serendra Inc
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,440,000

Structural Peer Review of Lights Residences Building
Duration: 01 Jun 10 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Naveed Anwar
Sponsor: SM Investments Corporation
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,440,000

Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,024,000

Geoinformatics Center

Capacity Building in Poverty Mapping in ASEAN
Duration: 01 Jan 07 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Lal Samarakoon
Sponsor: ASEAN Foundation
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 9,519,545

Development Planning, Management & Governance
Duration: 01 Nov 09 - 31 Aug 10
Project Investigator(s): Lal Samarakoon
Sponsor: Government of India
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,400,000

JAXA Capacity Building 2009 - 2010
Duration: 28 Aug 09 - 31 Oct 10
Project Investigator(s): Lal Samarakoon
Sponsor: Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 9,862,668

Training cum Study visit Program on Project Management for Hygiene Sanitation and water Supply
Duration: 01 Apr 09 - 31 Mar 10
Project Investigator(s): Lal Samarakoon
Sponsor: DANIDA Bangladesh
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 828,750

Total Contracted Amount (THB): 25,000

ACECOMS: Asian Center for Engineering Computations and Software

Building Energy Code
Duration: 01 Jan 01 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Worsak Kanok Nukulchai
Sponsor: Dansk Energi Management A/S, Denmark
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 14,040,001

ACECOMS: Asian Center for Engineering Computations and Software

ACEE 2010 the 3rd Asia Conference on Earthquake Engineering
Duration: 01 Sep 10 - 31 Mar 11
Project Investigator(s): Naveed Anwar, Pennung Warnitchai
Sponsor: ASEP, AIT, TIT, EIT
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,500,000

Total Contracted Amount (THB): 31,000
Geoinformatics Center

Application of Microwave remote sensing (Professional development Training)
Duration: 01 Jul 10 - 28 Feb 11
Project Investigator(s): Lal Samarakoon
Sponsor: Surveyor Association of Malaysia, PEJUTA
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 320,000

Developing Land cover Data Products in Monsoon Asia over the Period 2004-07 through Integration of Landsat and Multi-Temporal ALOS/PALSAR Imagery
Duration: 01 Apr 09 - 31 Mar 11
Project Investigator(s): Manzul Hazarika
Sponsor: University of Oklahoma, USA
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,020,000

Forest Information Planning and Management in Lao PDr
Duration: 01 Jul 10 - 30 Apr 11
Project Investigator(s): Lal Samarakoon
Sponsor: Kokusai Kogo Co Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 736,000

JAXA Capacity Building 2010 - 2011
Duration: 01 Oct 10 - 31 Oct 11
Project Investigator(s): Lal Samarakoon
Sponsor: Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 8,387,410

NOAA AVHRR and Terra/ Aqua MODIS
Duration: 01 Apr 07 - 31 Mar 11
Project Investigator(s): Lal Samarakoon
Sponsor: Vision Tech/Japan
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 783,000

Satellite Data utilization for disaster Risk reduction and response Training Seminar and Workshop for Capacity Building in ASEAN
Duration: 01 Feb 09 - 31 Mar 11
Project Investigator(s): Lal Samarakoon
Sponsor: ADRC
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 14,185,344

Training Programs in Poverty Mapping
Duration: 01 Oct 08 - 31 Oct 11
Project Investigator(s): Lal Samarakoon
Sponsor: Multi-donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 576,000

4.1.8 Publications

International Journal Articles with Impact factor


4.2: SET – COMPUTER SCIENCE and INFORMATION MANAGEMENT FIELDS OF STUDY

4.2.1 Introduction

Computer Science Field of Study

This field of study focuses on world-class teaching and research into the foundations and applications of computing systems. The curriculum covers a broad range of topics in computer systems, theory, software engineering, information science, and applications. The faculty are particularly active in artificial intelligence, security, computer graphics, machine learning and data mining, robotics, computer vision and image processing, software engineering, networking, simulation, and information systems.

The courses and research topics span the range from theory to practice. Students are encouraged to take courses and conduct research in areas related to computer science such as Information Management, Telecommunications, Information and Communication Technologies, Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems, Mechatronics, Microelectronics and Embedded Systems, Industrial Engineering, and other fields of study at the Institute.

Software Engineering Area of Study

In addition to the traditional Masters program in computer science, the Computer Science field of study also offers a Master’s degree in computer science with specialization in software engineering. The Software Engineering Area of Specialization is specially designed to fill the Asia-Pacific region’s need for highly-trained specialists in software development and the management of software development projects.

Students in this specialization are expected, in the course of their thesis or research study, to get involved in the construction of large software systems, in the context of ongoing research projects at AIT or in collaboration with industry.

Information Management Field of Study

The Information Management field of study at AIT aims to fulfill the growing need for information management skills in government and private organizations. It was the first program of its kind in Asia.

The field focuses on planning the effective use of information and communication technologies within organizations, developing corporate and government policies to maximize the benefits resulting from the wide-spread use of these technologies, improving the strategic management of information resources in business, government, and non-profit organizations, and increasing the productivity and creativity of managers and executives who work with information resources.

4.2.2 Research Facilities and Laboratories

CSIM laboratories are well-equipped for teaching and research. The program maintains its own file, Web, email, and database servers for experimental and daily use. The teaching lab is kept up to date with modern desktop systems and can seat up to 60 students for practical sessions. Specialized equipment includes a 20-core Xeon grid computing cluster, a heterogeneous compute cloud, an experimental broadband satellite link to Japan and other countries in the region, video and image processing equipment, and augmented/virtual reality equipment. Full wireless coverage in the building allows students to conveniently work with their personal notebook computers.

4.2.3 Faculty and Research Staff

Full-time Faculty

KANCHANA KANCHANASUT, PhD, MSc, Computer Science, University of Melbourne, Australia; Graduate Diploma, Computer Science, BSc Mathematics, University of Queensland, Australia.

Chair Professor, Thai Network Information Center (THNIC) and IntERLab Director (Networking and Distributed Computing, Algorithms, Programming Languages)
PETER HADDawy, BA, Pomona College, Claremont, USA; MSc, PhD, Univ of Illinois, Urbana, USA. 
Professor and Vice President for Academic Affairs (until 30 June 2010) (Decision-Theoretic Problem Solving, Probabilities Reasoning, Modeling of User Preferences, Electronic Commerce, Medical Decision Making)

PHAN MINH DUNG, MSc, PhD, University of Technology, Dresden, Germany. 
Professor (Computer and Network Security, Autonomous Computing, Logic Programming, Artificial Intelligence)

VILAS WUWONGSE, DEng Systems Science, MEng Control Engineering, BEng Control Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Engineering, Japan. 
Professor (Information Representation, Semantic Web, Digital Libraries)

SUMANTA GUHA, MS, PhD, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA; PhD, Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, India; BSc, MSc, University of Calcutta, India. 
Associate Professor (Algorithms, Computer Graphics, Computational Geometry, Robotics)

MATTHEW N. DAILEY, BSc, MSc, North Carolina State University, PhD, University of California, San Diego. 
Assistant Professor (Machine Vision & Learning, Robotics, Software Engineering and Open-source Software Development)

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Assistant Professor (Human-Computer Interaction; Analysis and Design of Information Visualization Systems, Semantic FishEye Views, Software Engineering and Open-source Software Development, and Information System Development)

Visiting and Adjunct Faculty

RAPHAEL DUBOZ, MA, Univ of Marseille, France; MA, Univ of Paris 6, France; PhD, Univ of Littoral Cote d’Opale, France. 
Visiting Assistant Professor (Computer Modeling and Simulation, with Applications in the Environment Science)

KIM H W JOON, BSc, MSc, PhD, Dankook Graduate School, Korea. 
Visiting Assistant Professor and Assistant Professor, Rangsit University (Bounded Variation & its Application, Fuzzy Integral, Fuzzy System & Type-2 Fuzzy Set, Discrete Math)

FINN ARVE AAGESEN, MSc, PhD, Norwegian Institute of Technology, Norway. 
Adjunct Professor and Professor in NTNU (Telematics Systems, Telecommunication Information Networking Architecture, Services & Resource Management, Communication Services & Networks)

CHUTIPORN ANUTARIYA, BSc, Chulalongkorn University, MSc, DTech Sc, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand. 
Adjunct Faculty and Assistant Professor in Shinawatra Univ. (Knowledge Representation, Intelligent Information Systems, Semantic Technologies, XML & Web Service Technologies)

Research Staff

PHAN MINH THANG, BEng, Kaldol Kaldom College, Hungary, MEng, Computer Science, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand. 
Researcher (Argumentation)

4.2.4 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

Improvement of Logistics and Planning for Fashion Merchandise

Duration: 01 Jun 09 - 28 Feb 10 Project Investigator(s): Paul Janecek Sponsor: RTG and BTNC Company Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,500,000

INEXUS Thailand Robotics Competition

Duration: 01 Dec 09 - 31 Dec 10 Project Investigator(s): Matthew Dailey Sponsor: Western Digital Co. Ltd., NECTEC Total Contracted Amount (THB): 350,000

Intelligent In Vehicle Driver Awareness Detection System

Duration: 01 Aug 10 - 31 Oct 10 Project Investigator(s): Matthew Dailey Sponsor: NECTEC, Thailand Total Contracted Amount (THB): 200,000

Suspicious Target Tracking Robot

Duration: 01 Aug 09 - 31 Dec 10 Project Investigator(s): Matthew N Dailey Sponsor: RTG Total Contracted Amount (THB): 900,000

Vision-Based Industrial Robotic Bin-Picking System (Phase III)

Duration: 01 Nov 09 - 31 Jan 10 Project Investigator(s): Matthew Dailey Sponsor: Solimac Co, Ltd Total Contracted Amount (THB): 183,750

4.2.5 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

A Ubiquitous computing architecture, for factory Automation, Control and Traceability

Duration: 01 Oct 09 - 01 Mar 11 Project Investigator(s): Paul Janecek Sponsor: RTG/LIKITOMI Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,000,000
Creating blue print for Science, Mathematics and Technology Learning Center
Duration: 01 Sep 10 - 28 Feb 11
Project Investigator(s): Vilas Wuwongse
Sponsor: Institute of Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology (IPST)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 750,000

GMSARN Best Practice Project
Duration: 01 Jan 10 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Vilas Wuwongse
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,800,000

Top 20 RTG- Asian University Research Ranking
Duration: 01 Sep 09 - 31 Aug 11
Project Investigator(s): Peter F Haddawy
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 949,000

Vision-Based Industrial Robotic Bin-Picking System (Phase IV)
Duration: 01 Feb 10 - 31 Jan 11
Project Investigator(s): Matthew Dailey
Sponsor: Solimac Co, Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 880,000

4.2.6 Publications

Book

International Journal Articles with Impact factor


Conference Publications


SET – Computer Science and Information Management Fields of Study


4.2.7 Doctoral Students’ Dissertation

Computer Science

3D Modeling of an Agricultural Field Inspection Robot
By Jednipat Moonrinta
Supervisor: Dr. Matthew Dailey

Argumentation-Based Advertisement Generation
By Songphon Klabwong
Supervisor: Prof. Phan Minh Dung

Comparative Analysis of Software Architectural Patterns for Mobile Ad Hoc Network Visualization Applications
By Munkhsambuu Badrakh
Supervisor: Prof. Kanchana Kanchanasut

Linked Open Foreign Trade Data
By Hendrik
Supervisor: Prof. Vilas Wuwongse

Multiple Person Tracking and Left Luggage Detection Using Appearance Models
By Shashi Gharti
Supervisor: Dr. Matthew Dailey

Objective Outcome Scoring in a Dental Surgical Simulator
By Ekarin Supatatararn
Supervisor: Prof. Peter Haddawy

Parallel Perspective KD-Tree Construction on GPU
By Panasan Puapermoonsiri
Supervisor: Dr. Sumanta Guha

Subject Area Representative

Keywords Identification
By Pratikshya Kuinkel
Supervisor: Prof. Peter Haddawy

Research Study: Arbitrary Object Tracking Through Histogram Matching
By Abdul Basit
Supervisor: Dr. Matthew Dailey

Research Study: SMS Voice Dictation
By Nichjira Chobtum
Supervisor: Dr. Sumanta Guha

Research Study: Text Encapsulation: Summarization to the Minimum
By Imran Ali
Supervisor: Dr. Sumanta Guha

Information Management

Data Mining Using the Correlation between Pictures and Sounds
By Nathaporn Bumrungsawat
Supervisor: Dr. Sumanta Guha

Legally Inspired Online Support for Dispute Resolution
By Tran Nguyen Duong Chi
Supervisor: Prof. Phan Minh Dung

Mobile Application to Monitor and Control Epidemic in Patients with Acute Respiratory Diseases (ARDs)
By Rachadaporn Rermlawan
Supervisor: Dr. Vatcharaporn Esichaikul

Privacy and Access Control in Online Social Networks
By Rajiya Rijal
Supervisor: Prof. Phan Minh Dung

Recognizing Users Activity from an Accelerometer Sensor
By Chanaphan Prasomwong
Supervisor: Dr. Paul Janecek

Research Study: A Comparison of Cognitive Walkthrough and Heuristic Techniques for Formative Evaluation
By Thura Than
Supervisor: Dr. Paul Janecek

Research Study: A Hybrid Modeling Approach for Demand Forecasting: A Case Study of Raw Material Forecasting in the Restaurant Chain Business
By Thirut Supawongvisarn
Research Study: Auditory Displays of Data for Vehicle Operators: Design and Evaluation for a Factory Environment
By Patipol Treerojporn
Supervisor: Dr. Paul Janecek

Research Study: Determining Significant Messages and Users Using Multi-Digraph in Enron Dataset
By Thanittha Niyamosatha
Supervisor: Dr. Sumanta Guha

Research Study: Ensemble Techniques to Predict the Consumer Rating of Movies
By Suresh Raj Bhattarai
Supervisor: Dr. Sumanta Guha

Research Study: Multi-Criteria Decision Making to Evaluate the Avian Influenza Control Strategies in Thailand
By Laoorom Chiempiriyakul
Supervisor: Dr. Vatcharaporn Esichaikul
4.3: SET – CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT FIELD OF STUDY

4.3.1 Introduction

The Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Management field trains professionals to play leading roles in the international construction industry and in infrastructure development and management. It offers courses in four levels - operations, project, strategic issues and corporate issues. It prepares students to become effective managers and decision-makers familiar with modern techniques of construction management, engineering management and infrastructure management.

The field’s courses are delivered based on a hierarchical knowledge scale that considers principles and fundamentals, applications (tools and techniques), and emerging issues. In offering courses spanning fundamentals to advanced, the emphasis is on shifting from classical to innovative knowledge.

4.3.2 Faculty and Research Staff

CHOTCHAI CHAROENNGAM, BEng, King Mongkut’s Inst of Tech, Thonburi, Thailand; MS, Univ of Kansas; PhD, Univ of Texas at Austin, USA

Associate Professor (Project Planning, Scheduling, and Controls; Construction Productivity Improvement; Public Private Partnership Project; Project Financing)

BONAVENTURA H W HADIKUSUMO, BEng, Univ of Diponegoro, Indonesia; MEng, AIT; PhD, Univ of Hong Kong.

Associate Professor (Construction Information Technology; Construction Project Management; Construction Site Safety, Virtual Reality application in construction; Web-based project design and management; System Dynamic Simulation in Construction; Construction site safety)

4.3.3 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

Advanced techniques for Budgeting of Capital Investment Projects (Phase II)
Duration: 01 Aug 09 - 31 Mar 10
Project Investigator(s): Chotchai Charoenngam
Sponsor: Chulalongkorn University
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 300,000

Advanced Techniques for Public Project financing
Duration: 01 Apr 10 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Chotchai Charoenngam
Sponsor: Chulalongkorn University
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 300,000

Professional Master in Project Management Hanoi Sep 2009
Duration: 01 Sep 09 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): BHW Hadikusumo, Chotchai Charoenngam
Sponsor: Construction Corporations in Vietnam
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 5,147,600

Professional Master in Project Management Ho Chi Minh City Class A Sep 2009
Duration: 01 Sep 09 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): BHW Hadikusumo, Chotchai Charoenngam
Sponsor: Construction Corporations in Vietnam
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 8,137,628

Professional Master in Project Management Ho Chi Minh City Class B Sep 2009
Duration: 01 Sep 09 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): BHW Hadikusumo, Chotchai Charoenngam
Sponsor: Construction Corporations in Vietnam
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 9,013,400

4.3.4 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Professional Master in Project Management Can Tho City 2010
Duration: 01 May 10 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): BHW Hadikusumo, Chotchai Charoenngam
Sponsor: Construction Corporations in Vietnam
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 6,142,608

Professional Master in Project Management Hanoi Sep 2010
Duration: 01 Sep 10 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): BHW Hadikusumo, Chotchai Charoenngam
Sponsor: Construction Corporations in Vietnam
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 5,105,310

Professional Master in Project Management Ho Chi Minh City Class A Sep 2010
Duration: 01 Sep 10 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): BHW Hadikusumo, Chotchai Charoenngam
Sponsor: Construction Corporations in Vietnam
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 7,684,377

Professional Master in Project Management Ho Chi Minh City Class B Sep 2010
Duration: 01 Sep 10 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): BHW Hadikusumo, Chotchai Charoenngam
Sponsor: Construction Corporations in Vietnam
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 7,918,758

4.3.5 Publications

International Journal Articles with Impact factor


### 4.3.6 Doctoral Students’ Dissertation

**A Condition Rating System and Deterioration Prediction Model for Concrete Highway Bridges in Thailand**  
By Nukul Saksuwan  
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

**Development of a Worker Engagement Measurement Tool (WEMT) for a Construction Safety Program**  
By Oulawan Kulchartchai  
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

### 4.3.7 Masters Students’ Theses and Projects

**Application of Information Flow into Resource Management for Administrational and Operational Management in Vietnam**  
By Bich Ngoc Nguyen Tran  
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

**Assessing Project Management in Myanmar Construction Companies**  
By Saw Sandar  
Supervisor: Dr. Bonaventura H. W. Hadikusumo

**Asset Management in Public and Public Private Partnership (PPP) Hydropower Stations in Nepal**  
By Raj Kumar Lakhe  
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

**Construction Litigation Analysis: A Case Study of Thai Supreme Court Cases**  
By Tanatat Wisetsurakarn  
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

**Cultural Dimensions and Behavior of Construction Engineers in Thailand Related to On-Site Management**  
By Adithep Roobleak  
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

**Current Practices of Public Private Partnership in Low-Income Housing Development in Vietnam**  
By Truong Ngoc Quy  
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

**Implementation Problems Causing Cost Overrun of World Bank-Supported Construction Projects: A Case Study in Afghanistan**  
By Mohammad Sharif  
Supervisor: Dr. Bonaventura H. W. Hadikusumo

**Improving Quality Assurance in Construction: A Case Study in Petromekong Corporation, Vietnam**  
By Duong Thanh Hai  
Supervisor: Dr. Bonaventura H. W. Hadikusumo

**Investigation of Change Order Management: A Case Study of Oil and Gas Projects**  
By Le Dang Thuc  
Supervisor: Dr. Bonaventura H. W. Hadikusumo

**Owner’s Contract Administration for Project Time and Cost Control Strategy in Commercial Building Projects**  
By Nguyen Xuan Phong  
Supervisor: Dr. Bonaventura H. W. Hadikusumo

**Relationship Between Project Phases and Stock Performance: A Study in Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)**  
By Tinn Withayawaragul  
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

**Relationship Marketing in Thai SME Contractors: Case Study of Bangkok and Khonkaen SME Contractors**  
By Amnarch Pirmsinthavee  
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

**Risk Factors Affecting Business Diversification in a Real Estate Company**  
By Kittichai Kanjanakantika  
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

**Special Purpose Vehicle in Toll-Road Project Development: A Case Study on the National Highway in Vietnam**  
By Truong Thi Van Anh  
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam
Success Factors for Financial Sustainability of Toll Road Projects in China
By Truong Thi My Thanh
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

Supply Chain Management: A Case Study of Construction Companies in Vietnam
By Vuong Hai Khoa
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Web Application for Contractor Claim Analysis
By Aung Chan Thar
Supervisor: Dr. Bonaventura H. W. Hadikusumo

By Nguyen Chau Dieu An
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: A Development Infrastructure Program to Support the Van Don Economic Zone
By Pham Van Thanh
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

Project: A Feasibility Study of a Curtain Wall Testing Company in Hanoi
By Nguyen Duy Duc Thu
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Application of Fidic Contract in a Bridge Project: The Case of Can Tho Bridge
By Nguyen Thu Trang
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

Project: Assessment of Risks on the Design Management Aspects in Luxury Hotel Development Projects: The Case of Le Meridien Saigon Hotel
By Tran Thi Thien Trang
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

By Nguyen Le Minh
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

Project: Claim Management and Analysis: Case Study of a High Rise Building Project
By Nguyen Duy Thieng Giang
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Communication Management in a Construction Project: A Case Study of the Tallest Tower in HCMC
By Du Thieng Duc
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Delay in Planning, Design and Construction: A Case Study of Residential Development Project in Ho Chi Minh City
By Nguyen Hung Cuong
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

Project: Design Management in a Design-Build Project Based on the Design Team of Contractor Perspective
By Nguyen Cao Bao Luat
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

Project: Effectiveness of Feasibility Study Analysis in an Apartment Building Project: A Case Study of a Two Towers-Twenty Six Storey Apartment Project in Ho Chi Minh City
By Truong Ngoc Dung
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Effective Project Management of a Resettlement Development Project: The Case of Can Tho Bridge
By Le Minh Dang
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

Project: Environmental Impacts Assessment in Nam Ly Bridge - Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
By Trinh Thi Thuy Ha
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Financing a High-Rise Apartment Building in Vietnam: The Case of Song Nhue Building, Hanoi
By Pham Nhu Dung
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

Project: Integrated Project Management Assessment for a Development Property Project at the Capital Fund in Vietnam
By Nguyen Phan Hoa Binh
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

Project: Method and Effectiveness of a Feasibility Study for an Apartment Project: The Case of Carina Plaza Building
By Le Mien Thuy
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Minimizing the Impact of Change Order to Project Costs
By Chona Salvatus Salvahan
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Organizational Project Management Structure in a Real Estate Developer Company: The Case of Namlong Corporation
By Nguyen Duc Trong
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Owner's Involvement in the Preliminary Stage of Real Estate Development: A Project Case Study in Vietnam
By Truong Thai Binh
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

Project: Owner's Organization Project Management Maturity: The Case of Petrolimex Saigon
By Le Quang Khanh
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Owner's Project Control Strategy
By Nguyen Le Thuan
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Owner's Project Life Cycle Approach: The Case of Rubber Plantation Project in a Vietnam Rubber Company
By Do Huu Phuoc
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Owner's Project Schedule Management for High-Rise Office Building Projects: A Case Study of the Construction Project of Petrovietnam Finance Centre in Danang City
By Le Nam Binh
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo
Project: Planning to Improve the Efficiency of a Housing Project’s Development Process: The Case of a High-Rise Mixed Use Development in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
By Bui Quang Huy
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Project Management Life Cycle and Risk Management in a New Residential Development Project in Vietnam: The Case Study of the Fifth Street New Residential Project (D2D’s Company) and its Secondary Project (Berjaya-D@D Join Venture Company)
By Tran Thanh Liem
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Project Management Practice in a Small and Medium Vietnamese Contractor: The Case of Nhat Dang Company
By Vo Dinh Nguyen
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

Project: Project Organizational Structure Roles and Responsibility - The Case of Marriott Five-Star Hotel
By Tran Duc Quang
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Project Owner’s Quality Management System - The Case of Sails Tower Project
By Nguyen Trung Kien
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Project Schedule Delay and Risks in a Rural Infrastructure Development Project: A Case Study of the Rehabilitation of a Calamity Damage in Vietnam
By Bui Duc Luong
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Risk Management in a Low-Income Housing Project Development in Ho Chi Minh City
By Le Quoc Tuan
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

By Hoang Thi Hai Anh
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Risk Management in the Design of Large-Scale Construction Projects: Case Studies of an Urban Area and a High-rise Building Project
By Do Tran My Thuy
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

Project: Risk Management in the PPP Expressway Project in Vietnam: A Case Study of Ha Noi - Hai Phong Expressway Project
By Vu Van Cao
Supervisor: Dr. Chotchai Charoenngam

Project: Risk Management of Basement Construction Affecting Adjacent Buildings: A Case Study of Construction Project in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
By Dang Tuan Anh
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Risks Affecting Construction Cost in Vietnam
By Le Ngoc Diep
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Schedule Planning and Control in an Engineering, Procurement and Construction Project: The Case of a City Hall Project
By Vo Si Hoai
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

By Nguyen Duc Thanh
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Risk Management in Pipeline Operation Management: A Case Study of Petrovietnam Gas Pipeline System
By Trieu Quoc Tuan
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Subcontractor Management in an LPG Truck Loading Projects
By Vu Van Ngu
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: Subcontractor Management in Gas Projects: A Case Study of PVGAS Gas Distribution Centre Project
By Phan Thi Hai Giang
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo

Project: The Delay Factors in EPC Contracts in Vietnam: The Case of Uong Bi Thermal Power Plant
By Tran Van Trung
Supervisor: Dr. B. Harimurti W. Hadikusumo
4.4 SET – GEOTECHNICAL & EARTH RESOURCES ENGINEERING FIELD OF STUDY

4.4.1 Introduction

The Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering field of study consists of the following areas of specializations, i.e., Soil Engineering, Engineering and Applied Geology, Geoenvironmental Engineering and an interdisciplinary program of Geoexploration and Petroleum Geoengineering (GEPG). Besides the traditional areas of engineering geology and soil engineering such as foundation engineering, earth structures, underground excavations, land subsidence, and landslide mitigations, geotechnical engineers and researchers are increasingly involved in areas of ground improvement, geosynthetic engineering, land reclamation, lightweight materials and forensic geotechnical engineering. Furthermore, geotechnical engineers are increasingly challenged to solve environmental problems related to the reduction of construction wastes, provision of efficient waste disposal facilities, cleanup of contaminated sites as well as geological related hazards such as landslides and soil erosion. To meet the increasing demands of the region in finding new mineral and energy resources, since 2001 a new interdisciplinary area of specialization in Geosystem Exploration and Petroleum Geoengineering has been setup for development of human resources to serve the mining industry and especially the Exploration and Production (E & P) sector of the oil and gas industry. In accommodating these requirements, the courses in the field have been enhanced to equip geotechnical and exploration engineers not only with traditional knowledge of soil mechanics and geology but also with skills in hydrogeology, geochemistry, biological processes, petroleum engineering, engineering and exploration geophysics. Since 2008 the field had successfully opened and operated two professional programs in Geoexploration & Petroleum Genengineering (PME-GEPG) and Geotechnical Engineering & Management (PME-GEM), respectively, in HCM City to meet the increasing demands of Vietnam in these areas.

4.4.2 Research Facilities and Laboratories

The Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Laboratory can be boasted as one of the most equipped geotechnical laboratories in the region with more than 30 years of experience in both soil and rock testing. The laboratory, which offer technical services on testing and research on the engineering behavior and properties of soil and rock; geologic mapping; environmental geophysical surveys; and testing of geosynthetic materials conducted by ACSIG, consists of five (5) sections - Soil Mechanics, Rock Mechanics, Engineering Geology, Geophysics, and Geoenvironmental Engineering.

Soil Mechanics Laboratory

The Soil Mechanics Laboratory has facilities for testing and research on the engineering behavior and fundamental properties of soil. It is equipped to test compaction, seepage, compressibility, deformation and shear strength, soil dynamics, and ground improvement.

Among other equipment, it has an automatic Central Data Acquisition System (CDAS) and two temperature-controlled rooms that house triaxial and consolidation equipment. Its field operation unit has a full range of tools for sampling soils and rocks and field test equipments for vane tests, Dutch cone tests, piezocone tests, pressuremeter tests, screw plate tests, electric logging, and vibration measurements.

Rock Mechanics Laboratory

The Rock Mechanics Laboratory has facilities to determine a variety of the physical and mechanical properties of rocks and rock aggregates required for research and practice.

Moreover, the laboratory is capable of determining hardness, swelling and slake durability index properties of weak rocks. The laboratory has provided testing services to a large number of infrastructure projects in the region.

Engineering Geology Laboratory

The Engineering Geology Laboratory has facilities for research on the engineering behavior and fundamental properties of rocks and minerals.

It provides classification and characterization tests for rock and minerals including petrographic and X-ray diffraction studies. It has stereoscopes, radial line planimeter plotter, stereo-sketch and sketch masters for analysis and interpretation of airphotos as applied to mineral explorations, transportation route studies, forestry, and civil engineering.

Geophysics Laboratory

The Geophysics Laboratory is being developed for training and researches in Geosystem Exploration and Petroleum Geoengineering. It has a number of seismic, electric, magnetic and radiometric instruments, including some of the most advanced equipment such as DAS-1 (OYO), a multipurpose hi-
The Laboratory is capable of conducting and assisting in geophysical field surveys for engineering, environmental, mineral resources, oil and gas exploration as well as in performing analysis, interpretation and visualization of geophysical data acquired.

Geoenvironmental Laboratory

This new laboratory unit hosts high-capacity computers installed with very specialized software used in the upstream sector of petroleum E&P industry, notably with the well-known software for subsurface exploration, petrophysical characterization and reservoir simulation such as Petrel, Interactive Petrophysics, Eclipse etc. which are worth of more than 2 million USD as donated by Schlumberger to AIT.

Geotechnical & Earth Resources Engineering Field of Study

Emeritus Professor

A S BALASUBRAMANIAM, BSc, Ceylon Univ, Sri Lanka; PhD, Cambridge Univ, UK

Full-time Faculty

DENNES T BERGADO, BSCE, Mindanao State Univ, Philippines; MEng, AIT, Thailand; PhD, Utah State Univ, USA

Professor (Ground improvement techniques and geosynthetics, In-situ testing, Geotechnical disaster mitigation, and Probabilistic/numerical methods in geotechnical engineering)

NOPPADOL PHIEN-WEJ, BEng, Chulalongkorn Univ, Thailand; MS, PhD, Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA.

Associate Professor (Tunnelling and underground excavations in rocks and soils; Slope stability and retaining structures; Landslides; Earth structures and dams; Pile foundations; Buried pipes and culverts)

KYUNG-HO PARK, BEng, MEng, Korea Univ; DEng, SUNY at Buffalo, USA.

Assistant Professor (Geotechnical Engineering; Geomechanics; Computational Mechanics; Boundary Element Methods)

PHAM HUY GIAO, DEng, MEng, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand; Dipl Ing (MSc), Bucharest University, Romania

Assistant Professor (Exploration and Engineering Geophysics; Petrophysics; Geotechnical Engineering; Computer-aided Analysis in Geoengineering)

4.4.3 Faculty and Research Staff

4.4.4 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

Building Human Resources in the Development of Academic Programs in Sustainable Geosystem Exploration and Engineering

Duration: 01 Nov 05 - 30 Jun 10
Project Investigator(s): Pham Huy Giao and Noppadol Phien-wej
Sponsor: Asia Link / European Commission
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 4,674,126.00

Consolidation of Clay using PVD with vacuum preloading

Duration: 01 Aug 08 - 31 May 10
Project Investigator(s): Dennes T.Bergado
Sponsor: Maruyama Industry Co.Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,400,000

Development of Software tool for frame analysis and design of high strength steel bolted beam column joints

Duration: 01 Nov 08 - 01 Nov 10
Project Investigator(s): K H Park
Sponsor: RTG/SYS E & I
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,000,000

Engineeering analysis for flood fences structure managememt at Pathumthani province

Duration: 12 Oct 08 - 31 Oct 10
Project Investigator(s): Noppadol Phien-wej
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 900,000

Evaluation and Tests of Laterite soil stabilized with CHEM Road and Cement

Duration: 01 Nov 09 - 16 Feb 10
Project Investigator(s): Dennes T. Bergado
Sponsor: Indochina Engineering Systems Company Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 300,300

Investigation and Analysis of River Bank retaining Structures in Aumphur Pamoke, Ang Thong Province

Duration: 01 Feb 10 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Noppadol Phien-wej
Sponsor: LVC Development Company Ltd.
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 267,500

Investigation on Bank Slope Failure, Taluung Cement Factory

Duration: 01 Feb 10 - 30 Oct 10
Project Investigator(s): Noppadol Phien-wej
Sponsor: Siam City Cement Public Co Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,412,400

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Modified Limited Life Woven Geotextiles (LLG’s) made of Natural fibers for soil erosion control and soil reinforcement
Duration: 03 Jul 09 - 02 Jul 10
Project Investigator(s): Dennes T. Bergado
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 948,000

PM&E Program in GeoeXploration and Petroleum Geoengineering, Batch II
Duration: 01 Sep 09 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Pham Huy Giao
Sponsor: Oil and Gas Company, Vietnam
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 4,730,250

Professional Masters Program in Geotechnical Engineering and Management, Batch 01
Duration: 01 Feb 09 - 30 May 10
Project Investigator(s): Pham Huy Giao, Noppadol Phien Wej, D. Bergado
Sponsor: Professional Managers
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 4,338,985

Services on Design of Civil works of Prototype Underground unit substations
Duration: 15 Jan 09 - 30 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Noppadol Phien-Wej
Sponsor: Metropolitan Electricity Authority
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,850,000

4.4.5 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

A Geoenvironmental-Geophysical Investigation of Petroleum – Contaminated soil at the Don Muang Airport site by using Electric imaging technique
Duration: 15 Jul 09 - 15 Jul 11
Project Investigator(s): Pham Huy Giao
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 990,000

Global Center of excellence on Human Security Engineering for Infrastructure Management of Kyoto University Phase1
Duration: 01 Jan 09 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Noppadol Phien-Wej
Sponsor: University of Kyoto
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,754,662

Instrumentation Interpretation of Nam Ngum 2 CFRD
Duration: 01 Jan 10 - 30 Jul 11
Project Investigator(s): Noppadol Phien-Wej
Sponsor: Ch Karnchang Lao Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,170,000

Investigation on Flooding at Tank terminal of MC Siam, Pra Pradaeng
Duration: 01 Jun 10 - 28 Feb 11
Project Investigator(s): Noppadol Phien-Wej
Sponsor: OY Corporation Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,356,225

PME Program in GeoeXploration and Petroleum Geoengineering Batch III
Duration: 01 Sep 10 - 30 May 12
Project Investigator(s): Pham Huy Giao, Noppadol Phien-Wej
Sponsor: Oil and Gas Company, Vietnam
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 3,850,143

Professional Masters Program in Geotechnical Engineering and Management, Batch II
Duration: 01 Sept 10 - 30 May 12
Project Investigator(s): Pham Huy Giao, Noppadol Phien-Wej, D. Bergado
Sponsor: Professional Managers
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 3,848,650

RTG/Seismic safety of earth dam in Northern Thailand
Duration: 01 Jul 09 - 31 May 11
Project Investigator(s): K H Park
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 900,000

4.4.6 Publications

International Journal Articles with Impact factor


4.4.7 Masters Students’ Theses, Research Studies and Internships

A Study on Hydrocarbon Potential and Exploration of Fang Basin, Thailand
By Nitchakan Senkhamwong
Supervisor: Dr. Pham Huy Giao

Basin Modeling and Geopressure Analysis for the Khorat Plateau, North Eastern Thailand
By Suwisa Koysaman
Supervisor: Dr. Pham Huy Giao

Electromagnetic Responses of Some Oil and Gas Basins in Southeast Asia using Model-Based Inversion
By Khin Moh Moh Latt
Supervisor: Dr. Pham Huy Giao

Evaluation of Low Resistivity Hydrocarbon Bearing Formation
By Panupong Dangyeunyong
Supervisor: Dr. Pham Huy Giao

Geological Modeling of a Reservoir in Natural Fractured Granite Basement
By Trung Cong Le
Supervisor: Dr. Pham Huy Giao

Groundwater Flow Modelling and Slope Stability Evaluation for Deepening of Mae Moh Open Pit Lignite Mine
By Anjula Buddhika Nayomi Dassanayake
Supervisor: Dr. Noppadol Phien-wej

Integrated Interpretation of Well Logging Data with Reference to Reservoir Characterization of Fang Oil Field
By Parkpum Amornrujirjor
Supervisor: Dr. Pham Huy Giao

Landslide Susceptibility Analysis Based on GIS and Remote Sensing (A Case Study in East Java Indonesia)
By Muhammad Qasim
Supervisors: Dr. Kyung-Ho Park / Dr. Manzul Kumar Hazarika

Numerical Simulation of PVD Preloading with and without Vacuum Pressure as well as Heat in the Laboratory and Field Conditions
By Wanittapon Wongprasans
Supervisor: Prof. Dennes T. Bergado

Numerical Simulation of Vertically Stacked Twin Tunnels in Bangkok Subway
By Patara Kalayasri
Supervisor: Dr. Kyung-Ho Park

Optimal Production Strategy for Water-Drive Gas Reservoirs
By Thanakorn Rattanawal
Supervisors: Dr. Pham Huy Giao / Dr. Suwat Athichanagorn

Piled Foundation Responses to Soft Ground Tunneling in Bangkok Subway
By Pavee Meekamakun
Supervisor: Dr. Noppadol Phien-wej

Prediction of Water Inflow into Tunnel during Progressive Drilling
By Yar Kyaw Shein
Supervisor: Dr. Kyung-Ho Park

Processing of High Resolution Seismic Data for a Drilling Rig Site Survey in the Gulf of Thailand
By Supakorn Nunthakungwan
Supervisor: Dr. Pham Huy Giao

Soil–Water Characteristics and Permeability of Residual Soils in Northern Thailand Prone to Rain-Triggered Landslides
By Thanapon Wirojarust
Supervisor: Prof. Dennes T. Bergado
Volume Change and Smeared Zone Characteristics of PVD Improved Soft Clay with Vacuum Preloading: Laboratory and Field Investigation

This study presents the analytical and finite element simulations of reconstituted soil sample and natural ground improved with PVD only and combining PVD with vacuum and surcharge preloading. Observations showed that the settlements of 1.273m and 1.336m were obtained with 116 days of consolidation. FEM simulations and back calculations revealed that PVD improvement with vacuum preloading is faster than that of normal PVD in the laboratory and field conditions due to the reduced effect of smeared zone and increased coefficient of consolidation during vacuum preloading.
4.5: SET – INDUSTRIAL AND MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING FIELD OF STUDY

4.5.1 Introduction

Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering field of study prepares students for manufacturing management and decision support positions in industry and public sector, by equipping them with a broad range of decision making skills for a variety of applications. The IME curriculum reflects the objective of imparting fundamental knowledge to develop the ability to address complex industrial issues, emphasizing on how to design, operate, control, and optimize the production systems.

4.5.2 Research Facilities and Laboratories

IME field shares all the laboratory facilities with Mechatronics and Microelectronics fields of study. There are several well equipped laboratories with the primary function of supporting the students and faculty for teaching and research and to conduct outreach programs.

Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM) Laboratory

The Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM) laboratory was officially inaugurated on September 23, 1991. It provides the hardware and software support for Industrial Systems Engineering. Many research activities have been carried out in close collaboration with industry and government sectors in the areas of Computer Aided Design (CAD), Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM), Computer Numerical Control (CNC), Rapid Prototyping (RP) and Medical Technology. The CIM Laboratory also provides specialized training and consultancy services in CAD, CAM, CNC Machining, Reverse Engineering, Rapid Prototyping, Packaging Technology, Flexible Manufacturing Systems [FMS], and Development of Postprocessor for 5-axis CNC.

The CIM Laboratory is equipped with production and training CNC machines including EMCO TURN242 industrial production CNC lathe, EMCO VMC200 CNC vertical machining center for universal production, MAHO MH600E2 5-axis universal milling and boring machine, an EMCO compact 5 CNC, an EMCO F1 CNC, a LVD CNC press brake, a LVD water-jet cutting CNC, ZOLLER tool presetting system, and a Mondiale Gallic G-420 Industrial CNC lathe, EMCO CNC training system, Plastics Injection Molding Machine. The available CAD/CAM software includes UNIGRAPHICS NX4, Master CAM 9.1, Mechanical Desktop 6, AutoCAD Inventor Series, SolidWorks 2005, CAM 2000, Mimics 6.3 & Magic 5.4.

Metrology Laboratory

Metrology Laboratory provides the hardware and software support for teaching and research activities in Industrial Systems Engineering. Metrology Laboratory is equipped with Measuring Instruments (Zeiss CMM, Mitutoyo Profile Projector, Taylor Hobson Surface Roughness Tester, Lab View Hardware & Software).

Simulation Laboratory

This lab is equipped with networks of Pentium PC for general applications and internet access, high end CAD/CAM & Simulation software such as ARENA and AutoMOD. In addition, a high performance computer facility with parallel cluster is also available for research use.

4.5.3 Faculty and Research Staff

Full-time Faculty

VORATAS KACHITVICHYANUKUL, BS, Natl Taiwan Univ; MEng, AIT, Thailand; PhD, Purdue Univ, Indiana, USA.

Professor (Simulation; ERP; Scheduling, Metaheuristics; Parallel Computing) [Planning and Scheduling Systems; Enterprise Resource Planning Systems; Supply Chain Modeling and Analysis; Discrete Event Simulation Software Development; Manufacturing System Simulation; Manufacturing Decision Support Systems; Just-in-Time Manufacturing System]

MARIO T TABUCANON, BSEE, BSME, Cebu Inst of Tech, Philippines; MEng, DEng, AIT, Thailand.

Professor (Multiple Criteria Decision Making; Operations and Production Management; Operations Research; Project Management; Systems Modeling)

ERIK L J BOHEZ, Burgerlijk WerktuigKundig Electro- Technisch Ingenieur, Rijks Universiteit Gent (State University Ghent, Belgium); Kandidatuur Burgerlijk Ingenieur, Rijks Universiteit Gent (State University Ghent, Belgium); Technisch Ingenieur Electro-Mechanica, Hoger Technisch Institut Sint Antonius Gent, (High Technical Institute Saint Antonius Ghent; Belgium).

Associate Professor (Computer Aided Design; Computer Aided Manufacturing; Computer Graphics; Computer Numerical Control; Five Axis Machining; Robust Control; Simulation of
Metal Removal; [CNC/CAD/CAM; Five Axis Machining; Mold and Die Design, Eco-Design, Biomechanics, Industrial Packaging]

HUYNH TRUNG LUONG, BEng, Ho Chi Minh City Univ of Tech, Vietnam; MEng; DEng, AIT, Thailand. 

Associate Professor [Emergency inventory policies and inventory policies for perishable products; Supply chain design; Measures of bullwhip effect in supply chains; Availability-based and reliability-based maintenance; Fuzzy quality control charts; Statistical design of experiments; Network flows related problems]

PISUT KOOMSAP, BEng, Thammasat Univ, Thailand; MSc, Univ of Louisville; PhD, Pennsylvania State Univ, USA

Assistant Professor [Sensing and Control for Manufacturing Processes and Systems; Laser Applications in Manufacturing; Rapid Prototyping; Condition-Based Maintenance; Continuous Improvement] [Rapid Prototyping; Sensing and Control for Manufacturing Processes and Systems; Laser Applications in Manufacturing; Condition-Based Maintenance; Continuous Improvement]

Visiting Faculty


Visiting Professor [Supply Chain Management (SCM), Advanced Manufacturing Processes; Quality Engineering; Robust Design Methodologies, Reliability Engineering; and Production & Operations Management]


Visiting Professor [Production and Operations Management, Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Design of Manufacturing Systems, CAD/CAM/CIMS, Fuzzy Multiple Attribute Decision Making Methods, Non-Traditional Optimization Methods].

4.5.4 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

Development of an Automatic Steerign Cruise Control System for Passenger Cars
Duration: 01 Nov 07 -31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Manukid Parnichkun
Sponsor: National Electronics and Computer Technology Center, Thailand
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,988,000

Multi objectives multi echelon location routing problem: A case study in Bagasses Ethanol plant in Northeastern Thailand
Duration: 01 Aug 09 -31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Voratas Kachivichyanukul
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,000,000

Product and Design Development for Nawaplastic Industries
Duration: 15 Nov 09 -31 May 10
Project Investigator(s): Pisut Koomsap
Sponsor: Nawaplastic Industries (Saraburi) Co. Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 135,890

The Third International Conference on Management Science and Engineering Management
Duration: 01 Sep 09 -30 Apr 10
Project Investigator(s): Voratas Kachivichyanukul
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,000,000

4.5.5 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Carbon footprint of Double A Paper and Development of Life Cycle Management System
Duration: 01 Nov 09 -01 May 11
Project Investigator(s): Erik Bohez
Sponsor: RTG/Advanced Agro
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,000,000

Identify Customer Needs from Voice of Customers for SCG Building Materials
Duration: 01 Feb 10 -31 Jan 11
Project Investigator(s): Pisut Koomsap
Sponsor: SCG Building Materials Co Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 149,800

Life Cycle Assessment Fine Paper
Duration: 01 Jun 08 -31 May 11
Project Investigator(s): Erik Bohez, Esa Viljakainen
Sponsor: Double A
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,475,000

Product Design & development for SCG Building Material 2009
Duration: 01 Aug 09 -31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Pisut Koomsap
Sponsor: SCG Building Materials Co Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 101,650

Product design and development for Thai Ceramic Co. Ltd
Duration: 21 May 10 - 20 May 11
Project Investigator(s): Pisut Koomsap
Sponsor: Thai Ceramic Co. Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 321,000

Project on Human Resource Development in Multi-Axis CNC Machine for EGAT
Duration: 01 Feb 07 - 31 May 11
Project Investigator(s): Erik Bohez
Sponsor: EGAT Public Company, Thailand
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 750,000

The development of Automatic Flat screen Printing Machine
Duration: 01 Aug 09 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Pisut Koomsap
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 950,000
4.5.6 Publications

**International Journal Articles with Impact factor**


**Conference Publications**


Phromfaiy, A., Sonthipermanpong, K., Bohez, E. Grinding path optimization for a roll grinding machine, IEEE International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management, IEEMS2010; Macao; 7-10 December 2010


4.5.7 Doctoral Students’ Dissertation

Design and Manufacturing Engineering

Computer-Aided Simulation of Cooling System for Electronics Components
By Banjerd Saengchandr
Supervisor: Dr. Nitin V. Afzulpurkar

Development of Adaptive Reverse Engineering System to Support Rapid Product Development
By Suchada Rianmora
Supervisor: Dr. Pisut Koomsap

4.5.8 Masters Students Theses and Projects

A Decision Support System for Integrated Production Planning and Scheduling Decisions in Practical Job Shops
By Tharirin Rattanalert
Supervisor: Dr. Voratas Kachitvichyanukul

A Study of the Theory of Constraints: A Comparison of Traditional DBR with Simplified DBR
By Tran Quang Chi
Supervisor: Prof. Voratas Kachitvichyanukul

Biomechanics of the Index Finger During Mouse Clicks
By Prapol Chivapornthip
Supervisor: Dr. Erik L. J. Bohez

Carbon Footprint of Parawood Chair: A Case Study of Topworld Industries
By Patavriti Chevathamanon
Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Erik L. J. Bohez

Effect of Third-Party Warehouse on Bullwhip Effect in Supply Chains with Stochastic Lead Time
By Sirikan Tachateerawat
Supervisor: Dr. Huynh Trung Luong

Enhancing a Customer Design by for Multi-Color Nested Pattern Products
By Thawanporn Sutharniwat
Supervisor: Dr. Pisut Koomsap

Environmental Impacts on the Transportation Systems of “Double A Paper” Using the Life Cycle Assessment Method
By Chawit Chongwilaiwan
Supervisor: Dr. Erik L. J. Bohez

Life Cycle Assessment of Glass Containers: A Case Study of Bangkok Glass Disposable Singha Soda Water
By Kannika Khantharam
Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Erik L. J. Bohez

PSO Algorithms for Generalized Multi-Depot Vehicle Routing Problems with Pickup and Delivery Requests
By Pandhapon Sombuntham
Supervisor: Dr. Voratas Kachitvichyanukul

Simultaneous Scheduling of Quay Cranes and Yard Cranes Via Particle Swarm Optimization
By Opas Ovasith
Supervisor: Prof. Voratas Kachitvichyanukul

Steady-State Airflow and Particle Trajectories Inside a Hard Disk Drive
By Chanchal Saha
Supervisor: Dr. Huynh Trung Luong

The Analysis and Optimization of Hydro Turbine Runner for a Minihydro System
By Karan Sengpanich
Supervisor: Dr. Erik L. J. Bohez

Project: A Multivariate Control Chart to Monitor and Control a Process at the Ammonia Unit of Phumy Fertilizer Plant
By Nguyen Van Nhung
Supervisor: Dr. Huynh Trung Luong

Project: An Age-Dependent Selective Maintenance Policy for a Gas Processing Plant in Vietnam
By Nguyen Kim Nguoc
Supervisor: Dr. Huynh Trung Luong

Project: Applying the Bayesian Belief Network-Based Model to Quantify a Schedule Risk in Block B-Omon Gas Pipeline Project in Vietnam
By Nguyen Manh Tuong
Supervisor: Prof. Voratas Kachitvichyanukul

Project: A Simulation Model for a Cost-Based Selective Maintenance Policy with Time-Window Constraint
By Nguyen Xuan Tinh
Supervisor: Prof. Voratas Kachitvichyanukul
Project: A Simulation Model for an Availability-Based Selective Maintenance Policy of a Serial System with Time-Window and Budget Constrains
By Le Hoang Ngoc Bau
Supervisor: Dr. Huynh Trung Luong

Project: Development of a Project Cost Control Framework for Wellhead Platform Fabrication Projects in Petrovietnam
By Nguyen Thi Phuong Thi
Supervisor: Prof. Voratas Kachitvichyanukul

Project: Establishment of Control Charts to Help Monitor and Evaluate the Steam Boiler Performance at Phu My Fertilizer Plant in Vietnam
By Tran Ngoc Thuong
Supervisor: Dr. Huynh Trung Luong

Project: Fabrication Process Analysis and Improvement at PTSC Offshore Services Company Limited, Vietnam
By Truong Ngoc Nguyen
Supervisor: Prof. Voratas Kachitvichyanukul

Project: Facility Location and Allocation Model for a Compressed Natural Gas Distribution Network in Vietnam
By Phan Tan Hau
Supervisor: Prof. Voratas Kachitvichyanukul

By Le Thanh Hai
Supervisor: Prof. Voratas Kachitvichyanukul

Project: Inventory Control Policy for Consumable Goods and Spare Parts of PVD Well Services Company Ltd.
By Dinh Quang Tam
Supervisor: Dr. Huynh Trung Luong

Project: Maintenance Approach for an Emergency Shutdown System (ESD) in Phu My Fertilizer Plant, Vietnam
By Vo Van Ngoc
Supervisor: Prof. Voratas Kachitvichyanukul

Project: Multivariate Control Chart for Urea Processing Unit of Phu My Fertilizer Plant in Vietnam
By Nguyen Tri Thien
Supervisor: Dr. Huynh Trung Luong

Project: Optimization of Gaslift Distribution to Wells in the Offshore Facilities of Cuulong Joint Operating Company (CJLOC) in Vietnam
By Vu Minh Duc
Supervisor: Dr. Huynh Trung Luong

Project: Optimizing Production from Gaslift Wells in Sutuden Oil Field-Offshore Vietnam
By Ly Van Dao
Supervisor: Prof. Voratas Kachitvichyanukul

Project: Quality Control of Produced Water Overboard on Central Processing Platform-SU Tu Vang Oil Field, Vietnam
By Nguyen Anh Duc
Supervisor: Dr. Huynh Trung Luong

Project: Scheduling Methods for Optimal Operation of Jetties
By Vu Van Hai
Supervisor: Prof. Voratas Kachitvichyanukul

Project: Statistical Process Control Chart to Help Control the Process Quality of Inlet Gas Booster Compressors at a Gas Processing Plant in Vietnam
By Pham Nguyen Quoc Cuong
Supervisor: Dr. Huynh Trung Luong

Project: The Application of XMR and Cusum Charts for Quality Control at Phu My Fertilizer Plant, Vietnam
By Bui Hoang Nam
Supervisor: Dr. Huynh Trung Luong

Project: The Bull Whip Effect in Supply Chains by Use of Simulation - The Case of (Q,R) Inventory Policy with Independent Poisson Demand
By Nguyen Duc Dung
Supervisor: Dr. Huynh Trung Luong

Project: The Bull Whip Effect in Supply Chains Through Simulation - The Case of (Q,R) Inventoryst Policy with Independent and Normally Distributed Demand
By Le Thanh Trung
Supervisor: Dr. Huynh Trung Luong

Project: The Need for a Cool Supply Chain in Petrovietnam: A Facility Location Related Problem
By Doan Van Cuong
Supervisor: Prof. Voratas Kachitvichyanukul

Industrial Engineering & Management
Development of a Simulation-Based System to Support Short-Term Operation Planning in Job Shop
By Ployapailin Piromsopa
Supervisor: Prof. Voratas Kachitvichyanukul

The main objective of this project is to develop an automatic steering cruise control system which can be installed in passenger cars in the market. The automatic steering cruise control system controls both speed and steering direction of the car. The system is to be stable and able to work in various environments by applying sensor fusion technique. Steering direction control function allows the car to follow direction of the front car or to track road traffic line enabling the car to run on a straight or a curvature road automatically. The automatic steering cruise control system is taken over by the driver immediately after the driver rolls the steering wheel manually. The system takes charge again when the driver release the steering wheel.
4.6: SET – MECHATRONICS and MICROELECTRONICS & EMBEDDED SYSTEMS
FIELDS OF STUDY

4.6.1 Introduction

Mechatronics

At present, most academic institutions and industries in the Asian region are only system integrators. Components are procured from more developed countries (e.g. computer numerically controlled machines, robots, and automated guided vehicles) and are integrated as a system (e.g. flexible manufacturing system). To support the growth of the region’s economy, expertise not only as system integrators but also as builders of components of advanced technologies must be developed. The growing number of electronic devices and the strong interactions between mechanical and electronic parts no longer permit separate investigations of these components.

Mechatronics provides new insights through an integrated consideration of mechanics, electronics and information technology. The curriculum is designed to provide multidisciplinary knowledge and to develop the ability to design mechatronics systems.

Microelectronics and Embedded Systems

The region’s growing industrial sector and the increasing demand for high technologies have brought the need for expertise in microelectronics to a critical level. The students are prepared to cope with the needs of the electronics industry in the region. The curriculum is equally balanced between the analog and digital design of circuits as well as the processing related topics including failure analysis, suitable for this electronics industrial sector in the region. The curriculum has been designed and constantly adapted in partnership with microelectronics industries and collaborating universities overseas. Miniaturisation of IC and the possibilities of completely new technologies like nanotechnology have also been introduced.

4.6.2 Research Facilities and Laboratories

Mechatronics and Microelectronics and Embedded Systems fields of study share all the laboratory facilities with the Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering field of study. There are several well equipped laboratories with the primary function of supporting the students and faculty for teaching and research and to conduct outreach programs.

Mechatronics and Automation Laboratory

The Mechatronics and Automation laboratory is well equipped with many PLC systems (S5, S7200/300/400, INDRAMAT, BOSCH), distributed control systems (PCS7), operator panels (OP5, OP17/DP and OP35), a PC-based human machine interface package (WINCC) and networked field buses (PROFIBUS, INTER-BUS and SERCOS). The lab has mobile robots (NOMAD, PIONEER 2), robot arms (CRS), an industrial robot (KUKAKR15), a self-made open architecture CNC machine, CNC control systems (MTC200, SINUMERIK 8100/8400), image processing systems (DVT, MATROX) and FPGA’s (XILINX-1i VIRTEX PRO, ALTERA). Software such as SYNOPSYS IC Design, ANYSIM, ANSYS, ADAMS and many types of special sensors and actuators are also available for research use.

The Integrated Circuit Design laboratory gives students access to a wide variety of professional software applications including ANSYS, Orcad, ModelSim SE, Xilinx ISE, Synopsys, Leonardo Spectrum LS and Tanner (S-Edit for Schematic Capture, T-Spice and W-Edit for Simulation and LEDit for Physical Layout). The laboratory’s facilities are used for analog and digital circuit design, microchip design and fabrication, MEMS, microactuators and micro-sensors design, computational electronics, and so on. Fabrication facilities are available through the National Electronics Technology Center and the National Science and Technology Development Administration located in nearby Science Park.

Mechatronics faculty and students work in close collaboration with industry and government sectors in the areas of industrial automation, robotics, control, system design and integration. Some examples of ongoing projects include a medical tele-analyzer, automated visual inspection systems, MEMS design, an autonomous flying robot, automating centrifuge machines, an autonomous underwater robot and automating crystallization processes.

Simulation Laboratory

This lab is equipped with networks of Pentium PC for general applications and internet access, high end CAD/CAM & Simulation software such as ARENA and AutoMOD. In addition, a high performance computer facility with parallel cluster is also available for research use.

IC Design Laboratory

The Integrated Circuit Design laboratory gives students access to a
wide variety of professional software applications including ANSYS, OrCAD, ModelSim SE, Xilinx ISE, Synopsys, Leonardo Spectrum LS and Tanner (S-Edit for Schematic Capture, T- Spice and W-Edit for Simulation and LEDit for Physical Layout). The laboratory’s facilities are used for analog and digital circuit design, microchip design and fabrication, MEMS, microactuators and micro-sensors design, computational electronics, and so on. Fabrication facilities are available through the National Electronics Technology Center and the National Science and Technology Development Administration located in nearby Science Park.

### 4.6.3 Faculty and Research Staff

#### Full-time Faculty

JOYDEEP DUTTA, BSc (Hons), St Edmund’s College; MSc (Physics), North Eastern Hill Univ; PhD, IACS, Calcutta Univ, India.

**Professor** [Functional materials, nanomaterials, Nanoparticles, selforganisation, Biomimetic processes, Polyelectrolyte deposition, Gas sensors, Biosensors, optoelectronic devices]

MANUKID PARNICHKUN, BEng, Chulalongkorn Univ, Thailand; MEng, Ph.D, Univ of Tokyo, Japan.

**Associate Professor** [Robotics, control, and measurement (involves with design and development of hardware and software of mechatronics devices); New robot mechanism, novel control algorithm, and innovative measurement concept are investigated]

NITIN V AFZULPURKAR, BEng, Univ of Poona, India; PhD, Univ of Canterbury, New Zealand.

**Associate Professor** [Computer vision (pattern recognition and image processing); MEMS design, fabrication for electronic and bio medical applications; Soft computing algorithms for robotics and automation applications; Mechatronics applications for industrial use]

MONGKOL EKPANYAPONG, B.Eng., Chulalongkorn Univ, Thailand; M.Eng. Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, M.Sc., Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology, USA.

**Assistant Professor** [Embedded Systems, Computer Architecture, VLSI design (Low power design), Physical VLSI design, High Performance Computing, GPGPU, DSP]

**Visiting Faculty**


**Visiting Professor** (Human face detection, recognition and tracking and medical image analysis.)


**Visiting Professor** (Control of Robots, especially control of robotmanipulators and Humanoid robots).

RENATO ZACCARIA

**Visiting Professor** (Advanced Robotics).


**Visiting Professor** (Formalization and representation of knowledge, tasks and actions using simboli and sub symbolic techniques).

MASASHI SHIMIZU, Ph.D. (1965) in Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering, Tohoku University.

**Visiting Professor** (Mechanical Engineering).


**Adjunct Faculty**

PUDIT LAKSANACHAROEN, Ph.D. (2001) Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

**Model and Simulation for Design and Control of Legged Robots**


**Industrial Electronics**


**Electrical Engineering**

### 4.6.4 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

Automated Inline Foam Sheet Placement and Adhesion

Duration: 01 Jun 07 - 31 Dec 10

Project Investigator(s): Nitin Afzulpurkar

Sponsor: RTG-CPAC Roof Tile Co. Ltd

Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,500,000
Disk Drive Automated Test Operation Modelling for Throughput Predicting Controlling and Monitoring
Duration: 15 Sep 08 - 15 Sep 10
Project Investigator(s): Nitin Afzulpurkar
Sponsor: Seagate Technology Th Ltd/RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 10,528,000

Master Degree in HDD Engineering Technology
Duration: 01 Jul 07 - 31 May 10
Project Investigator(s): Nitin Afzulpurkar
Sponsor: Western Digital Co. Ltd.
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,000,000

Master Degree in HDD Engineering Technology-Batch 2
Duration: 01 Jul 08 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Nitin Afzulpurkar
Sponsor: Western Digital Co. Ltd.
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 10,528,000

Police Eyes
Duration: 01 Aug 10 - 30 Nov 10
Project Investigator(s): Mongkol Ekpanyapong
Sponsor: NECTEC, Thailand
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 200,000

4.6.5 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Microelectronics
Brain computer interface based mental detection for accident prevention and Machine control: Applications in Fatigue alarming and Robot control
Duration: 01 Jul 09 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Manukid Parnichkun
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,000,000

Development of Force Feedback Exoskeleton system for Virtual Reality
Duration: 01 Nov 08 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Manukid Parnichkun
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 952,000

Development of Robot Controller
Duration: 01 Nov 08 - 31 Oct 11
Project Investigator(s): Manukid Parnichkun
Sponsor: Aerofluid Co Ltd/RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,000,000

Electronic design using GP-GPU for performance improvement
Duration: 16 Jun 10 - 15 Jun 12
Project Investigator(s): Mongkol Ekpanyapong
Sponsor: TRF
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 360,000

Flow Modeling in Hard disc Drives
Duration: 15 Dec 09 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Joydeep Dutta, Huynh Trung Luong, Pisut Koomsap
Sponsor: Donaldson Company Thailand
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,000,000

Master Degree in HDD Engineering Technology #3
Duration: 01 Jul 09 - 01 Jul 11
Project Investigator(s): Nitin Afzulpurkar
Sponsor: Western Digital Co. Ltd.
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 10,528,000

Master Degree in HDD Engineering Technology #4
Duration: 01 Jul 10 - 01 Jul 12
Project Investigator(s): Nitin Afzulpurkar
Sponsor: Western Digital Co. Ltd.
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 10,528,000

Simulation Model for reducing Spring Constant in HDD Suspension
Duration: 01 Dec 08 - 31 Jan 11
Project Investigator(s): Nitin Afzulpurkar
Sponsor: I/U CRC Advanced Manufacturing
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 500,000

4.6.6 Publications

International Journal Articles with Impact factor


Conference Publication
Bodhale D.W., Nisar A., Nitin V. Afzulpurkar. Design, fabrication and analysis of silicon microneedles for transdermal drug delivery
applications. IFMBE Proceedings, (27) 0-0, 2010.


Sarayut Amornwongpeeti, Mongkol Ekpanyapong and Chumnarn Punyasai, A Study of Non-Ideality Effects on Third-order Cascaded Multi-bit Delta-Sigma Modulator with Interstage Feedback Paths, International Conference on Circuits/Systems, Computers and Communications (ITC-CSCC) 2010

Sarayut Amornwongpeeti, Mongkol Ekpanyapong and Chumnarn Punyasai, A Comparative Analysis of Behavioral Simulation for Third-Order Cascaded Multi-Bit Delta-Sigma Modulator with Interstage Feedback Paths, Electrical Engineering/Electronics, Computer, Telecommunications and Information Technology (ECTI) Association (ECTI) 2010

4.6.7 Doctoral Students’ Dissertation

Mechatronics

Balancing Control of AIT Leg Exoskeleton
By Narong Aphiratsakun
Supervisor: Dr. Manukid Parnichkun

Microelectronics

Design, Simulation and Experimental Study of a Droplet-Based PCR by Electrowetting on Dielectric
By Kessararat Ugsornrat
Supervisor: Dr. Nitin V Afzulpurkar

4.6.8 Masters Students’ Theses and Research Studies

Mechatronics

A Pan-Tilt Head Position System for Thermal and CCD Dual Sensors
By Thanit Hanpongsachit
Supervisor: Dr. Nitin V. Afzulpurkar

Automated Pick and Place Based Machine Vision for Hard Disk Drive Assembly
By Saravut Ashametra
Supervisor: Dr. Nitin V. Afzulpurkar

Balancing Control of a Bicycle Robot by Centrifugal Force
By Pranartpol Mongpaew
Supervisor: Dr. Manukid Parnichkun

Controller and Resonance Compensator Optimization for Head Positioning System in HDD
By Boworn Panyavoravaj
Supervisor: Dr. Manukid Parnichkun

Conveyor System Design for HGA Automation
By Parag Kishor Chhajed
Supervisor: Dr. Nitin V. Afzulpurkar

Couple-Field Analysis for 500KTPI HDD Dual Stage Actuator for Optimization of Low Power Consumption
By Jarruke Leekliang
Supervisors: Dr. Nitin V. Afzulpurkar / Dr. Adisorn Tuantranont

Development of a COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) Measuring Device Using Thermistor for Flow Measurement
By Siddhesh Mangesh More
Supervisor: Dr. Manukid Parnichkun

Dynamic Obstacle Avoidance for Intelligent Vehicle Using 3D LiDAR Scan
By Parkpoom Kerdtanamongkol
Supervisor: Dr. Manukid Parnichkun

Road Profile Estimation Using Road Edge Detection of Left-Right Cameras
By Alisa Kunapinun
Supervisor: Dr. Manukid Parnichkun

Microelectronics

A Fourth-Order Cascaded Multi-bit Delta-Sigma Modulator with Interstage Feedback Paths
By Sarayut Amornwongpeeti
Supervisor: Dr. Mongkol Ekpanyapong

Feasibility Study of Close Loop Dynamic Flying Height Based on Readback Signal Amplitude
By Phuwaret Uadkla
Supervisor: Mr. Brent Bargmann

Improved Performance on Gas Sensors Based on Zinc Stannate Nanostructures
By Aarthi Sivapunniyam
Supervisor: Prof. Joydeep Dutta

MR Resistance Touchdown-Backoff Calibration on a Multi-Disk Servo Writer
By Bundit Jangsrisert
Supervisor: Dr. Nitin V. Afzulpurkar

Research Study: Protein Sensor for the Waste Dialysate Material
By Jafar Khan Kasi
Supervisor: Dr. Nitin V. Afzulpurkar
4.7: SET – NANOTECHNOLOGY FIELD OF STUDY

4.7.1 Introduction

The program in Nanotechnology at AIT is designed to address the knowledge-based industries that will require continuous development of their workforce. Nanotechnology master’s and doctoral program are a well-recognized means of gaining experience in state-of-the-art techniques and applications. The program at AIT is addressed to the needs of engineers and science background students for entering into this all-encompassing technology area which is recognized as the manufacturing technology of the 21st century. Nanotechnology with a focus on nanomaterials engineering at AIT provides international level engineering program which is a unique blend of truly cross-disciplinary teaching with an integrated curriculum. Budding Nanotechnologists come from different disciplines, including various engineering disciplines, physics, materials sciences and chemistry, so the postgraduate program in nanotechnology accommodates students from a wide range of backgrounds. Partnership in learning and research with the corporate world is one of the hallmarks of this program. AIT and PSG Institute of Advanced Studies (PSGIAS) will jointly offer Bachelor’s and Master’s programs in the field of Nanotechnology to be launched in 2011.

4.7.2 Research Facilities and Laboratories

Research facility in the Nanotechnology laboratory is available through the facilities of the center of Excellence in Nanotechnology, which is one of the 8 designated centers supported by the National Nanotechnology Center (NANOTEC) of the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), Thailand. The unifying concept in the laboratory is to utilize wet-chemical methods to fabricate innovative materials and futuristic devices. Applications of nanoparticles in Energy, Food & Agriculture and the environment are the major focus of the research activities. Current research activities focuses on dye-sensitized solar cells, piezotronic devices, methanol reforming for hydrogen production, gas sensors, bio-diagnostic tools, environmental mitigation through visible light photocatalysis, bio-mimicked self-organisation of nanoparticles, and layer-by-layer growth of sensing devices from colloidal particles, amongst others.

Nanotechnology Center of Excellence (CoEN)

The Center of Excellence in Nanotechnology addresses the creation of knowledge in areas relevant to industries. Activities include joint research with other local and international universities and institutes, education and training personnel in the field of nanotechnology, technology transfer and promotion of public and industrial awareness of nanotechnology. This center provides international platform for academicians and researchers from the region, AIT and our partnered universities worldwide to work together with the industries. Activities of the CoE at AIT include, but not exclusively, research and development focused on the application of nanoparticles, nanomaterials, devices and sensors. The CoE supports innovative research suited to the region, education and training of highly qualified personnel and in increasing public and industrial awareness of nanotechnology, amongst other activities like arranging conferences, workshops etc.

Members of the Center of Excellence in Nanotechnology have published over 100 research papers in peer-reviewed journals and international conference proceedings, articles and book chapters since its inception in 2006. Wide ranging collaboration with multinationals and smaller companies in the region includes Donaldson Inc. (USA), Rak
American Library Association. The
Outstanding Academic Title list
includes 652 books and electric
resources chosen by Choice editorial
staff from among the 7,065 titles
reviewed during the previous year.
The outstanding works were
selected for their excellence in
scholarship and presentation, the
significance of their contribution to
the field, and their value as
important – often the first –
treatment of the subject. The list
appears in the January 2010 issue of
Choice Magazine.

4.7.3 Faculty and Research
Staff

Full-time Faculty

JOYDEEP DUTTA, B.Sc. (Hons), St.
Edmund’s College; MSc (Physics),
North Eastern Hill Univ; PhD, Indian
Association for the Cultivation of
Science, Calcutta Univ, India.

Professor [Functional materials,
nanomaterials, Nanoparticles,
self-organisation, Biomimetic
processes, Polyelectrolyte
deposition, Gas sensors, Bio-
sensors, optoelectronic devices]

Associated Faculty and Research Staff

MOUSA M NAZHAD, BSc, Univ
of Concordia, Montreal, Canada; MSc,
Univ of Concordia, Montreal; PhD, Univ of British Columbia, Vancouver,
Canada.

Associate Professor, Pulp &
Paper Technology Field of Study
(Recycled fiber, Paper and
Paperboard quality,
Nanoparticles in papermaking,
Specialty papers, Pulp
processing and Bio-refining)

OLEG V SHIPIN, PhD, Inst of
Biochemistry and Physiology of
Microorganisms, Moscow, Russia.

Associate Professor,
Environmental Engineering &
Management Field of Study
(Anaerobic and Aerobic
Wastewater Treatment;
composite materials fabrication and optical properties, template synthesis of gold-S5 quantum dot cluster synthesis & optical characterization]

Adjunct Faculty (Transmission Electron Microscopy, Materials Characterization, Semiconductor Physics, III-V Compound Semiconductors)

Dr. Waleed S. Mohammed, Ph. D. (2004), University of Central Florida (USA), M.Eng (1999) Cairo University, Egypt; Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

Adjunct Faculty (Optical wireless, Micro/nano optics, Fiber optics, Grating design, Bio-Photonics)

4.7.4 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

Lab to large scale dye sensitized solar cells
Duration: 15 Apr 09 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Joydeep Dutta
Sponsor: RTG/ SVI Public co.Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,000,000

4.7.5 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Flow Modeling in Hard disc Drives
Duration: 15 Dec 09 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Joydeep Dutta, Huynh Trung Luong, Pisut Koomsap
Sponsor: Donaldson Company Thailand
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,000,000

Nanotechnology Center of Excellence (COE), NANOTEC, NSTDA & Royal Thai Govt. – AIT project
Duration: 2006-2011
Total Contracted Amount: 25 Million Baht
The Center of Excellence in Nanotechnology (CoEN) supported jointly by the National Nanotechnology Center (NANOTEC) of the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) of Thailand and the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT). The center’s researchers carry out cutting-edge cross-disciplinary research. The CoE supports innovative research suited to the region, education and training of highly qualified personnel and in increasing public and industrial awareness of nanotechnology, amongst other activities like arranging conferences, workshops etc.

Photocatalytic thin film coating technology
Duration: 16 Jun 08 - 31 Dec 11

Project Investigator(s): Joydeep Dutta
Sponsor: National Electronic and Computer Technology Center, National Science and Technology Development Agency, Thailand
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,870,940

Printed Electronics using Direct Writing Technology
Duration: 08 Mar 05 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Joydeep Dutta
Sponsor: NSTDA
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,498,776

Zinc Oxide nanorods as filtration Media for multifunctional applications
Duration: 15 Dec 09 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Joydeep Dutta
Sponsor: Donaldson Company Thailand
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,000,000

4.7.6 Publications

Book Chapter


International Journal Articles with Impact factor


Adjunct Faculty


Adjunct Faculty

AKE FALDT, Ph.D. (Physics) (1980), Chalmers University of Technology/University of Gothenburg. Professor of Chalmers Technology/University of Chalmers University of Technology.

Visiting Faculty (General Physics courses, Covering Mechanics, Thermodynamics, Electric and Magnetic fields, Wave Physics, Quantum Physics and Introductory Solid State Physics)


Visiting Faculty (Catalytic processes involved in various conversations in biofuels, e.g. hydrodeoxygenation of fast pyrolysis oils, algae oils, etc. catalytic cracking of used vegetable oils).

PARIMAL AMARATLAL PARIKH, Ph.D. (1993) M.S.University of Baroda, India.

Visiting Professor (General Physics courses, Covering Mechanics, Thermodynamics, Electric and Magnetic fields, Wave Physics, Quantum Physics and Introductory Solid State Physics)


Visiting Faculty (Intellectual property rights, Innovation management, heat transfer).

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4.8: SET – REMOTE SENSING AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS FIELD OF STUDY

4.8.1 Introduction

Geoinformatics comprising Remote Sensing (RS), Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning System (GPS) provides extremely useful tools for environmental and natural resources management. They are widely recognized as supporting tools for the planning, monitoring, and management of the appropriate utilization of resources at the country, regional and global levels.

While they represent multidisciplinary backgrounds, students in RS&GIS share a common interest, that is, to use remote sensing, GIS, GPS and other space technologies as tools in pursuing their academic work as well as in developing new technologies that are applicable to the region. Because of the complexity of the technologies together with the heavy dependence on advanced computer skills, application specialists need to have a sound knowledge of the theoretical aspects and practical approaches to integrate many resources of information that address different applications.

Furthermore, scientists, planners or engineers interested in these technologies should be familiar with past, present and future satellite systems, their appropriate usage, data acquisition and handling and integration with other data sources.

The curriculum well covers the theoretical aspects and application of space technology, especially in Remote Sensing and GIS. It provides students ample time to gain application know-how through laboratory sessions. Students are free to use satellite data received by the NOAA, AVHRR and MODIS Satellite Receiving Stations for their theses or research studies. Recently such as open source Geoinformatics climate change Monitoring using courses Geoinformatics, Advanced Application Development Advance Analysis Methods and Microwave Remote Sensing are add. The demand for RS&GIS graduates is very high as there is lack of professionals in these disciplines, particularly those with a vast knowledge of the practical utilization of these technologies. Employment opportunities are available in a wide range of areas, including agriculture, forestry, coastal development and management, urban planning and development, medical technology, mapping and planning, disaster mitigation and environmental management.

Major areas covered in the coursework are fundamentals of remote sensing and GIS, earth energy interaction, atmospheric correction, application potential in various disciplines, GIS data sources, map projection, geostatistics, spatial modeling, automated mapping, digital terrain model, GPS data acquisition, and integration of GIS, remote sensing and GPS.

4.8.2 Research Facilities and Laboratories

The RS&GIS field of study provides excellent facilities for learning, research and projects which consists of the Digital Image Processing laboratory, Institute-wide GIS laboratory, Asia e-learning project experiment room, meeting rooms, and the Geoinformatics Center laboratory. The RS&GIS field of study has a policy of maintaining the best working environment for students, staff and faculty.

The RS&GIS LAN Network can also be monitored in real time. Besides, it has a very good archive of satellite imagery of SPOT, Landsat-TM, MODIS, NOAA, ADEOS, ERSSAR, and JERS-SAR to serve the students in their research and thesis studies. Other data, such as topographic, landuse, soil, geology maps of Thailand and some aerial photographs, ALOS data, are also available. The RS&GIS library also provides students with more specialized books, journals, and computer manuals. Some of the technical magazines regularly available are GIM International, GIS@Development, and International Journal of Geoinformatics.

Some equipment in its laboratory available for academic activities include: Arc GIS 9.4, ERDAS, Arc View 3.3, ENVI; Total Station; Trimble geoexplorer; Garmin GPS Series III and V; digital camera; wireless hub/switch; wireless USB; network switch; network hub; black/white and color laser printers; A4 and A0 scanners; RFID reader/writer, Sensors and Wi Fi Network, Spectrophotometer, Laser Range Finder, Echo Sounder, Sensor Web GIS; table and personal stereoscopes, SCINDA GPS Base Station, TOPCON Photogrammetry Station and others.

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4.8.4 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

International Conference on Health GIS
Duration: 01 Oct 07 - 30 Apr 10
Project Investigator(s): Nitin Kumar Tripathi
Sponsor: Self-paid
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 360,000

Orthorectification of High Resolution Satellite Data
Duration: 24 Nov 08 -30 Jun 10
Project Investigator(s): Nitin Kumar Tripathi
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 284,458

Sensor Net Visualization 2007
Duration: 13 Aug 07 -31 May 10
Project Investigator(s): Honda Kiyoshi
Sponsor: Elabo Experience Company Limited
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 3,042,000

4.8.5 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Business and Logistics Management using Integrated RFID and Internet GIS
Duration: 01 Aug 07 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Nitin Kumar Tripathi
Sponsor: RTG/CARACAD
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,800,000

Data generation for Tsunami modeling and Risk assessment
Duration: 01 Oct 09 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Kiyoshi Honda
Sponsor: Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 4,947,360

Integrated Coastal Zone Planning and Management using Geoinformation Technology
Duration: 01 Nov 09 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Nitin Kumar Tripathi
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 544,000

Integrated Coastal Zone Planning and Management Using RS and GIS
Duration: 15 Sep 08 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Nitin Kumar Tripathi
Sponsor: Self-paid
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,257,450
Provision of Galileo expertise
Networking and Support for International Initiatives
Duration: 01 Nov 08 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Nitin Kumar Tripathi
Sponsor: Instituto Superiore Mario Boella, Italy
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 687,000

South East Asia Center on European GNSS for International cooperation and Local development.
Duration: 15 Mar 09 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Nitin Kumar Tripathi
Sponsor: The European GNSS Supervisory Authority
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,996,000

Thailand GIS Development for Research on Ontology
Duration: 01 Jan 08 - 20 Dec 13
Project Investigator(s): Lal Samarakoon
Sponsor: Center for Spatial Information Science, University of Tokyo
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,050,000

The Application of GPU Computing technology to accelerate Geoinformatics Applications
Duration: 31 Jul 09 - 28 Feb 11
Project Investigator(s): Kiyoshi Honda
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 990,000

UNIGIS Online Masters and Professional Program
Duration: 01 Aug 07 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Nitin Kumar Tripathi
Sponsor: Self-paid
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,089,000

4.8.6 Publications

International Journal Articles with Impact factor


4.8.7 Masters Students’ Theses

A Study on the Cause and Effect of Reducing Natural Drainage Channels in Dhaka City
By Rezwan Kaiser
Supervisor: Dr. Kiyoshi Honda

Crop Parameter Estimation for DSSAT Ceres Rice Through a Data Assimilation Technique
By Chudech Losiri
Supervisor: Dr. Kiyoshi Honda
Development of Low Cost Bathymetric Mapping System for Tsunami Inundation Modeling
By J Elaine J. Layug
Supervisor: Dr. Kiyoshi Honda

Estimation of Above Ground Biomass and Carbon Stock Using Remote Sensing: A Case Study in Mondulkiri Forest, Cambodia
By Sar Sophyra
Supervisor: Dr. Nitin K. Tripathi

Integration of SAR, Optical Remote Sensing Data and GIS for Change Detection and Restoration of Nipa Palm Plantation in Pak Phanang, Thailand
By Jannet C. Bencure
Supervisor: Dr. Nitin K. Tripathi

Land Price and Land Suitability Analysis by Integrated GIS and Fuzzy Logic: A Case Study of Housing Site Selection in Thanyaburi District, Pathumthani, Thailand
By Saranchai Pisitbanyong
Supervisor: Dr. Nitin K. Tripathi

Mapping Coastal Landuse and Bathymetry Changes Using Satellite Sensing in Park Phanang Bay, Thailand
By Nithima Nuengjumnong
Supervisor: Dr. Nitin K. Tripathi

Mapping of Hotspots of Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide and Nitrogen Dioxide in Thailand Using Sciamachy
By Uday Pimple
Supervisor: Dr. Nitin K. Tripathi

Mapping of Marine and Ecological Changes in Truong Giang Lagoon, Quang Nam Province, Vietnam
By Phan Kieu Olem
Supervisor: Dr. Nitin K. Tripathi

Near Real Time Traffic Parameter Monitoring
By Prabin Kishor Pury
Supervisor: Dr. Nitin K. Tripathi

Real-Time Air Route Monitoring System Using Sensor Network (Sensor Service GRID) for Efficient Mountain Area Aviation Nepal
By Asamaporn Sitthi
Supervisor: Dr. Kiyoshi Honda
4.9: SET – STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING FIELD OF STUDY

4.9.1 Introduction

Structural engineering has always been seen as one of the few fields of study where one can combine real technical skills with artistic flair. Structural engineers are known to be people who enjoy innovation, opportunities, responsibility and excitement, whilst working within a creative profession. Structural engineers plan and design various structures such as buildings, bridges, sport stadiums, towers, and underground structures.

The built environment which is designed and constructed by structural engineers has an enormous impact on our everyday lives. In order to design and construct safe and economic structures, they need to keep abreast with the latest methods of structural analysis, modeling concepts for computation, advanced design, material technology, and improved knowledge in structural loadings. The field educates professionals who will be at the forefront of advanced research in Structural Engineering. They are trained to respond creatively to the industrial requirements of infrastructure development.

4.9.2 Research Facilities and Laboratories

Structural Engineering Laboratory

The Structural Engineering Laboratory (STE Lab) has a long history of excellence in advanced structural and material research. The STE Lab is equipped with instruments for scientific research, which provide excellent experimental environment for scholars and experts in the Asian region to enhance academic cooperation and development. Completed in 1975 and renovated in 2000, the structural testing area of the laboratory is a versatile area with a two-storey clear height that can be used to carry out a wide range of tests of building materials, components, structural assemblies and models.

One of principal elements of STE Lab is a strong floor system. The strong floor is a 1.5 meter deep heavily reinforced concrete mat, covering an area of 380 square meters, with anchorage slots spaced 1 meter apart and cluster points with a capacity of 1,000 kN per cluster. This arrangement provides versatility in the mounting of experiments, and full-size members of complete structures can be loaded to destruction. A test control room and the hydraulic power supply area are located adjacent to the test floor. The laboratory is equipped with a series of hydraulic actuators of various load (100 kN to 500 kN), stroke (+100 mm to +250 mm.) and servo-value capacities for static, dynamic and fatigue testing. Standard laboratory instrumentation for structural engineering is available e.g., extensometer, universal testing machine, ultrasonic pulse velocity and strain gauge preparation, impulse force test hammer, etc.

Seismic Load Simulation Facility

Set up in 2001, the Seismic Load Simulation Facility is basically composed of (1) a rigid, A-shape steel reaction wall, (2) a 50-ton force generating capacity, 1000-mm piston stroke, hydraulic actuator that operates under precision closed-loop servo value control, and (3) the existing strong reinforced concrete floor of the STE Lab. The facility has the capability to perform various experimental seismic tests on near-full-scale structural models, such as quasi-static tests, cyclic loading tests, and pseudodynamic tests. The facility has been used intensively by many master and doctoral students in STE Field of Study.

Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel Laboratory

This wind tunnel laboratory is a state-of-the-art research facility for the study of wind loads and several complex wind-induced effects on buildings and structures. The laboratory was developed by a joint effort between School of Engineering and Technology at AIT and Faculty of Engineering at Thammasat University. The laboratory, located in Thammasat, is the longest and largest wind tunnel in Thailand. It is capable of simulating atmospheric boundary layer wind as well as smooth and uniform wind in its 2.5m x 2.5m tunnel section with wind speeds varying from 0.5 m/s to 20 m/s. The wind tunnel is well equipped with hot-wire anemometers, pressure transducers with rotary scanning system, multi-component dynamic force sensors, dynamic motion sensors, turn tables, rotary side frames, and several other instruments. With this facility, various types of advanced experimental research study, student training, and industrial aerodynamic tests can be realized. The construction of the wind tunnel was completed in 2003, and it has been used intensively since then by graduated students of AIT and Thammasat University.

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4.9.4 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

Collapse Modelling of Soft Storey Building
Duration: 15 Nov 08 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Pennung Warnitchai
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 957,500

Evaluation on the Quantity of Incomplete House Construction for the Bann-Eur Arthorn Project
Duration: 15 Jan 10 - 30 Jun 10
Project Investigator(s): Sun Sayamipuk
Sponsor: National Housing Authority, Thailand
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 3,400,000

Independent Inspecting and Testing Agency for Concrete Sleeper Manufacturing
Duration: 01 Jan 10 - 30 May 10
Project Investigator(s): Sun Sayamipuk
Sponsor: Star Rail Co Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 280,000

Master Plan for Earthquake Mitigation in Thailand Phase II
Duration: 15 Nov 09 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Pennung Warnitchai
Sponsor: Panya Consultants Co., Ltd.
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,568,000

Seismic Retrofitting of Existing Buildings in Thailand
Duration: 01 Apr 08 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Pennung Warnitchai
Sponsor: ADPC
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 4,299,700

Seismic Vulnerability and Risk Assessment of Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet City Corporation Areas
Duration: 01 Jun 08 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Pennung Warnitchai, Kawin Worakanchana
Sponsor: Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 4,299,700

4.9.5 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Development of Seismic Design Code for Buildings and Structures in Thailand
Duration: 19 Sep 07 - 28 Feb 11
Project Investigator(s): Pennung Warnitchai
Sponsor: Siridhorn Institute of Technology (SIIT)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,380,000

Master Plan for Earthquake Disaster Mitigation in Thailand
Duration: 15 Nov 09 - 30 Apr 11
Project Investigator(s): Pennung Warnitchai
Sponsor: Star Rail Co Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,006,400

Mix design of RCC for Upper Pandas Hydropower
Duration: 01 Sep 09 - 30 Aug 12
Project Investigator(s): Sun Sayamipuk
Sponsor: Upper Pandas Hydropower Consultants Limited
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,568,000

Seismic Retrofitting of Existing Buildings in Thailand
Duration: 01 Apr 08 - 28 Feb 11
Project Investigator(s): Pennung Warnitchai
Sponsor: The Thailand Research Fund
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 3,850,000

Structural Evaluation of Vortex Shedding Effect on Pelletizer Structure
Duration: 01 Jun 09 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Pennung Warnitchai/Dr. Naveed Anwar
Sponsor: Toyo-Thai Corporation Public Company Limited
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 650,000

Structural Integrity Evaluation of the Burapa Withi Expressway
Duration: 01 Jun 10 - 30 Nov 11
Project Investigator(s): Pennung Warnitchai
Sponsor: Expressway Authority of Thailand
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 26,980,000

4.9.6 Publications

International Journal Articles with Impact factor


4.9.7 Doctoral Students’ Dissertation

Experimental and Numerical Seismic Analysis of Concrete Gravity Dam and Development of BEM for Nonlinear Dynamic Analysis
By Bupavech Phansiri
Supervisor: Dr. Kyung-Ho Park

Kriging-Based Finite Element in Method for Material Discontinuities and Multiscale Simulation
By Wichain Sommananwat
Supervisor: Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai

4.9.8 Masters Students’ Theses

Applicability of Enhanced Pushover Analysis Methods Considering Higher-Mode Effect for Tall Buildings
By Amelia Kusuma
Supervisor: Dr. Naveed Anwar

Comparison of Different Modeling Techniques for Bridge Abutments, Determination of Abutment Response for Longitudinal Loads and Developments
By Stefani Reni
Supervisor: Dr. Naveed Anwar

Determination of Optimal Microwave Curing Process to Obtain the Highest Early Strength of Normal Concrete
By Adnan Nawaz
Supervisor: Dr. Pennung Warnitchai

Development of a General Purpose Software Package for Offshore Platform Structural Analysis
By Mr. Thanh Huu Le
Supervisor: Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai

Development of Chemically-Prestressed Ferrocement
By Akira Kodaka
Supervisors: Dr. Pennung Warnitchai / Dr. Raktipong Sahamitmongkol

Development of Microwave Curing Technique to Predict the 28-Day Compressive Strength of Fly Ash Concrete
By Abdul Habib Ghafoorzai
Supervisor: Dr. Thanakorn Pheeraphan

Development of Post-Tensioned Precast Concrete Building Systems for Seismic Resistance
By May Phyo Aung
Supervisor: Dr. Pennung Warnitchai

Diaphragm Effects on Tall Buildings Curved in Plan
By Ja San Lu
Supervisor: Dr. Naveed Anwar

Effective Modeling of Shear Walls in High Rise Buildings for Nonlinear Static and Dynamic Analysis
By Rojit Shahi
Supervisor: Dr. Naveed Anwar

Effects of Typical Configuration Irregularities on Seismic Performance of Gravity-Load-Designed RC Buildings
By Sarun Chimamphant
Supervisor: Dr. Pennung Warnitchai

Enhanced Conductivity Measurement Techniques for Evaluation of Metakaolin Pozzolanic Activity
By Purna Bahadur Chhetri
Supervisor: Dr. Pennung Warnitchai

Estimation of Potential Losses of a Major City from Earthquake Disasters
By Mitu Nuntakul
Supervisor: Dr. Pennung Warnitchai

Flexural Strengthening of Reinforced Concrete Beam Using High Performance Ferrocement
By Kamaluddin Kamal
Supervisor: Dr. Pennung Warnitchai

Impact of Different Design Parameters on the Seismic Performance of Hybrid Precast Wall Systems
By Muhammad Irshad Qureshi
Supervisor: Dr. Pennung Warnitchai

Implementation of New Constitutive Relations for Shear-Flexure Interaction for Cyclic Response of Squat RC Walls
By Omar Hayat
Supervisor: Dr. Pennung Warnitchai

Performance of Metakaolin Mortar Against Carbonation
By Chatree Kittisapcharoen
Supervisor: Dr. Sun Sayamipuk

Properties of High Performance Grouts Made with Various Supplementary Cementitious Materials
By Atipong Chuamuangphan
Supervisor: Dr. Sun Sayamipuk

Properties of Magnesia-Phosphate Cement for Rapid Repair Mortar
By Monsan Visesghahamin
Supervisor: Dr. Sun Sayamipuk
Seismic Performance Improvement of Gravity-Load-Designed (GLD) Reinforced Concrete Frame Buildings
By Phichaya Suwansaya
Supervisor: Dr. Pennung Warnitchai

Seismic Performance of Precast Hybrid Frame-Wall Buildings
By Bahram Babayanzadeh Ahari
Supervisor: Dr. Pennung Warnitchai

Seismic Safety Evaluation of Earth Dam in Northern Thailand
By Bhuddarak Charatpangoon
Supervisors: Dr. Pennung Warnitchai / Dr. Kyung-Ho Park

Self-Healing Performance of Concrete with Different Additives
By Dechkhachorn Jaroenratanapirom
Supervisor: Dr. Pennung Warnitchai

Shear Strengthening of RC Member by Near-Surface Mounted AFRP Rods
By Pongsak Wiwatrojanagul
Supervisor: Dr. Raktipong Sahamitmongkol

Ultimate Drift at Gravity Load Collapse of Non-Ductile RCC Column
By Tahir Mehmood
Supervisor: Dr. Pennung Warnitchai

Utilization of MK-Based Geopolymer as Adhesives for Refractory Brick
By Atinuch Sinsilaket
Supervisor: Dr. Pennung Warnitchai
4.10: SET – TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIELD OF STUDY

4.10.1 Introduction

The Telecommunications Field of Study offers areas of specialization in transmission systems; switching systems; telematics; network planning, and in collaboration with the School of Management telecommunications management. The courses offered emphasize modern telecommunications skills in systems planning and engineering, telecommunications software development, and administrative and financial aspects of telecommunications management.

Graduates from the master's program form the nucleus for effective high-level technical planning and management operations at their employer organizations. Some of the graduates are engaged in planning, development, and service activities leading to the installation, commissioning, management, design, etc. of value-added systems. Given the important role of our graduates in the development of the telecommunications sector, the learning is of significant benefit to the users of telecommunications services within the region. Graduates of the doctoral program play key roles in enhancing the level of education and research in the national universities of the region, and promote and strengthen the R&D potential of emerging regional manufacturing industries.

4.10.2 Research Facilities and Laboratories

Today’s fast-booming world of Telecommunications and Computer networking plays a significant leadership role. To support this achievement the Telecommunications field of study puts the effort to continue the development of telecommunications technologies and systems. It covers a wide variety of research in telecommunications ranging from modeling, analysis wire line and wireless systems to application and protocol development. Its research subjects are in coherent optical communications; congestion control, ATM, and B-ISDN networks; error correction and detection methods; mobile and Internet traffic studies; multiple access strategies for cellular mobile, satellite systems, and cabled networks; network performance analysis, planning and design; and speech processing. Its research specializations are in broadband networks; network planning; Switching systems; telecommunications management in collaboration with the School of Management; telematics; and transmission systems.

Transmission and Switching Lab (TSL)

The Transmission and Switching lab is equipped with Nokia Digital Switching Exchange DX200 (DX220, DX210) that supports PSTN and ISDN. There are also several telephone switches, traffic simulators, protocol analyzer, PDH/SDH (STM1 & STM4) transmission systems, fiber optic line equipment, transmission line analyzer, error rate meter which are available for experiment in switching, transmission and internetworking. The switching and transmission systems are integrated as real telecommunications network. Among the applications whose study has been made possible by these systems are Operation and Maintenance, performance measurements of real narrowband and broadband telecommunication networks, as well as new services.

Network Planning Lab (NPL)

High performance computer aided network planning tools are supported by several workstations at the Network Planning lab. This lab provides hands-on experience design and optimization in radio network, fixed network and fiber optical network.

Wireless Lab (WL)

The main purpose of the Wireless laboratory is for measurement and performance analysis. It is equipped with Modulation and Error rate measurement meters, Simulation software like SATSIM, which was developed by the students, is a simulation package to calculate the sub-satellite points of a LEO/ MEO/GEO and its orbital parameters. It also displays graphically on a two-dimensional earth map the instantaneous position and path traced by the satellite (Multi orbit and Multi satellite). Another is NMS/X, is a measurement system for GSM, DCS and NMT networks tracing, capable of measuring up to four networks simultaneously. The results are used for benchmarking service quality of operational cellular networks. These results can be analyzed and can be used for tuning the network parameters in NPS/X.

Communications Labs (CL)

The Communications lab is used to perform experiments courses under Signal and Systems, Communications Electronics, Digital Transmission Technology and Digital Signal Processing. Test bench equipment includes analog and digital oscilloscopes, function generators, analog and digital Spectrum analyzers, Digital sampling oscilloscopes and DSP cards and workstations which have simulation applications like MATLAB.

Computer Laboratory (PCL)

There are two Computer Laboratories in Telecommunications Program. One is for Senior students
and one is for Junior Students. All computers are latest powerful computers.

TC Library

In Telecommunications Program, there is a small library, from where students can borrow telecommunication related journals, manuals and reference books.

4.10.3 Faculty and Research Staff

Full-time Faculty

KAZI MOHIUDDIN AHMED, MSc, Inst of Communications, Leningrad, USSR; PhD, Univ of Newcastle, Australia.

Professor (Telecommunication Networks; Digital Modulation Techniques; Satellite Communications; Cellular Mobile Communications; Digital Transmission and Communications)

R M A P RAJATHEVA, B.Sc. Hons. (Eng), Moratuwa Univ, Sri Lanka; M.Sc., Ph.D. (Electrical and Computer Eng), Univ of Manitoba, Canada.

Associate Professor (Digital and Mobile Communications, Cooperative Diversity, Relay Systems, OFDMA Resource Allocation, Cognitive Radio: Detection/Estimation Techniques, Space Time Processing-MIMO Systems, Distributed Video Coding (DVC)

TEERAPAT SANGUANKOTCHAKORN, BEng, Chulalongkorn Univ, Thailand; MEng, DEng, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan.

Associate Professor (Data Communications; Broadband Integrated Services Digital Networks; Multimedia Communications and Systems; Network Quality of Service)

POOMPAT SAENGUDOMLERT, BSE, Princeton Univ; MS, PhD, Massachusetts Inst of Tech, USA

Assistant Professor

[Communication theory, optical networks, resource allocation problems, and array processing; Recent research activities have focused on optical network designs based on existing infrastructure networks and communications for disaster management]

Visiting Faculty

TAPIO J ERKE, MSc, Helsinki Univ of Tech, Finland.

Visiting Associate Professor

[Traffic measurements, modeling, and performance in various telecommunication networks, PSTN, Cellular, Internet, ATM, and optical networks; Resource allocation for different services, network dimensioning and optimization, and switching structures]

4.10.4 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

Cross Layer Design for Video Transmission in Multi Hop wireless Networks
Duration: 01 Jan 09 - 30 Jun 10
Project Investigator(s): Poompat S.
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 991,200

4.10.5 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Creating Smart Environments through Indoor Optical Wireless Data Transmissions using White light LED’s
Duration: 01 Sep 09 - 31 Mar 11
Project Investigator(s): Poompat S.
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 920,000

4.10.6 Publications

International Journal Articles with Impact factor


Conference Publications


Farah Haroon, Kazi M. Ahmed and Haroon Rasheed, “An Adaption of IEEE 802.15.4a in an IR-TH UWB Industrial Field Bus,” accepted for oral presentation in 8th IEEE International Conference on Industrial Informatics, INDIN July 2010, Osaka, Japan.


Network, IEEE VTC 2010 Fall, Ottawa, Canada.


4.10.7 Doctoral Students’ Dissertation

Designing Cost Effective Broadband Fixed Wireless Access Networks through Engineering-Economic Analysis
By Pichet Ritthisoonthorn Supervisors: Prof. Kazi Mohiuddin Ahmed / Dr. Donyaprueth Krairit

Neuro -Fuzzy Based Relay Selection and Fair Resource Allocation in Cognitive Cooperative Networks
By M. Shamim Kaiser Supervisor: Prof. Kazi Mohiuddin Ahmed

Performance Analysis of FDMA-TDMA Based Multi-User Cooperative Network over Rician and Nakagami Fading Channels
By Imran Khan Supervisor: Dr. R.M.A. Rajatheva

4.10.8 Masters Students’ Theses and Research Studies

Amplifier Placement for Metropolitan WDM Ring Networks Supporting Different Traffic Demands
By Nguyen Van Nhan Supervisor: Dr. Poompat Saengudomlert

Analysis of Cooperative Relay Communication with Cognitive Radio, Physical Layer Network Coding and MIMO
By Laddu Keeth Saliya Jayasinghe Supervisor: Dr. R.M.A. Premandanana Rajatheva

A New Approach for QoS Provision Based on Multi-Constrained Feasible Path Selection in Manet OLSR Protocol
By Mr. Padam Maharjan Supervisor: Dr. Teerapat Sanguankotchakorn

Call Admission Control in Cellular/WLAN Network
By Reena Manandhar Supervisor: Dr. Tapio J. Erke

Content Discovery Using People Social Pattern in Peer-to-Peer Networks
By Sraddha Adhikari Supervisor: Dr. Teerapat Sanguankotchakorn

Dimensioning of Optical Networks with Alternate Routing Using Absorption Probability
By Sarbagya Buddhacharya Supervisor: Dr. Poompat Saengudomlert

Effective and Strict Multi-Constrained Path Selection for Qos Provision in Manet
By Avishek Shrestha Supervisor: Dr. Teerapat Sanguankotchakorn

Epidemic Dissemination of Event Information on Optimized Link State Routing Protocol (OLSR)
By Mr. Wattanadej Jutacharoensuk Supervisor: Dr. Teerapat Sanguankotchakorn

Integration of Delay Tolerant Network Approach on Mobile Ad Hoc Network
By Mr. Ruijipol Virochpoka Supervisor: Dr. Teerapat Sanguankotchakorn

Performance Evaluation of Dynamic Bandwidth Allocation Algorithms for WDM-EPONs
By Nakrop Jinaporn Supervisor: Dr. Teerapat Sanguankotchakorn

Performance Improvement of OLSR in Manet by Game Theory
By Thanh Thai Vinh
Supervisor: Dr. Teerapat Sanguankotchakorn

Resource Allocation in Cellular Relay Network Using Network Coding
By Nawat Luangviriyaseung Supervisor: Dr. Poompat Saengudomlert

Study of the Suitable Coverage Area for Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting Service
By Hajime Kikumura Supervisor: Dr. Teerapat Sanguankotchakorn

The Cross Layer Framework for Efficient MPEG-4 Video Streaming Over IEEE 802.11e EDCA
By Mr. Kumar Pudashine Supervisor: Dr. Teerapat Sanguankotchakorn

User-Centric Mashup Applications and User-Acceptance Analysis: An Example of iGoogle Based Widgets on the Google Calendar Platform
By Miss. Sirsha Bhattarai Supervisor: Dr. Teerapat Sanguankotchakorn

Research Study: Capacity and Design Planning of Special Event - Mobile Solution: A Case Study in NASCAR Motor Sport
By Fahim Mohammad Khan Supervisor: Dr. Tapio J. Erke

By Thach Thi Vila sa Na Supervisor: Prof. Kazi Mohiuddin Ahmed
Cross-Layer Design for Video Transmission in Multi-Hop Wireless Networks

In this research project, we apply optimization and network coding techniques to the problem of efficient video transmission over wireless multi-hop networks. In particular, we construct a framework for reliability aware layered multi-cast of multimedia information. The framework can provide a theoretical benchmark for the amount of information rates that can be supported with QoS guarantees in terms of the probabilities of successful packet transmissions. We also develop a computer program to simulate the effects of packet losses on the video transmission quality. The developed program can display the reconstructed video images with various levels of packet losses (as shown in the figure) as well as compute the associated peak signal-to-noise ratios.
4.11: SET – TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING FIELD OF STUDY

4.11.1 Introduction

Industrialization and population growth have tremendous impacts in the movement of people and goods. Everyday, movement is hampered by congestion, insufficiency of public transport facilities, traffic accidents, and other conditions. Moreover, as manufacturing expands globally, businesses want to reduce transportation costs by limiting the number of distribution nodes. Concerns over congestion on highways, increasing pollution and hazardous materials all emphasize the need to effectively maximize transportation systems. Thus, the issue of transportation is obviously crucial, not only now but in the future.

The Transportation Engineering field exposes students to the process of alleviating transportation problems. The coursework and research in the area provide advanced knowledge in transportation planning and economics, traffic engineering and safety, and the design of highways/pavements and other transportation facilities. Transportation Engineering students acquire advanced skills concerning the planning, design, operations, maintenance, rehabilitation, performance, and evaluation of transportation systems, including their economic and public policy aspects. The field imbibes in each student the development of analytic, problem-solving, design, and management skills suitable for public and private sector professional work.

4.11.2 Faculty and Research Staff

Full-time Faculty

HYUNMYUNG KIM, PhD, University of California, Irvine, USA; MiSc, BEng, Seoul National University, Korea.

Assistant Professor

[Transportation demand modeling, transportation network analysis, dynamic traffic simulation, activity-based travel analysis, dynamic OD estimation problem, public transportation planning, sustainable transportation planning problem]

KUNNAWEE KANITPONG, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison; M.Sc., University of Maryland at College Park, USA; B.S., Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.

Assistant Professor [Highway pavements with emphasis on several major aspects including: highway materials and construction, pavement design and analysis, pavement management system, asphalt rheology, and asphalt concrete mixture design]

THIRAYOOT LIMANOND, Ph.D., University of California, Davis, USA; M.S., Arizona State University, USA; B. Eng., Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.

Assistant Professor (Sustainable transport, travel demand, transportation planning, traffic engineering, transport energy planning, intelligent transportation system)

Visiting Faculty

HIRONORI KATO, D.Eng., M.Eng., B.Eng., University of Tokyo, Japan

Visiting Associate Professor

(Transportation planning and policy; travel behavioral analysis; transportation project evaluation)

KAZUSHI SANO, D.Eng., M.Eng., B.Eng., University of Tokyo, Japan

Visiting Associate Professor

(Transportation Planning, Traffic Engineering, and Logistics)

SHINYA HANAOKA, Dr.Info.Sc., M.Info.Sc., B.Eng., Tohoku University, Japan.

Visiting Associate Professor

[Transport planning and logistics; air transport, which includes evaluation of the air traffic distribution policies in multiple-airport region and the activity of low-cost carriers in Asia; transport logistics, which includes city logistics, intermodal logistics, maritime transport, air cargo and so on; Public transport market and the environmental impact of transport, such as air pollution and noise ]


Visiting Professor (Traffic Engineering, Traffic Flow Simulation, Winter Maintenance, Traffic Accident Reconstruction)

Adjunct Faculty

PIYAPONG JIWATTANAKULPAISARN, Ph.D., Imperial College London, United Kindom; M.Eng., Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand; B. Eng., Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.

[ (Wider Economic Impacts of Transport Infrastructure, Highway Development and Land Use, Financing Transport Infrastructure, Econometric Modeling for Policy Analysis, Statistical and Quantitative Methods for Transportation Analysis, Fuel Demand Modeling, Accident Risk Behaviours of Road Users,

Annual Report on Research 2010]
Traffic Safety Engineering and Evaluation of Road Safety Interventions

Research Staff

PREDA JATURABONG, M.Eng. (Transportation Engineering), Asian Institute of Technology; B.Eng. (Civil Engineering), Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand.

Research Associate

SATTRAWUT PONBOON, M. Eng. (Transportation Engineering), Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand; B.Eng. (Transportation Engineering), Suranaree University of Tech., Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand.

Research Associate

SUMETHEE SONTIKUL, M. Eng. (Transportation Engineering), Asian Institute of Technology; B. Eng. (Civil Engineering), King Mongkut’s Institute of Technology Ladkrabang, Bangkok, Thailand.

Research Associate

SUPATTRA SAMRANJIT, M.A. (Library and Information Science), Ramkhamhaeng University; B.A. (Communication Arts) Bangkok University, Bangkok, Thailand.

4.11.3 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

Dual Degree Master Program in Transportation Engineering in Indonesia Batch II
Duration: 01 Feb 09 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Kunnawee Kanitpong
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,880,000

Promoting Cool Pavements to Mitigate the Urban Heat Island effect in Bangkok
Duration: 15 Oct 08 - 30 Sep 10
Project Investigator(s): Kunnawee Kanitpong
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 580,000

Road Safety Engineering Training in Bangkok for HDC Dong Nai team
Duration: 13 Nov 09 - 30 May 10
Project Investigator(s): Kunnawee Kanitpong
Sponsor: Handicap International Vietnam
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 280,335

Road Safety Engineering Training in Bangkok for HDC Dong Nai team
Duration: 13 Nov 09 - 30 May 10
Project Investigator(s): Kunnawee Kanitpong
Sponsor: Handicap International Vietnam
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 280,335

4.11.4 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Accident in Depth Study Training and workshop
Duration: 22 Jun 10 - 30 Apr 11
Project Investigator(s): Kunnawee Kanitpong
Sponsor: Siam Cement Group (SCG)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 96,300

An Agent based Dynamic simulation Model for Tour Area evaluation
Duration: 01 Jul 09 - 30 Apr 11
Project Investigator(s): Hyunmyung Kim
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,000,000

Analysis of Accident Cost in Thailand by Willingness to Pay Method
Duration: 13 Jan 10 - 30 Apr 11
Project Investigator(s): Kunnawee Kanitpong
Sponsor: Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Welfare Foundation
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 150,000

Improving Road Traffic safety in Thailand: A common challenge for european and Thai Universities
Duration: 24 Dec 08 - 30 Apr 11
Project Investigator(s): Kunnawee Kanitpong
Sponsor: Commission of the European Communities
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 8,317,938

Knowledge Dissemination to Improve Road Safety for Rural Community
Duration: 01 Sep 08 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Kunnawee Kanitpong
Sponsor: Toyota Motor Thailand Co., Ltd.
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,605,000

Road Safety Knowledge Development and Dissemination
Duration: 01 Jun 08 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Kunnawee Kanitpong
Sponsor: Department of Highways, Thailand
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 7,756,000

Road Safety Watch Central Region
Duration: 01 Apr 10 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Kunnawee Kanitpong
Sponsor: Thai Roads Foundation
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,826,600

4.11.5 Publications

International Journal Articles with Impact factor


Shinya Hanaoka, Qadir F.M., Passengers’ perceptions and effects of bus-holding strategy using automatic vehicle location technology. Journal of Advanced Transportation, 3(43) 0-0, 2010.

4.11.6 Doctoral Students’ Dissertation

Experimental Investigation of Skid Resistance and Surface Texture on Asphalt Pavements in Thailand
By Chanida Kangkhajitre
Supervisor: Dr. Kunawnee Kanitpong

Measurement of Visibility Loss Index Due to Splash and Spray on Thailand Highways
By Pichaya Rungruangvirojn
Supervisor: Dr. Kunawnee Kanitpong

4.11.7 Masters Students’ Theses and Research Studies

A Dynamic Traffic Simulation for Emergency Situations in Urban Road Network
By Jakarin Phiriyajitta
Supervisor: Dr. Hyunmyung Kim

Analysis of Accident Costs Using the Willingness-To-Pay Method Among Motorcycle Users in Bangkok and Surrounding Areas
By Preeda Chaturabong
Supervisor: Dr. Kunawnee Kanitpong

A Study of Awareness in Urban Transportation Sustainability
By Hnin Yu Aung
Supervisors: Dr. Kunawnee Kanitpong / Dr. Hyunmyung Kim

Calibration of Traffic Noise Prediction Model in Thailand
By Wang-a-piut Ornkamon
Supervisor: Dr. Kunawnee Kanitpong

Correlation Analysis Between International Roughness Index and Pavement Distresses: A Case Study of Central Java Province National Highways, Indonesia
By Natalia Rahmawati Aruan
Supervisors: Dr. Kunawnee Kanitpong/Ir. Djoko Murwono (UGM)

Evaluation of Walking Path Along Silom Road
By Siwatat Sri-on
Supervisors: Dr. Kunawnee Kanitpong / Dr. Hyunmyung Kim

Evaluating the Accessibility of Bangkok Public Transport Networks
By Than Htike Oo
Supervisors: Dr. Kunawnee Kanitpong / Dr. Hyunmyung Kim

The Development of Land-Use and Transportation Integrated Model for Urban Sustainability Evaluation
By Ajay Khatri Chettri
Supervisors: Dr. Kunawnee Kanitpong / Dr. Hyunmyung Kim

Research Study: Albedo and Temperature Measurements of Selected Pavement Surfaces
By Muhammad Ihsan
Supervisor: Dr. Kunawnee Kanitpong

Research Study: Cold Mix Recycling with Foamed Bitumen Mix Design for Binder Course (Laboratory Study)
By Yuanita Kiki Sani
Supervisors: Dr. Kunawnee Kanitpong/Dr. Latif Budi Supama (UGM)

Research Study: Cross Section Condition in Urban Areas: The Case of Arterial and Collector Roads in Yogyakarte, Indonesia
By I Putu Gede Sudarma
Supervisor: Dr. Kunawnee Kanitpong

Research Study: Effect of Aging on AC-WC Hot Mix Asphalt Utilizing Bituminous Waste Material
By Indra Rismawansyah
Supervisor: Dr. Kunawnee Kanitpong

Road safety watch project: involves developing a road users risk behaviours assessment system and monitor a road safety situation in Thailand
4.12: SET – WATER ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT FIELD OF STUDY

4.12.1 Introduction

Today’s major challenges for water engineers and managers include securing water for people and for food production, protecting vital ecosystems, and dealing with climate variability and change and uncertainty of water in space and time. The Water Engineering and Management (WEM) imparts education and training towards an understanding of the complexity of water cycle, utilization, and management. It offers a balanced curriculum covering both engineering and management aspects of water resources. Students acquire knowledge and hands-on practice in tools and techniques to come up with viable and sustainable water management for water, food, energy, and environmental security. Students conduct research on country-specific water related problems, and have opportunities to join research and internship programs with industries and partners.

The WEM field of study covers five focal areas: Agricultural Water, Coastal Water, Urban Water, Water Resources, and Extreme Events and Risk Management. The courses are designed in such a way that students can specialize according to their interests. Courses on Watershed Hydrology, Hydrodynamics, Water Resources Systems, and Concepts in Water Modeling provide the solid foundation to the advanced courses. The curriculum emphasizes tools and techniques in water resources planning and management.

Agricultural Water courses impart knowledge and skills necessary for the development and management of water resources for agriculture. They address various multi-disciplinary issues in the planning, design, implementation, operation and maintenance of irrigation and drainage projects and land and water conservation programs. Current researches in the area include irrigation and drainage system management, cropping systems, erosion and water quality problems, soil conservation and land-use, and watershed management. The management and design of sound engineering works for the control and effective use of coastal zones require in-depth knowledge of hydrodynamics and the understanding of coastal zone phenomena. Coursework and research in Coastal Water cover studies of wave characteristics and their action on beaches, coastal sedimentation, estuarine hydraulics and the applied aspects of coastal zone engineering and management.

Urban Water courses relate to water supply and sanitation, storm water, and domestic wastewater and urban drainage for sustainable management of urban areas. The research in relation to urban water focuses on application of state-of-the-art theory in water demand forecasting and management, design and management of water distribution systems in urban and rural areas, real-time hydrological information systems for urban flooding and drainage. Given the ever-growing importance of water quality, an integrated water quantity-quality approach is essential. Courses in Water Resources focus on techniques to assess the occurrence and availability of surface and groundwater. Students acquire a sound understanding of basic principles in river engineering and modeling, water resources planning, conjunctive use of surface and groundwater; integrated water resources management and social and environmental impact assessment of water resources projects. In-depth knowledge and hands-on practice on mathematical modeling of water resources systems is provided. Flooding is a natural phenomenon and various human activities as well as climatic changes have aggravated the problem causing economic losses. Students are exposed to an understanding of the behavior of rivers, and to design appropriate structural and non-structural alternatives for the effective management of rivers and waterways. Research in the area of Extreme Events and Risk Management includes river flow analysis, and flood control and mitigation, flood modeling and forecasting, floodplain development and management.

4.12.2 Faculty and Research Staff

Emeritus Professor
ASHIM DAS GUPTA, BEng, Gauhati Univ, India; MEng, DEng, AIT, Thailand.

Visiting Professor (Integrated Water Resources Management; Groundwater Development and management; Modeling and monitoring)

Full-time Faculty
MUKAND S BABEL, BEng, Rajasthan Agr Univ, India; MEng, DEng, AIT.

Associate Professor (Hydrologic and water resources modeling as applied to integrated water resources management; watershed modeling and management; water resources allocation and management; water resources and socio-economic development; water supply system and management; climate change impact and adaptation; groundwater resources management; and drought analysis, forecasting and management)
ROBERTO CLEMENTE, BSAE, Univ of the Philippines at Los Baños; MEng, AIT, Thailand; PhD, McGill Univ, Canada.

Associate Professor (Focal areas related to irrigation/drainage, and land and water resource assessment and management)
Studies on the impacts of fertigation on water quality, modeling surface/subsurface transport of water and solutes, performance evaluation of irrigation and drainage systems, and assessment of soil erosion hazard and soil quality dynamics in agricultural watersheds; Joint research on water harvesting and management and soil hydraulic characterization in sloping agricultural lands; Future research focuses on evaluation and optimization of soil, water, chemical and crop management schemes to enhance agricultural productivity without jeopardizing environmental quality)

SANGAM SHRESTHA, MSc., Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science, Tribhuvan University, Nepal; MSc., Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand; PhD., University of Yamanashi, Japan.

Assistant Professor [Climate Change and Adaptation, Integrated Water Resources Management, Hydrology and Water Quality Modeling, Groundwater Development and Management, Sustainable Water Management Policy]

Visiting Faculty

ASHIM DAS GUPTA, BEng, Gauhati Univ, India; MEng, DEng, AIT, Thailand.

Visiting Professor [Integrated Water Resources Management; Groundwater Development and management; Modeling and monitoring]

TAWATCHAI TINGSANCHALI, BEng, Chulalongkorn Univ, Thailand; MEng, DEng, AIT, Thailand.

Visiting Professor [Flood Control Engineering and Management; Flood Forecasting, Warning and Flood Disaster Management; River Engineering and Hydropower; Water Resources Project System Optimization]

SUTAT WEESAKUL, DEng, MEng, Asian Institute of Technology; BEng, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

[Numerical computation in sea and coastal area including flood propagation using developed computer programs; Application in solving urban drainage problem using both engineering and management approaches; the on-line urban flood warning system at Sukhumvit, Bangkok, Thailand providing useful information in daily life during rainy season are disseminated in http://www.wap.aist.ac.th; Improvement of hydraulic design using physical hydraulic model test in hydropower; hydropower development projects in Lao and Myanmar and improvement in design of intake, diversion tunnel, riparian outlet, energy dissipater, spillway and head pond]

4.12.3 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

3rd Batch of E-learning Program on Integrated Water Resources Management
Duration: 01 Mar 08 – 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Mukand S. Babel
Sponsor: UNU-INWEH and participants
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 936,000

A Study of Exploration Drilling in Concession Block B6/27 Gulf of Thailand
Duration: 01 Apr 09 – 31 May 10
Project Investigator(s): Sutat Weesakul
Sponsor: ERM-Siam Company Limited
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,200,000

Asian Infrastructure Research Center (AIRC) Phase I
Duration: 01 Jan 07 – 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Mukand S. Babel, Noppadol Phienwej, Kyung-Ho Park, BHW Hadikusumo, Kunanwee Kanitpong
Sponsor: Konkuk University, South Korea
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 4,472,153

Case Study on Urban Water, Wastewater and Storm Water Management in Bangkok
Duration: 01 Jun 09 – 31 May 10
Project Investigator(s): Mukand S Babel
Sponsor: WIP,NUS,Singapore
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 330,000

Development of Operational Flood Forecasting System (Phase II)
Duration: 01 Sep 09 – 31 Aug 10
Project Investigator(s): Sutat Weesakul
Sponsor: National Electronics and Computer Technology Center, Thailand
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,104,600
EWRI - AIT An International Perspective on Environmental and Water Resources Conference 2009 (UNESCO)
Duration: 01 Dec 08 - 30 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Mukand Babel
Sponsor: UNESCO
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 735,200

Investigation of flow dynamics in Mhachai Sanamchai canal network by physical and Mathematical models
Duration: 01 Nov 08 - 31 Oct 10
Project Investigator(s): Sutat Weesakul
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 930,000

PhD Short Course cum Workshop on “Advances in Agricultural Water Productivity assessment and improvement in irrigation schemes”
Duration: 01 Sep 09 - 31 Aug 10
Project Investigator(s): Mukand S Babel
Sponsor: FIVA, DWF, University of Copenhagen
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,440,000

Physical Model for Monkey Cheeks in the Mahachai-Sanamchai Canals Project: The King of Thailand’s Initiative
Duration: 01 Jul 08 - 30 Nov 10
Project Investigator(s): Sutat Weesakul
Sponsor: Hydro and Agro Informatic Institute (HAIL)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,164,182

Regional Refresher Seminar on Disaster Management of Urban Water systems under Climate Change
Duration: 01 Oct 09 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Mukand Babel
Sponsor: UNESCO-IHE
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,372,800

Study on Coastal and Oceanography condition for construction of Nuclear Power Plant: A case Study of Thachana
Duration: 01 Dec 09 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Sutat Weesakul
Sponsor: ATT Consultants Company Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 858,996

UNEP-IIED Project on Rice Ecosystem Services
Duration: 07 Jun 10 - 31 Aug 10
Project Investigator(s): Sylvain Perret
Sponsor: International Rice Research Institute IRRI
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 160,000

4.12.4 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

4th Batch of E-Learning Program on Integrated Water Resources Management
Duration: 01 Sep 09 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Mukand S Babel
Sponsor: UNU-INWEH and participants
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 878,000

Assistance in developing a Trainers Manual on Integrated Watershed Management on the basis of the MRC-GTZ Watershed Management Projects experiences and materials
Duration: 01 Jul 10 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Mukand S Babel
Sponsor: RECOFTC Thailand
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 418,500

Climate Change and Adaptation to water Scarcity: Strategies for integrated water and land use management to enhance the resilience of rural communities in the Gangetic Basin
Duration: Feb 2010 - Jan 2012
Project Investigator: Dr. Sangam Shrestha
Sponsor: Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 500,000

Climate change Impacts on Seasonally and Intermittently Open Tidal Inlets
Duration: 01 Jan 10 - 31 Dec 13
Project Investigator(s): Sutat Weesakul
Sponsor: UNESCO-IHE
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 953,540

Establishment of Overseas Collaboration center at AIT
Duration: 01 Jun 10 - 30 May 11
Project Investigator(s): Sangam Shrestha
Sponsor: ICRE University of Yamanashi Japan
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 701,592

Estimation of water foot print and virtual water flow related to agricultural products in Nepal
Duration: 01 Sep 10 - 31 Aug 11
Project Investigator(s): Sangam Shrestha
Sponsor: Center for Research for Environment Energy and Water (CREEW) Nepal
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 142,000

Life Cycle Assessment of export Rice and Cotton in South-South East Asia
Duration: 07 Jan 10 - 30 Jun 12
Project Investigator(s): Sylvain Perret
Sponsor: SDCC AIT France Network
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,440,000

Optimization of water allocation between off stream and in stream competing demands
Duration: 01 Sep 09 - 30 Aug 11
Project Investigator(s): Mukand S Babel
Sponsor: UNESCO-IHE Delft Netherlands
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,430,680

Physical Hydraulic Model study of Xiaobu River Hydroelectric Power project Lao PDR
Duration: 01 May 09 - 31 Jan 11
Project Investigator(s): Sutat Weesakul
Sponsor: Ch. Karnchang Public Co Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 7,450,000

Post Doctoral Research Programme on Adaptation to Climate change (PRoACC) in Vietnam
Duration: 01 Apr 10 - 30 Mar 12
Project Investigator(s): Mukand S Babel
Sponsor: UNESCO-IHE Delft Netherlands
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,933,800

Support to Capacity Building at the Water Resources University, Hanoi, Vietnam
Duration: 01 Sep 01 - 31 May 13
Project Investigator(s): Mukand S. Babel, Ashim Das Gupta
Sponsor: Danish International Development Assistance (Danida)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 3,801,000

Training Course on Irrigation Systems and Hydraulic Structures for Participants from Afghanistan
Duration: 01 Nov 10 - 31 Oct 11
Project Investigator(s): Mukand S Babel
Sponsor: DAI,ACDI/VOCA, USA
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,039,820

Training Course on IWRM Practices
Duration: 01 Oct 08 - 30 Sep 11
Project Investigator(s): Mukand Babel (71%), Robert Clemente (29%)
Sponsor: DWI, BAPPENAS (State Ministry of National Development Planning/National Development Planning Agency), Indonesia
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 6,232,347
4.12.5 Publications

International Journal Articles with Impact factor


Mukand S. Babel, Buchel B., Tucci C.L.. The performance impact of intra-firm organizational design on an alliance’s NPD projects. Research Policy, 8(38) 0-0, 2010.


Pandey V.P., Mukand S. Babel, Kazama F.. Analysis of a Nepalese water resources system: Stress, adaptive capacity and vulnerability.


Refereed Books / Chapters

Conference Proceedings


4.12.6 Doctoral Students’ Dissertation

An Integrated Approach to Irrigation System Assessment and Management of Selected Projects in Tha Chin Basin, Thailand
By Sanidea Tiewtoy
Supervisor: Dr. Roberto S. Clemente

Development and Application of Self-Cleansing Design Criteria for Sediment Transport in Sewer Networks
By Natchapon Vongviseumsoji
Supervisor: Dr. Mukand Singh Babel

Integrated Water Resources Management

Rainfall Forecasting and Real Time Hydrologic Information System for Bangkok, Thailand
By Nguyen Quang Hung
Supervisors: Dr. Mukand S. Babel/Dr. Nitin Kumar Tripathi

4.12.7 Masters Students’ Theses and Research Studies

Adaptation to Extreme Flooding Scenarios in Colombia under Climate Change Conditions
By Malawara Arachchige Chamila Niroshinie
Supervisor: Dr. Mukand S. Babel

Analysis of the Effect of Mangrove (Rhizophora Apiculata) on Tsunami Force Reduction
By Panupong Tharaphoom
Supervisor: Dr. Sutat Weesakul

Analysis of the Effects of Mangrove in Mitigating Tsunami Inundation: A Simulation Study at Ban Nam Khem, Thailand
By Poonchai Nuntakomol
Supervisors: Dr. Roberto S. Clemente / Dr. Sutat Weesakul

Analysis of Water Quality under Climate Change Scenarios for Saigon River System, Vietnam
By Tran Nguyen Thien An
Supervisor: Dr. Mukand S. Babel

An Investigation of Water Supply Services in Kashgar City, Xinjiang, The People’s Republic of China
By Abduljiaapaer Yusufu
Supervisors: Dr. Mukand S. Babel / Dr. Sutat Weesakul

Application of Aquacrop for Simulating Crop Yield Response to Water in Puok District, Siem Reap, Cambodia
By Chek Chenda
Supervisor: Dr. Roberto S. Clemente

Application of Deficit Irrigation Concept in Huai Theien Project, Kanchanaburi, Thailand
By Ekapon Gatethong
Supervisor: Dr. Roberto S. Clemente

Assessing the Impact of Sea Level Rise in Hai Phong Coastal Zone: Mapping and Economic Valuation of Damages
By Vu Quoc Anh
Supervisor: Dr. Sylvain Roger Perret

Assessment of Domestic Water Consumption from a Socioeconomic Perspective in Kandahar, Afghanistan
By Abdul Tawab Balakarzai
Supervisors: Dr. Mukand S. Babel / Dr. Sylvain Roger Perret

Assessment of Future Climate and its Impact on Streamflow: A Case Study of Bagmati Basin, Nepal
By Shyam Prasad Bhusal
Supervisor: Dr. Mukand S. Babel

Assessment of People’s Vulnerability to Existing Rural Water Supply System: The Case of Argao Municipality, Philippines
By Ryan Bulaquia Laytani
Supervisor: Dr. Roberto S. Clemente
Asset Management of Water Infrastructure: Case Study of Swa Irrigation System in Myanmar
By Kyaw Swa Myint
Supervisor: Dr. Roberto S. Clemente

Climate Change Impact on Coastal Hydrology of Pak Phanang River Basin, Thailand
By Donpapob Manee
Supervisor: Dr. Mukand S. Babel

Design Storm Pattern for Monsoon Region
By Jirayu Kontoengern
Supervisors: Dr. Roberto S. Clemente / Dr. Sutat Weesakul

Evaluation of Porous Pipe Irrigation for Growing Corn
By Ahmad Toufiq
Supervisor: Dr. Roberto S. Clemente

Experimentation for the Improvement of Sediment Flushing at Xayaburi Dam
By Santti Panyasombat
Supervisors: Dr. Mukand S. Babel / Dr. Sutat Weesakul

Impact of Biofuel Production on Tropical Watershed Hydrology: A Case Study of Klong Phlo Basin in Thailand
By Bikesh Shrestha
Supervisors: Dr. Mukand S. Babel / Dr. Sylvain Roger Perret

Impact of Climate Change in Hydrology and Water Resources in the Case of Kabul Basin Afghanistan
By Ramin Mehri
Supervisor: Dr. Mukand S. Babel

Rainfall and Runoff Forecasting: A Case Study in the Tha Ta Pao River Basin, Thailand
By Rasu Suepsahakarn
Supervisor: Dr. Mukand S. Babel

Rainfall Forecasting for Bangkok Using Weather Radar Images
By Weerawat Ittipanyakul
Supervisors: Dr. Mukand S. Babel / Dr. Sutat Weesakul

Simulation of Cyclone-Induced Flooding in Myanmar
By Moh Moh Khaing
Supervisor: Dr. Mukand S. Babel

Simulation of Rainfed Rice Yields Under Climate Change in Puok District, Siem Reap Province, Cambodia
By Thoeung Putheurn
Supervisor: Dr. Sylvain Roger Perret

Research Study: An Investigation of Drought and Wheat Production in Hari Rod River Basin, Afghanistan
By Mohammad Wasim Iqbal
Supervisor: Dr. Roberto S. Clemente
4.13: SET – INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES AREA OF STUDY

4.13.1 Introduction

Information and Communications Technologies field is a newly established area of study in response to the needs for the offering of a curriculum selectively drawn from the curricula of Telecommunications (TC), Computer Science, and Information Management (CSIM). With strong emphasis on communications aspects - rather than on the aggregation of hardware, software, networks, equipment and related industries - ICT recognizes the important role of information services and applications in the creation of a complete ICT infrastructure.

4.13.2 Research Facilities and Laboratories

There is a rapidly growing and constantly evolving interest in ICT throughout the academy and society. To support this, the evolution and the benefits of ICT in our lives, the ICT field of study at AIT continues to research and develop of ICT. The field of study covers a wide variety of research supported by the body of faculty consisting of a multi-professional team of international experts in telecommunication, computer science, educational technology and related fields.

The faculty has a strong academic background ranging from wireless and optical networks, through hardware and software, to web education and other e-services.

Research subjects include those on ICT applications (e-services such as e-learning, e-health, e-governance, rural development, knowledge creation and knowledge dissemination); on the information technologies (e.g. operating systems, programming languages, information storage and retrieval); on the communication infrastructure (e.g. networks, transmission technologies, switching and routing). Research specializations are in adaptive technologies; computer-supported collaboration; Home networking; ICT security; online communities; and voice over IP.

The ICT area of study shares the research facilities and laboratories of the Telecommunications field of study.

4.13.3 Faculty and Research Staff

The ICT Field of Study draws from the faculty and research staff of the Computer Science, Information Management, Remote Sensing & Geographic Information Systems, and Telecommunications Fields of Study.

From ICT Area of Study

MIKKO KOVALAINEN, Ph.D., M.Econ., University of Jyväskylä, Finland
Visiting Senior Researcher

From Telecommunications Field of Study

KAZI MOHIUDDIN AHMED, Professor
R M A P RAJATHEVA, Associate Professor, ICT Joint Coordinator
TEERAPAT SANGUANKOTCHAKORN, Associate Professor
POOMPAT SAENGUDOMLERT, Assistant Professor
TAPIO ERKE, Visiting Associate Professor

From Computer Science and Information Management Fields of Study

KANCHANA KANCHANASUT, Professor
PETER HADDawy, Professor

PHAN MINH DUNG, Professor
VLAS WUWONGSE, Professor
SUMANTA GUHA, Associate Professor
VATCHARAPORN ESICHAIKUL, Associate Professor
MATTHEW N. DAILEY, Assistant Professor
PAUL JANECEK, Assistant Professor, ICT Joint Coordinator

From Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems Field of Study

KIYOSHI HONDA, Associate Professor
NITIN KUMAR TRIPATHI, Associate Professor
XIAOYONG CHEN, Associate Professor and ICT Joint Coordinator

4.13.4 Masters Students’ Theses and Research Studies

A Case Study of Designing a New E-Learning Environment for the Royal University of Bhutan
By Sonam Penjor
Supervisor: Dr. Mikko Petri Kovalainen

Access Network Resource Allocation Through Utility Maximization for a Delay-Sensitive Traffic
By Karin Ngamkajornvivat
Supervisor: Dr. Poompat Saengudomlert

A Disaster Data Management System Using Linked Open Data
By A. Thushari Priyangika Silva
Supervisor: Prof. Vilas Wuwongse

A New Approach for QoS Provision Based on Multi-Constrained Feasible Path Selection in Manet OLSR Protocol
By Padam Maharjan
Supervisor: Dr. Teerapat Sanguankotchakorn
The Cross Layer Framework for Efficient MPEG-4 Video Streaming Over IEEE 802.11e EDCA
By Kumar Pudashine
Supervisor: Dr. Teerapat Sanguankotchakorn

Web Forum Mining Based on User Satisfaction
By Suresh Pokharel
Supervisor: Dr. Sumanta Guha

Finding Best Expert for Tutoring in Haptic Based Dental Simulator
By Poonam Shrestha
Supervisor: Prof. Peter Haddawy

Research Study: An ITIL-based Framework for Building and Managing a Large-Scale CMDB
By Deepika Rai
Supervisor: Prof. Phan Minh Dung

Research Study: A Study of Comparative Performance Between 3G-LTE and Wimax Networks
By Nguyen Minh Thu
Supervisor: Prof. Kazi Mohiuddin Ahmed

Research Study: Business Intelligence for Predicting Consumer Price Index
By Bastien Bonneton
Supervisor: Dr. Vatcharaporn Esichaikul

Research Study: Monitoring Outsourced IT Services: A Case of E-mail Service Outsourcing
By Aye Sandy Myint
Supervisor: Prof. Phan Minh Dung

Research Study: Performance Comparison of AODV Routing Protocol in Homogeneous and Heterogeneous Manets
By May Myint Htwe
Supervisor: Dr. Teerapat Sanguankotchakorn

Research Study: Performance Comparison of OLSR Routing Protocol in Homogeneous and Heterogeneous Manets
By Thein Tun Aung
Supervisor: Dr. Teerapat Sanguankotchakorn
4.14: SET – OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

4.14.1 Introduction

Rationale

Oil and Gas resources in the Southeast Asian region have been explored for several decades, especially following the global slump in oil and gas production during the early 1970’s. Since then, the region has become one of the most productive oil and gas areas in the world. However, the global demand for skilled human resources of the upstream oil and gas industry greatly exceeds the supply and, therefore, regional companies are required to seek contract overseas worker to fill job vacancies; a situation that continues to exist after more than three decades of E&P activity in the region. The shortage of skilled manpower has recently become critical due to the tremendously high level of oil and gas exploration and production activity around the world that has occurred to meet the increasing global demand for energy, especially since China’s becoming the “world’s factory”, and the move towards deep water exploration and production.

Mission Statement

AIT’s Offshore and Technology & Management Program (OTM) is the first of its kind to provide regional post-graduate study in upstream oil and gas education, and is designed to combine application-oriented course work, field studies and internships into a curriculum from which graduates are equipped with the skills and knowledge-and-practice-readiness to mitigate the shortages of skilled manpower in the upstream sector of oil and gas industry. As an industrial application-oriented program, OTM’s unique characteristics offer a flexible study structure which allows students to build their own area of specialization in addition to the areas formally offered in the program, those areas being: Offshore Structural Design and Construction (OSDC), Oil and Gas Management (OGM), and Geosystem Exploration and Petroleum GeoEngineering (GEPG, and offered in collaboration with the Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental field of study). With the available teaching expertise; library and laboratory facilities; multitude of courses from AIT’s different schools; skilled and professional faculty members and staff; strong collaborations with overseas partner universities in Europe, Asia, Australia and North America; and strongly supported by oil and gas industries, AIT’s OTM post-graduate program has become one of the most suitable post-graduate study for engineers and young managers to pursue higher professional careers in both the oil and gas industry and government bodies.

4.14.2 Faculty and Research Staff

Full-time Faculty

GREGORY L.F. CHIU, M.S. Civil Engineering, Columbia University, New York, USA; PhD. Civil Engineering, Stanford University, California, USA

Visiting Associate Professor

Adjunct Faculty

JOKO HARSONO WIDJAJA, Master of Engineering, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand; Doctor of Philosophy, University of Technology, Sydney-NSW, Australia

L.F. BOSWELL, Doctor of Philosophy, University of Leeds; Doctor of Science, Technical University of Isai; Doctor of Science, Technical University of Cluj Napoca

POOVADOL SIRIRANGSI, Master of Business Administration, University of Central Oklahoma the United State; Doctor of Engineering, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand

PORNPONG ASAVADORNDEJA, Master of Engineering, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand; Doctor of Engineering, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand

PRATEEP POKINWONG, Master of Science, University of Southern California, USA; Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering, University of Southern California

SARUNPHONG ARTICHARTE; Master of Science, Texas A&M University, USA

THITISAK BOONPRAMOTE, Master of Science, Colorado School of Mines, USA; Ph.D., Colorado School of Mines, USA

WINAI OUIYPORNPRASERT, Master of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand; Ph.D., University of Insbruck, Austria

4.14.3 Ongoing / In Progress Grant and Sponsored Research

Preparation of the Structural Assessment Guideline for Offshore Petroleum Platform and Pipeline

Duration: 29 Dec 07 – 31 Dec 11

Project Investigator(s): Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai, Joko Widjaja

Sponsor: Department of Mineral Fuel, Thailand

Total Contracted Amount (THB): 3,774,000
**4.14.4 Publications**

International Journal Article with Impact factor


**4.14.5 Masters Students’ Theses and Internships**

A Comprehensive Articulated Stinger Optimization Study
By Mr. Surapluet Menkham
Supervisor: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu

A Diagnostic Model for Non-Productive Wells and Probable Solutions
By Mike Bamidele Iwayemi
Supervisor: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu

An Appropriate FEA Modeling Technique for On-Bottom Roughness Analysis
By Witcha Leepipatpaiboon
Supervisor: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu

Cost and Practical-Based Concept for an Innovative Design of Minimum Offshore Structures
By Jitrada Buacharoen
Supervisors: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu / Dr. Joko Harsono Widjaja

Enhancing Hydrocarbon Production from Gas-Condensate Reservoirs via Water Injection
By Usa Chankhiao
Supervisor: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu

Improved Gas-Lift Optimization Using Portfolio Theory
By Piyawat Tungtakul
Supervisor: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu

Optimal Inspection/Replacement Policy for Oil and Gas Production Facilities: A Case of Gas Compression and Treatment System
By Kullamas Udomkijja
Supervisors: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu / Dr. Poovadol Sirirangsi

Optimization of Offshore Pile Foundation Design
By Ahmadu Babaji Babadidi
Supervisor: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu

Petroleum Fiscal Regime Analysis for Timor-Leste: The Case of State-Owned Enterprise Participation
By Vicente Da Costa Pinto
Supervisors: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu / Dr. Thitisak Boonpromote

Response of a Derrick Barge Subjected to Surface Wave Generated by Underwater Explosion
By Nattawat Boonma
Supervisor: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu

Riser Protection Against Attendant Vessel Collision for a Steel Fixed Platform in the Gulf of Thailand
By Kris Tantiwimonkit
Supervisors: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu / Dr. Pornpong Asavadorndeja

Safety and Reliability of a Fixed Offshore Platform in the Gulf of Thailand
By Sakrit Charoenpornpanich
Supervisor: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu

Sensitivity Study for RSR of Fixed Offshore Steel Type Platforms
By Pattaradani Pueksap-anan
Supervisors: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu / Dr. Joko Harsono Widjaja

Well Logging Interpretation for Jasmine Field with Emphasis on Water Saturation Evaluation
By Wattanaporn Phaophongklai
Supervisor: Dr. Pham Huy Giao

Internship: Decommissioning of Offshore Facilities
By Jongrak Naluang
Supervisor: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu

Internship: Free-Span Analysis of Offshore Pipeline
By Athip Danthainum
Supervisors: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu / Dr. Poovadol Sirirangsi

Internship: Offshore Oil and Gas Field Development Planning
By Zaw Htun
Supervisor: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu

Internship: Offshore Subsea Pipelines Inspection and Commissioning
By Kyaw Swar Linn
Supervisor: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu

Internship: Offshore Wind Turbine Support Structures
By Nisachol Nimdech
Supervisor: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu

Internship: Project Investment Decision
By Piriya Jammuang
Supervisor: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu

Internship: Underwater Robotics Technology in the Oil and Gas Industry
By Pongsak Metheethara
Supervisor: Dr. Gregory L. F. Chiu
Chapter 5: SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT

5.1.1 Mission, Vision, and Core Values

SERD Mission

The School of Environment, Resources and Development is committed to excellence in graduate education as well as research and outreach activities. Through its academic programs and outreach units, SERD has been working towards capacity building and human resource development in the areas of resource management, development studies, and energy and environmental management.

SERD responds to regional needs by mobilizing and enhancing capacities for socially, economically and environmentally sound development in partnerships with public and private sectors. The School’s interdisciplinary approach integrates technological, natural and social sciences.

SERD Vision

SERD will continue its leadership role in offering excellent academic programs relevant to regional needs.

SERD research will be concentrated toward focal areas and are to be conducted by core teams.

SERD outreach will be community service oriented.

SERD Programs will be consolidated and financially viable. The School activities including the students, staff, faculty and curricula, will be subject to quality assessment.

SERD Core Values

- Interdisciplinarity
- Innovativeness
- Excellence
- Responsiveness

5.1.2 Field of Study and Multidisciplinary Programs

Fields of Study

- Agricultural Systems and Engineering
- Aquaculture and Aquatic Resources Management
- Energy
- Environmental Engineering and Management
- Food Engineering and Bioprocess Technology
- Gender and Development Studies
- Natural Resources Management
- Pulp and Paper Technology
- Regional and Rural Development Planning
- Urban Environmental Management

Inter-university Program

- Environmental Toxicology, Technology and Management

Interdisciplinary Programs

- Cleaner Production
- Agri Business Management
- Sustainable Development
- Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Management
- Gender, Transportation and Development

5.1.3 Research Facilities and Laboratories

SERD provides laboratory, computer and information technology (IT) facilities for education and learning for graduate students, and research activities of graduate students, faculty, and sponsored and contracted projects.

SERD has six research laboratories in Agricultural Systems and Engineering, Aquaculture and Aquatic Resources Management, Food Engineering and Bioprocess Technology, Environmental Engineering and Management, Energy, and Pulp and Paper Technology, and each laboratory is unique with modern equipments, excellent guidance and assistance, and provides safe working facilities and environments to carry out experimental studies and research.

IT facilities are provided for everyone to attend their academic and research related activities. There are three computer centers maintained by the SERD at the SERD Main building (two computer laboratories), Agriculture and Food Engineering building and Energy Building which provides convenient working environment, with all the necessary facilities. These are open twenty four hours a day for use by students, staff and faculty. Full internet access is available to these PCs through a high speed network backbone which connects all academic buildings including the residence halls. A large number of PC software packages for applications such as word-processing, spreadsheets, network communications, multimedia and file transfer utilities are available. High quality laser printers, scanning and CD writing facilities are available for students’ uses.

Furthermore, laboratories also have computer facilities, which enhance the
productivity of the teaching and research activities of the school.

5.1.4 School Governance

Dean of School

WEERAKORN ONGSAKUL
BEng, Chulalongkorn Univ, Thailand; MS, PhD, Texas A&M Univ, USA.

Associate Professor (Artificial Intelligence Applications to Power Systems; Parallel Processing Applications; Power System Operation & Control; Power System Deregulation & Restructuring)

Associate Deans

MOKBUL MORSHED AHMAD
BSc, MSc, Dhaka Univ, Bangladesh; MSc, AIT, Thailand; PhD, Univ of Durham, UK.

Associate Professor (Economic geography; regional and rural development planning; community development; Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs); civil society; globalization etc)

ANIL KUMAR ANAL, DVM., University of Agriculture, Pakistan; MSc. and PhD., AIT, Thailand

Assistant Professor (Food Engineering & Bioprocess Technology Field of Study

5.1.5 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Greater Mekong Sub region Academic and Research Network
Duration: 20 Apr 10 - 19 Apr 11
Project Investigator(s): Weerakorn Ongsakul
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,000,000

5.2 SERD – AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS AND ENGINEERING FIELD OF STUDY

5.2.1 Introduction

This field of study emphasizes on sustainable agricultural and related technologies development through holistic approach for efficient food production from small holder agriculture.

5.2.2 Research Facilities and Laboratories

Agricultural Systems and Engineering (ASE) Laboratory caters to researchers, which address sustainability in agricultural production. The facilities are capable for implementing excellent agronomic and engineering researches on soils, water and plant, such as, plant growth, soil fertility and management, integrated pest management, plant water requirement, etc. Facilities to conduct researches on terramechanics, ergonomics and tillage are also available. The engineering aspects of agricultural production are dealt with through innovations and development of machines and equipment to enhance productivity and reduce human drudgery. These innovations are constructed at the ASE workshop.

Major laboratory equipment include a Spectro UV- VIS double PC double beam (scanning) flame photo meter; Digestion block; Trinocular Microscope MBL 2100; Stereo zoom microscope Model MSZ 5400; Porometer type AP4 Light meter WP4 Dewpoint Potential Meter; Microdick Infiltrometer Soil hydraulic conductivity; Tensio Meter; Soil bin carriage system; Sony CXC- 390 1/3” 3 CCD Camera; Spider 8 data logger; National Instrument DAQ; NI Vision Module; Dynamic strain amplifier; and an SC-900 Soil compaction meter.

The SERD Computer Lab III in the Agricultural and Food Engineering Building has various kinds of software packages for system analysis and simulation, including DSSAT (Decision Support System for Agrotechnology Transfer), ArcView etc. A Computer-Aided Design (CAD) workstation is also available for training the design of agricultural equipment. There is a machine workshop with facilities for fabricating various types of laboratory and experimental apparatus and models. Consultation and fabrication of different types of transducers can be provided. About 20 high-end PCs connected to the campus-wide Ethernet and ATM network and a high quality laser printer, scanning and CD writing facilities are available for students’ uses.

5.2.3 Faculty and Professional Staff

Full-time Faculty

GANESH P SHIVAKOTI, BS, MS, Udaipur Univ, India; PhD, Michigan State Univ, USA.
Professor (Agricultural Development and Policy Analysis; Resource Development; Farming Systems; Natural Resources Management)

PEEYUSH SONI; DEng
Senior Instructor (Instrumentation and Measurement Techniques; Design & Testing of Agricultural Machinery; Precision Agriculture; Analytical Techniques & Decision Tools for Agribusiness)

Visiting, Adjunct and Affiliated Faculty

S L RANAMUKHAARACHCHI, BSc, Univ of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka; MSc, PhD, Pennsylvania State Univ, USA.
Visiting Associate Professor (Agronomy; Crop Ecology; Cropping Systems; Pest Management; Soil Fertility)
Management; Organic Farming; Stress Physiology)

PRABHAT KUMAR; B.Sc. (Ag. & Hons., RAU, India); M.Sc. (Ag. Systems, AIT); Dr. Rey.Hort. (Uni Hannover, Germany)

Senior Research Specialist and Affiliated Faculty (Tropical Horticulture Production and Protection Systems, Integrated Pest Management, Extension Education and Communication, Applied and Action Research, Application of nano-technologies for Agriculture)

ROONGRUANG KALSIRISILP; PhD

Senior Research Specialist and Affiliated Faculty (Agronomy; Agro-ecology, Conservation agriculture, Agriculture and Climate Change Adaptation)

ABHA MISHRA; B.Sc. (Ag.& Hons), RAU, India; M.Sc. (Ag.) Plant Breeding, RAU, Pusa, India; Ph.D. (Ag. Systems), AIT

Senior Research Specialist and Affiliated Faculty (Agronomy; Agro-ecology, Conservation agriculture, Agriculture and Climate Change Adaptation)

CHAIYAPHOL

KAEWPRAKAISAENKGUL; PhD

Adjunct Faculty (Agricultural Machinery Design & Testing; Instrumentation & Measurement; Quality Control & Assurance)

ROONGRUANG KALSIRISILP; PhD

Adjunct Faculty (Agricultural Machinery Design & Testing; Agricultural Power & Machinery Management; Agricultural Systems Engineering)

Professional Staff

WATTANAPORN MESKUNTAVON, DTechSc

Senior Laboratory Supervisor (Crop Modeling; Farm Management; Laboratory Analyses of Soil and Plants)

5.2.4 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

Protected cultivation- An Approach to Sustainable Vegetable Production in Humid Tropics- Phase II

Duration: 01 Aug 04 - 30 Jun 10

Project Investigator(s): V. M. Salokhe/Peeayush Soni

Sponsor: Hanover University, Germany

Total Contracted Amount (THB): 10,000,000

Research Cooperation project (RC136) with Harper Adams University College, UK

Duration: Jan 08 – Dec 10

Project Investigator(s): V. M. Salokhe/Peeayush Soni

Sponsor: British Council – Prime Minister’s Initiative (PMI)-2 Research Cooperation project grant

Donor: British Council- PMI2

Total Contracted Amount (GBP): 22,113

5.2.5 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Area Wide Integrated Pest Management of Fruit Flies in South and Southeast Asian Countries

Duration: 15 Feb 10 - 30 Mar 12

Project Investigator(s): Prabhat Kumar

Sponsor: Global Horticulture Initiative Funding from ICFD,Taiwan

Total Contracted Amount (THB): 8,125,000

Commissioning and coordinating regional studies on Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) for Agribusiness and Agro-industry development in Asia

Duration: 01 Jan 10 - 31 Dec 11

Project Investigator(s): Peeayush Soni

Sponsor: FAO of the United Nations

Total Contracted Amount (USD): 46,500

Community preparedness for climate change and increased water use efficiency for rice cultivation using principles of SRI (System of Rice Intensification) in Central Thailand

Duration: 01 May 2009- 31 March 2011

Project Investigator(s): Abha Mishra, Prabhat Kumar

Sponsor: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)’s Asia Pacific Forum for Environment and Development (APFED)

Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,020,000

Less Loss more Profit better Health: Reducing the losses caused by the Pod borer on Vegetable legumes in SE Asia and Sub Saharan Africa by refining component technologies of a sustainable management strategy

Duration: 01 Aug 10 - 31 Jul 12

Project Investigator(s): Prabhat Kumar

Sponsor: AVDRC Taiwan

Total Contracted Amount (THB): 929,475

Linking Thai Jasmine Rice Farmers with Markets using Participatory action research for sustainability of rain-fed lowland rice-based system in Northeast Thailand

Duration: 01 Jan 08 - 31 Dec 11

Project Investigator(s): Abha Mishra, Prabhat Kumar, Sudip Rakshit

Sponsor: Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research CGIAR World Bank

Total Contracted Amount (THB): 8,262,000

Regional knowledge exchange with SRI: Producing more with less water

Duration: 01 Jun 09 - 30 Jun 11

Project Investigator(s): Abha Mishra, Prabhat Kumar

Sponsor: World Bank Institute

Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,426,300

Short Term Training in ASE Agricultural engineering

Duration: 01 Jul 10 - 31 Dec 11

Project Investigator(s): Peeayush Soni

Sponsor: Sultan qaboos University (SQU) Oman

Total Contracted Amount (THB): 62,863

5.2.6 Publications

International Journal Articles with Impact factor


Azam M.G., Michael Zoebisch, Wickramaratne K.S., Ranamukarachchi S.L.. Site-specific soil hydraulic quality index to...
describe the essential conditions for the optimum soil water regime. Canadian Journal of Soil Science, 5(89) 0-0, 2010.


5.2.7 Doctoral Students' Dissertation

Exploration of Potential Microbial Antagonists for the Biological Management of Spot Blotch Disease (Bipolaris sorokiniana) in Wheat By Deepak Bhandari
Supervisor: Dr. S. L. Ranamukhaarachchi

Modeling Soil and Powered-Disc Interactions for the Development of a Powered-Disc Harrow By Parish Prakash Nalavade
Supervisor: Dr. Peeyush Soni

5.2.8 Masters Students' Theses

Analysis of Irrigated Farming System Prospected for Tuv and Selenge Provinces in Mongolia By Sodgerel Volodya
Supervisor: Prof. Ganesh P. Shivakoti

Assessing and GIS Mapping of Climate Change Effects on Major Plantation Crops in Sri Lanka and Application of Existing Crop Models By P.M.S. Jayathilaka
Supervisor: Dr. Peeyush Soni

Assessment of Land Productivity and Socio-Economic Aspects of Maize-Based Cropping Systems: A Case Study in Dry Zone and Hilly Regions in Myanmar By Mae Suu Han
Supervisor: Dr. S. L. Ranamukhaarachchi

Biological Control of Bacterial Wilt Disease Caused by Ralstonia solanacearum in Tomato with Candida ethanolicola and Enterobacter cloacae by Modifying Carbohydrate Source and Soil PH By Hengodage Nirmalee Bhagya Wijayalath
Supervisor: Dr. S. L. Ranamukhaarachchi
Causes of the Recurrence of Brown Planthopper (Nilaparvata lugens Stal) Epidemic in Rice and its Control Measures in the Suphan Buri Province, Thailand
By Mayuree Yasueb
Supervisor: Dr. S. L. Ranamukhaarachchi

Comparative Studies of Biological and Physical Methods for Effective Control of Anthracnose Disease Caused by Colletotrichum Gloeosporioides in Mango
By Myat Su Tun
Supervisor: Dr. S. L. Ranamukhaarachchi

Development of a Low-Cost Sugarcane Harvester
By Suvischar Arsarnok
Supervisor: Dr. Peeyush Soni

Effects of Packing Material and Storage Temperature and Benzyladenine Pulsing on Vaselife of Gerbera (Gerbera jamesonii Var. "Carmen" Bol. Ex Adlam) Cut Flowers Pre-treated with Silver Thiosulphate and Sucrose
By Dinanjana Chavindi Ekanayake
Supervisor: Dr. S. L. Ranamukhaarachchi

Energy Analysis of Rice Production in Central Plain of Thailand: A Case Study from Suphanburi Province
By Vatinee Mongkolluk
Supervisor: Dr. Peeyush Soni

Modeling Tractive Performance of Cage Wheels by Dimensional Analysis Technique
By Vikramsingh Sampatrao Shinde
Supervisor: Dr. Peeyush Soni

Simulation of Haulage Performance of Agricultural Tractors Using Visual Basic
By Bharat Devaba Pawar
Supervisor: Dr. Peeyush Soni
5.3: SERD – AQUACULTURE AND AQUATIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT FIELD OF STUDY

5.3.1 Introduction

AARM promotes research and development through aquaculture and small-scale capture fisheries. The Field of Study has a wide spectrum of activities enabling it to address poverty, constraints facing the promotion of sustainable management and utilization of aquatic resources. The central theme is capacity building: the advancement of individuals and institutions creating indigenous capacity in education, research and development within the region.

5.3.2 Research Facilities and Laboratories

Aquaculture Laboratory serves the academic and research programs of aquaculture and aquatic resources management (AARM) field of study. It is equipped with modern equipment to analyze water quality, nutrients in food and feedstuffs, and soil classification and their problems identification. Some of its major laboratory equipment includes a Distillation Unit; Extraction Unit; Incubator; UV/Vis Spectrophotometer; Soxtec, Fibertec and Kjeltec system, microscope with camera, etc. The field facilities include a hatchery, outdoor tanks and earthen ponds for field research.

The SERD Computer Lab III in the Agricultural and Food Engineering Building has various kinds of software packages for system analysis and simulation, including DSSAT (Decision Support System for Agrotechnology Transfer), ArcView etc. A Computer-Aided Design (CAD) workstation is also available for training the design of agricultural equipment. There is a machine workshop with facilities for fabricating various types of laboratory and experimental apparatus and models. Consultation and fabrication of different types of transducers can be provided. About 20 high-end PCs connected to the campus-wide Ethernet and ATM network and a high quality laser printer, scanning and CD writing facilities are available for students’ uses.

5.3.3 Faculty and Research Staff

Emeritus Professor

PETER EDWARDS, BSc, University of Liverpool, UK; PhD, University of Texas, USA.

(General aquaculture with emphasis on recycling organic wastes (human, animal, agro-industrial); small-scale aquaculture; integrated farming; aquaculture for poverty alleviation; and systems approaches to education, research and development; curriculum development; project formulation, management and evaluation.

Full-time Faculty

AMARARATNE YAKUPITIYAGE, BSc, Univ of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka; MSc, AIT, Thailand; PhD, Univ of Stirling, Scotland.

Associate Professor (Aquaculture, Bioenergetics, Fish Nutrition, Statistics, Database Systems Development)

AMRIT BART, BA Earlham College, USA; MA, MS, PhD, Auburn Univ, USA.

Associate Professor (Aquatic Resource Management, Cryopreservation, Reproductive Physiology, Seed Production)

WENRESTI G GALLARDO, BSc, Master of Aquaculture, University of the Philippines; MSc, PhD, Nagasaki University, Japan;

Associate Professor (Aquaculture - Seed Production and Grow-out, Fisheries)
Management, Integrated Coastal Management)

Research Staff and Affiliated Faculty

DHIRENDRA P. THAKUR, BFSc, Rajendra Agricultural University, India; MSc, AIT, Thailand; MSc, Kochi University, Japan; PhD, Ehime University, Japan;

Senior Research Specialist and Affiliated Faculty (Intensive aquaculture, Water quality and nutrient dynamics, Environmental impacts of aquaculture; Integrated Coastal Management, Aquatic product quality and certification)

RAM C. BHUJEL, BSc, Institute of Agriculture and Animal Sciences, IAAS, Chitwan, Nepal; MSc and PhD, AIT, Thailand;

Senior Research Scientist and Affiliated Faculty (Biostatistics and Research Design, Curriculum Development, Women in Aquaculture, Broodstock Nutrition/Management and Fry Production, Technology Transfer/Extension)

5.3.4 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

AIT Support to NUOL: 2007-2010 Curriculum Development-Fisheries
Duration: 01 Jun 10 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Wenresti Gallardo, Amararatne Yakupitiyage
Sponsor: SIDA
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,075,866

Sustainable Aquaculture Research Networks in Sub-Saharan Africa
Duration: 01 Feb 08 - 31 Jan 11
Project Investigator(s): Ram C. Bhujel
Sponsor: European Commission through University of Stirling, UK
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 31,939,965

Ecosystem Level impacts of Shrimp farm Eutrophication in Thailand
Duration: 01 Jun 09 - 28 Feb 11
Project Investigator(s): Dhirendra Prasad Thakur
Sponsor: University of Michigan
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 620,160

Integrated culture of tropical abalone (Haliotis asinina) seaweed (Ulva sp.) rock oyster (Saccostrea cuculata) and sea bass (Lates calcarifer) in land based recirculation system
Duration: 01 Aug 09 - 31 Mar 11
Project Investigator(s): Wenresti Gallardo
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 950,000

International Symposium on Aquaculture and Fisheries Education
Duration: 01 Mar 09 - 28 Feb 11
Project Investigator(s): Wenresti Gallardo, Ram C Bhujel
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,481,600

Internship in Aquaculture and Aquatic Resources Conservation
Duration: 01 Sep 10 - 31 Aug 11
Project Investigator(s): Ram C. Bhujel
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 3,000,000

Linking the Post-graduate Education in Aquaculture and Aquatic Resources Management with its Industry Through Internship
Duration: 01 Sep 07 - 28 Feb 11
Project Investigator(s): Ram C. Bhujel
Sponsor: European Commission
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 31,939,965

5.3.6 Publications

Journal


Conference/workshop proceedings


5.3.7 Doctoral Students’ Dissertation

An Evaluation of Potential Development of a Catfish-Lettuce Aquaponic Culture System
By Daniel Clement Sikawa
Supervisor: Dr. Amararatne Yakupitiyage

Assessment of the Status of Marine Fisheries Resources and Management Practices in Sre Ambel Lagoon, Cambodia
By D. Dora
Supervisor: Dr. Amararatne Yakupitiyage

Ecological and Socio-Economic Assessment of Thai Andaman Coast in Designing a Marine Protected Area Network
By Md. Zakir Hossain
Supervisor: Dr. Nitin K. Tripathi

Effect of Introducing the Nile Tilapia (Oreochromis niloticus) on the Small Indigenous Fish Species of Bangladesh and Nepal
By Sultanul Arfin Shameem Ahmad
Supervisor: Dr. Amrit Bart

Mangrove Community Forest Management Tools for Sustainable Mud Crab Resource Use in Trang Province, Southern Thailand
By Chanut Sudtongkong
Supervisor: Dr. Edward Webb

5.3.8 Masters Students’ Theses and Research Studies

A Comparative Study of Energy Partitioning of TRA Catfish (Pangasius hypophthalmus) Feed Farm-Made and Commercial Feeds
By Tran Le Cam Tu
Supervisor: Dr. Amararatne Yakupitiyage

A Feasibility Study of Small Scale Soy Protein Concentrates (SPC) Production and its Use as a Feed Ingredient for Nile Tilapia (Oreochromis niloticus) Juveniles
By Nyakorema Beatrice Marwa
Supervisor: Dr. Amararatne Yakupitiyage

Assessment of the Effects of Fenobucarb on Acetylcholinesterase Activity and

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Growth of Silver Barb Puntius gonionotus (Bleeker, 1850)  
By Ha Phu Loi  
Supervisor: Dr. Amararatne Yakupitiyage

Bacterial Population in Intensive Tilapia (Oreochromis niloticus) Culture Pond Sediments in Hai Duong Province, Vietnam  
By Ngo Thi Thanh Huong  
Supervisor: Dr. Wenresti Gallardo

Characterization of Microsatellite Loci and Genetic Structure of Cutler Albumus in China  
By Nguyen Thi Thanh Truc  
Supervisor: Dr. Amrit Bart

Effects of Different Feeding Regimes Weaning Period and Stocking Density on Survival and Growth of Spotted Featherback Fish Fry (Chitala ornata)  
By Sirisopa Munsiri  
Supervisor: Dr. Amararatne Yakupitiyage

By Keerthi Sri Senarathna Atapaththu  
Supervisor: Dr. Amararatne Yakupitiyage

Evaluation of Selected Pre-Processing Methods to Improve the Digestibility of Enzyme Treated Feather Meal and Enhance the Growth Performance of Nile Tilapia (Oreochromis niloticus)  
By Sandamali Sakunthala Herath  
Supervisor: Dr. Amararatne Yakupitiyage

Evaluation of the Potential for Development of an Integrated Land-Based Semi-Closed Recirculating Culture System  
By Phung The Trung  
Supervisor: Dr. Wenresti Gallardo

Participation of Local Fishers on Crab Banks in the Gulf of Thailand  
By Pooritat Watcharasin  
Supervisor: Dr. Wenresti Gallardo

Replacement of Fishmeal by Enzyme Treated Feather Meal by Supplementing Methionine and Lysine for Red Tilapia (Oreochromis niloticus x O. mossambicus)  
By Arissara Sopawong  
Supervisor: Dr. Amararatne Yakupitiyage

The Use of Papaya (Carica papaya) Seed as an Alternative Method to Control the Reproduction of Nile Tilapia (Oreochromis niloticus)  
By Yovita John Mallya  
Supervisor: Dr. Wenresti Gallardo

Vulnerability of Coastal Shrimp Farmers to the Impacts of Climate Change: A Case Study of Marine Shrimp Farming in Pak Phanang District, Nakhon Sri Thammarat Province, Thailand  
By Wiparat Taweewattana  
Supervisors: Dr. Wenresti Gallardo / Dr. Dhirendra Prasad Thakur

Research Study: Evaluating the Impacts of Lower Water Level in the Mekong River on the Livelihood of Fishermen in Southern Laos: A Case Study in Khong District, Champasack Province  
By Vanny Sengkapkeo  
Supervisor: Dr. Amararatne Yakupitiyage
5.4: SERD – ENERGY FIELD OF STUDY

5.4.1 Introduction

Energy related academic program at AIT was established in 1979. So far, over 1,000 students have graduated in the Energy studies. As of December 2009, about one hundred students are enrolled in Energy Field of Study. About thirty percent of the current students are at doctoral level. Apart from teaching and student research, faculty at Energy FoS is involved in a number of research projects. Some of the current research focuses of Energy FoS are Energy, environment and climate change, Energy for sustainable development, Renewable Energy and Energy efficiency, Electric power system management, and Energy economics and planning.

Student admitted to Energy Field of Study can specialize in one of the three areas.

- Electric Power System Management (EPSM)
- Energy Technology (ET)
- Energy Economics and Planning (EEP)

Details regarding Energy field of study activities are available at www.serd.ait.ac.th/energy

5.4.2 Research Facilities and Laboratories

Energy Laboratory serves as a facility for conducting experimental studies for courses, carrying out students and sponsored research, and testing of energy equipments as well as providing hands-on training. Laboratory functions are focused mainly on solar thermal energy, photovoltaics, biomass energy, energy management, thermodynamics and heat transfer, and electrical measurement and analysis. The laboratory facilities include two indoor laboratories, an energy park and a meteorological station. The indoor laboratories are equipped with experiment setups, testing apparatus and measuring equipment for thermal and electrical management studies, thermodynamics, fluid mechanics and heat transfer, and electrical power supply management. Energy Park covers 3980-m² outdoor research and demonstration facility equipped with photovoltaic systems, solar thermal (air and water) systems, biomass research and daylighting setups. The meteorological station records solar radiation and other meteorological data. Energy laboratory continues to carry out testing services such as fuel quality tests, gas composition tests, tests for heating value of fuels, solar thermal collector performance tests, solar water heater system performance tests and stove efficiency tests.

Among its major equipment include a Gas Analyzer; Campbell data logger; Ultrasonic flow-meter; Bomb colorimeter; and a Gas chromatography.

The SERD Computer Lab IV in the Energy Building has a large number of computer modeling software for energy planning and policy analysis. These include Model...

### 5.4.3 Faculty and Research Staff

#### Full-time Faculty

SAID IRANDOUST, MSc, PhD, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden  
**Professor** *Chemical reaction engineering*

SIVANAPPAN KUMAR, BE, Univ of Madras, India; MEng, AIT, Thailand; PhD, Inst Natl Polytechnique, Toulouse, France.  
**Professor** *Renewable energy resources and technologies; Climate change and green house gas mitigation: energy and sustainable development*

WEERAKORN ONGSAKUL, BEng, Chulalongkorn Univ, Thailand; MS (EE), PhD, Texas A&M Univ, USA.  
**Associate Professor** *Artificial Intelligence Applications to Power Systems; Parallel Processing Applications; Power System Operation & Control; Power System Deregulation & Restructuring*

P. ABDUL SALAM, BSc.Eng (Hons.) University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka; M.Eng., D.Eng., AIT  
**Assistant Professor** *Bioenergy, Renewable energy; Energy conservation and efficiency*; *Energy, environment and climate change issues; Heat recovery systems*

JAI GOVIND SINGH, B.E., MNMIT Allahabad, India; M. Tech., Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee; Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India  
**Assistant Professor** *Power system planning; Operation and control; FACTS controllers; Restructuring of Electric Industry, Demand side management; Grid integration of renewable energy resources; Power distribution systems*

#### Visiting Faculty

BRAHMANAND MOHANTY, BSc, SAICE, India; MSc, AIT, Thailand; PhD, Institut National Polytechnique of Toulouse, France  
**Visiting Faculty** *Cogeneration, Demand-side management, Energy auditing and conservation, Energy Efficiency policies; and Rational use of technology*

CHARLES O P MARPAUNG, B. Eng (E.E.) Bandung Institute of Technology, Indonesia, Ms.c, Statistics, Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia; D. Eng, AIT  
**Visiting Faculty** *Generation expansion planning; Energy economics and environmental modeling*

**Visiting Faculty** *Energy Policy Economics Regulation and Benchmarking*

**Visiting Faculty** *Energy Resources and Technology (fossil and renewable), Energy Conservation and Efficiency*

RAJESH KUMAR NEMA, B.E. Electrical Engineering, Barkatullah University, Bhopal, India; M.E. Heavy Electrical Equipments, Barkatullah University, Bhopal, India; Ph.D., Bhopal University, Bhopal, India.  
**Visiting Faculty** *Power Electronics, Solar Photovoltaics, Distributed Generation and Power System*

#### Adjunct Faculty

RAM M SHRESTHA, BE, Univ of Baroda; LL Tribhuvan Univ, Nepal; MEng, DEng, AIT, Thailand.  
**Adjunct Faculty** *Energy and Environmental Policy; Energy Economics; Energy-economic Modeling*

VO NGOC DIEU, B.Eng., MEng. Electrical Engineering, Ho Chi Minh City Univ of Technology, Vietnam, D. Eng. AIT.  
**Adjunct Faculty** *Application of AI based method to power system optimization and power system deregulation and smart grid*

#### Research Staff

Mr. Abhinand Joshi, Research Associate (PDF funds – Prof. S. Kumar)  
Mr. Albert Pedrajas, Program Officer (Sida - NUOL Project)  
Mr. Apinat Saksinchai, Research Associate (Sida - NUOL Project)  
Ms. Kanwalai Nachaisit, Secretary (GMSARN Project)  
Ms. Manjula T. Siriwardhana, Research Associate (GNESD, TNA mitigation Projects)  
Ms. Maria Kathrina Gratuito, Research Associate (RERIC)
5.4.4 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

AIT Support to NUOL: National Research Policy Development
Duration: 01 Dec 09 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): S. Kumar
Sponsor: Sida
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,259,030

Duration: 15 February - 31 December 10
Project Investigator(s): Prof. Ram M. Shrestha and Prof. S. Kumar
Sponsor: GNESD, Denmark
Total contracted amount (THB): 866,750

5.4.5 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Action Towards Resource Efficient and Low Carbon Cities in Asia
Duration: 01 Dec 09 - 28 Feb 12
Project Investigator(s): S. Kumar, C Visvanathan, Ram M. Shrestha, Abdul Salam, Charles Marpaung, and Yoichi Kusakabe
Sponsor: EREME (French Agency for Environment and Energy Management)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 11,052,979

Energy Field of Studies Publications
Duration: 01 Jan 04 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): S. Kumar
Sponsor: membership fees, AIT
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,521,149

AIT Support to National University of Laos (NUOL), 2007-2010 Extension Research and Financial Management.
Duration: December 2010 – 31 December 2011
Project Investigator(s): Prof. S. Kumar
Sponsor: Sida
Total contracted amount (THB): 705,460

AIT Support to National University of Laos (NUOL), 2007-2010, Extension Self Assessment for the Cooperation Program.
Duration: December 2010 – 31 December 2011
Project Investigator(s): Prof. S. Kumar
Sponsor: Sida
Total contracted amount (THB): 787,450

Biomass gasification study in the Mekong Region
Duration: 01 June 10 – 28 February 2011
Project Investigator(s): Abdul Salam, S. Kumar
Sponsor: EEP Mekong Region
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 617,000

Capacity Development on Clean Coal Technology and Carbon Sequestration
Duration: 1 April 2010 – 1 October 2010
Project Investigator(s): Prof. S. Kumar
Sponsor: Southern States Energy Board, USA
Total contracted amount (THB): 514,696.55

EEP Mekong Regional Forum 2010
Duration: 01 Sep 10 - 31 Aug 12
Project Investigator(s): Weerakorn Ongsakul
Sponsor: EEP Mekong
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,537,820
ICETT International Cooperation Network Information Project (ICNIP) in Thailand.
Duration: 1 September 2010 – 31 December 2010
Project Investigator(s): Prof. S. Kumar
Sponsor: Sponsor: International Center for Environmental Technology Transfer (ICETT), Japan
Total contracted Amount: (THB) 230,000

Integration of RETScreen version 4 in education and training.
Duration: 22 February 2010 – 31 May 2010
Project Investigator(s): Prof. S. Kumar and Dr. P. Abdul Salam
Sponsor: Sponsor: CANMET Energy Technology Center, Verenne, Canada
Total contracted Amount: 142,600 Baht ($4,600 CAN)

Duration: 01 Sep 09 – 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul, S Kumar, Ram Shrestha
Sponsor: Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,017,703

King HRD Scholarship Project.
Duration: 1 October 2009 – September 2013
Project Investigator(s): Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul
Sponsor: Sponsor: EPPO
Total contracted Amount: (THB):12,753,200

Low carbon cities: Learning from the experiences in France.
Duration: September 2010 – 31 December 2011
Project Investigator(s): Investigator: Prof. S. Kumar, Prof. C. Visvanathan, Dr. P. Abdul Salam, Dr. Charles Marpaung, Dr. L.A.S. Ranjith Perera and Dr. Kyoko Kusakabe
Sponsor: Sponsor: SDCC/AIT – France Network
Total contracted Amount (THB): 480,000

Micro Hydro PV Hybrid System
Duration: 01 Feb 10 – 01 Apr 12
Project Investigator(s): Kumar, P. Abdul Salam, Jai Govind Singh, Charles Marpaung
Sponsor: Ebara Katayema Memorial Fund Japan
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,440,000

Provincial Electricity Authority (PEA)-AIT Cooperation Project.
Duration: January 2009 – December 2012
Project Investigator(s): Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul
Sponsor: PEA
Total contracted Amount: (THB):27,374,000

Technology Needs Assesment in Asia and Europe for Climate Change Mitigation
Duration: 01 Jul 10 – 30 Apr 12
Project Investigator(s): S Kumar, Abdul Salam, Charles Marpaung
Sponsor: UNEP Riso Center Denmark
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 11,068,470

5.4.6 Publications

International Journal Articles with Impact factor


Koethejekarn T., Weerakorn Ongsakul. Optimal measurement placement for security constrained state estimation using hybrid genetic algorithm and...


Ram M. Shrestha, Gabriel Anandarajah, Liyanage M.H.. Factors affecting CO2 emission from the power sector of selected countries in Asia and the Pacific. Energy Policy, 6(37) 0-0, 2010.


Vo Ngoc Dieu, Weerakorn Ongsakul. Augmented lagrange hopfield network for economic load dispatch with combined heat and power.

Electric Power Components and Systems, 12(37) 0-0, 2010.


W. Prommee and W. Ongsakul “Optimal multiple distributed generation placement in microgrid system by improved

Watcharejyothin M., Ram M. Shrestha. Regional energy resource development and energy security under CO2 emission constraint in the greater Mekong sub-region countries (GMS). Energy Policy, 11(37) 0-0, 2010.

Conference/Workshop Presentations


Brahmanand Mohanty, “Methods and tools to assess and reduce GHG emissions of urban territories: Sharing the French experience”, Indo-French Workshop on Science, Technology and Humanities - A Tryst with Sustainable Development, 27-29 January 2010, Bangalore, India.


S. Kumar, Energy and Climate Change, Pollutetech 2010 - National level conference cum Exhibition, 28-29 October 2010, Bangalore, India.

S. Kumar, Experiences on Asia Renewable Energy Technology, 2010 Cities International Conference on Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development, 8-9 September 2010, Kaohsiung, Taiwan.


Report

Low – Carbon Society Vision 2030 Thailand by Bundit Limmeechokchhai, Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology, Asian Institute of Technology, National Institute for Environmental Studies, Kyoto University, Mizuho Information & Research Institute and Asia-Pacific Integrated Model.

5.4.7 Doctoral Students’ Dissertation

Analyses of Economic and Environmental Implications for Thailand of Integrated Energy Resource Development in Selected Greater Mekong Subregion Countries. By Mayurachat Watcharejytthin Supervisor: Prof. Ram M Shrestha

Daylighting through Unshaded and Shaded Windows By Lerdleka Tanachatihan Supervisor: Prof. Sivanappan Kumar

Development of the PSO Based Robust Controller for Maximizing Wind Energy Penetration in Power Systems By Sasidharan Sreedharan Supervisors: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul / Dr. Jai Govind Singh

Electricity Generation Cost Under a Reform of the Electric Supply Industry in Thailand By Supattana Nirukkanaporn Supervisor: Prof. Sivanappan Kumar

5.4.8 Masters’ Theses and Research Studies

A Low Carbon Campus through Energy Efficiency and Energy Conservation Measures By Autschar Poohgammil Supervisor: Prof. Sivanappan Kumar

An Analysis of Electricity Demand and Pollutant Emissions Using Cointegration and ARIMA Modeling: A Case Study of Thailand By Thad Aosombatkun Supervisor: Dr. Charles Marpuang

An Analysis of Energy Emissions in Urban Households in Metropolitan Bangkok By Peach Siriwaran Supervisors: Prof. Sivanappan Kumar / Prof. Ram M. Shrestha

An Analysis of Energy Use in the Urban Residential Sector of Nepal By Prabina Chhetri Supervisor: Prof. Sivanappan Kumar

Assessment of Clean Development Mechanism Projects for Net CO2 Mitigation in Thailand By Wikanda Pensupa Supervisor: Dr. Charles O.P. Marpuang

Assessment of Energy Conservation Potential in the Indian Foundry Industry By Abhinad Anil Joshi Supervisor: Prof. Sivanappan Kumar

Assessment of Renewable Energy Resources Potential and Application for Decentralized Rural Electrification Using Geographic Information System (GIS) By Earl Macamay Opiso Supervisor: Prof. Sivanappan Kumar

Distributed Expansion Planning Considering Grid Connection Rooftop PV Systems: The Case of Chiang Mai City, Thailand By Paratdorn Srirprasat Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul

Effect of Renewable Portfolio Standard on Energy Security and the Environment: Case of Thailand By Suddan Saelin Supervisors: Dr. Charles O.P. Marpuang / Prof. Ram M. Shrestha

Energy Conservation in an Indian Winery By Aalok Hemant Awalikar Supervisor: Prof. Sivanappan Kumar

Financial Transmission Right Bidding Strategy in Competitive Power Market Using Particle Swarm Optimization By Yada Rungreang Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul

GreenHouse Gas Emission & its Mitigation Options: A Case for Nepal By Barsha Pandey Supervisors: Dr. Charles O.P. Marpuang / Prof. Ram M. Shrestha

Greenhouse Gas Mitigation by Hydro Power Trading from Myanmar to Thailand By Cherry Myo Lwin Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul

Impact of Distributed Generation in Steady State, Voltage and Transient Stability Analysis: A Case of DanSai System, Thailand By Rachaporn VairuangSiripong Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul
Impacts of Distributed Generation on the Protective Devices in the PEA Distribution System
By Pauranee Satphaisarnkit
Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul / Dr. Jai Govind Singh

Integrated Resource Planning Considering Demand Side Management - A Case Study of Vietnam
By Ngo Dang Chien
Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul

Long-term CO₂ Emission Reductions Target and Scenario for the Industrial Sector of Thailand
By Arisa Sumthong
Supervisor: Dr. Charles O.P. Marpuang

Long Term Peak Load Forecasting Using Artificial Neural Network: A Case of Java Madura-Bali Interconnection, Indonesia.
By Yusak Tanoto
Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul

Multi-Objective Bidding Strategy for Genco Using Non-Dominated Sorting Particle Swarm Optimization
By Apinat Saksinchai
Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul

Multi-Objective Distributed Generation Optimal Placement in Distribution System using Nondominated Sorting Particle Swarm Optimization
By Bancha Rangsakorn
Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul

Opportunities of Low Carbon Technologies and Green House Gases Mitigation Potential in the Thai Cement, and Pulp and Paper Industries
By Pichet Ninduangdee
Supervisors: Dr. P. Abdul Salam / Prof. Sivanappan Kumar

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Optimal Bidder Strategy in LMP - Based Electricity Market Considering Elastic Demand by Particle Swarm Optimization
with Time-Varying Acceleration Coefficients
By Nuttawitch Khamsawasd
Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul

Optimal DG Allocation in the Nodal Price Base Electricity Market: The Case of Cambodia Power System
By Mom Kirivathanak
Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul

Optimal Generation Scheduling of Cascaded Hydro-Thermal and Wind Power Generation by Particle Swarm Optimization
By Seema Thakur
Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul

Optimal Under-Voltage Load Shedding for Thailand Power System
By Angkol Pukradyura
Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul

Portfolio Risk Analysis Based on Generation Expansion Planning
By Nguyen Xuan Phuc
Supervisors: Dr. Charles O.P. Marpuang / Prof. Ram M. Shrestha

Reliability Improvement by Microgrid System: The Case of Mae Hong Son, Thailand
By Sithigorn Promthaworn
Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul

Saddle Node Bifurcation and Voltage Stability Studies in Electric Power Systems
By Dinesh Rangana Gurusinghe
Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul

Strategies Towards a Low Carbon Society: A Case Study on Transport and Industrial Sector of Kathmandu Valley, Nepal
By Saurabh Thaiba
Supervisor: Dr. Charles O.P. Marpuang

Total Transfer Capability Enhancement Using FACTS Devices: A Case Study of Bhutan Power System
By Purna Bdr Rai
Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul

Towards a Low Carbon City: Analysis of Sustainable Transport Options for Bangkok, Thailand
By Chawannat Jaroenkhasemmesuk
Supervisors: Dr. Charles O.P. Marpuang / Prof. Ram M. Shrestha

Wind Power Bidding Strategy in Short-Term Power Markets Based on Particle Swarm Optimization
By Nitipong Thipwiang
Supervisor: Dr. Weerakorn Ongsakul

Research Study: Energy/Electricity Consumption and Economic Growth in Pakistan: A Cas-Sulity Analysis
By Arshad Mahmood
Supervisor: Dr. Charles O.P. Marpuang

Research Study: The Transition to a Hydrogen Economy in Thailand
By Nathakhich Assanee
Supervisor: Dr. Charles O.P. Marpuang

By Tran Thi Kieu Ngoc
Supervisor: Dr. Charles O.P. Marpuang
5.5: SERD – ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT FIELD OF STUDY

5.5.1 Introduction

Environmental Engineering at AIT began in 1964 with the need for sanitary engineering to address the problems of providing adequate water supplies and sanitation facilities. This pioneering environmental engineering program has grown into a range of fields needed to tackle the environmental issues facing Asia today.

Environmental Engineering and Management Field of Study is part of the School of Environment, Resources and Development. The overall program looks for solutions to environmental problems, water supply and sanitation, wastewater treatment and disposal systems, air pollution, solid and hazardous wastes, waste minimization, and life cycle assessment, environmental impact assessment and management and environmental toxicology. The three major focal areas are Environmental Technology and Management, Environmental Toxicology, Technology and Management, and Water and Wastewater Engineering.

5.5.2 Research Facilities and Laboratories

The Environmental Engineering (EE) Laboratory is housed with facilities to handle a wide range of knowledge and skills in problem solving for industrial needs and analytical works for physical, chemical, microbiological, and environmental parameters such as water and wastewater quality, air pollutants and noise level, and solid waste. For teaching, training and research purposes, the EE laboratory is categorized into three sub-laboratories namely, research, ambient, and environmental research station. The research laboratory is equipped with many sophisticated instruments such as GC-IRD-MSD, HPLC, UV-Vis spectrophotometers, atomic absorption analyzer with flame, graphite and cold vapor operations, and gas and liquid chromatographs. For lab and pilot scale testing purposes, the ambient laboratory has furnished with facility to conduct experiments for treating sludge, sewage, air toxics and industrial wastes. It is also housed with advanced water and wastewater treatment units such different membrane bioreactors, and high rate anaerobic treatment processes with methane gas recovery. The Environmental Research Station consists of pilot scale aerobic and anaerobic biological wastewater treatment units, constructed wetlands, waste stabilization ponds, a lysimeters for solid waste treatment, a hazardous wastewater treatment plant and ambient air monitoring station.

Among its major equipment include Gas Chromatograph; High Performance Liquid Chromatograph; Atomic Absorption Spectrometer; Total Organic Carbon Analyzer; Ion Chromatograph, Induced Couple Plasma, UV Spectrophotometer; Supercritical Fluid Extractor, Microwave Digestion System; Primus Thermal Cyclers; Universal Mutation Detection System; Microscope; Microbalance; Microcentrifuge.

5.5.3 Faculty and Research Staff

Full-time Faculty

AJIT P ANNACHHATRE, BTech, PhD, Indian Inst of Tech, Kanpur, India.
Professor (Anaerobic Wastewater Treatment; Biofilm Processes; Environmental Biotechnology; Environmental Impact Assessment; Mathematical Modeling)

CHETTIYAPPAN VISVANATHAN, BTech, IIT, Madras, India; MEng, AIT, Thailand; PhD, Inst Natl Polytech, Toulouse, France.
Professor (Cleaner Production; Industrial Environment Management; Membrane Technology for Water and Wastewater Treatment and, Solid Waste Management)

SAID IRANDOUST, MSc, PhD, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden.
Professor (Chemical Reaction Engineering)

NGUYEN THI KIM OANH, Dip Eng, Odessa Hydrometeorology Inst, Ukraine; MEng, DEng, AIT, Thailand.
Professor (Air Pollution Engineering and Management, Transboundary air pollution, Air Pollution and Climate Interaction/Co-benefit, Environmental Monitoring and Modelling, Exposure Assessment, Integrated Industrial Environment Management)

OLEG V SHIPIN, PhD, Inst of Biochemistry and Physiology of Microorganisms, Moscow, Russia.
Associate Professor (Ecological Engineering for climate change adaptation; Environmental Impact Assessment; Microbial biotechnology and nanotechnology; Natural systems (ponds and wetlands) as Wastewater treatment systems; Microbial aspects of Environmental Engineering; Health and Ecological Risk assessment)
PREEDA PARKPIAN, BSc, Kasetsart Univ, Thailand; MSc, Mississippi State Univ; PhD, Texas A&M Univ, USA.

Associate Professor
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THAMMARAT KOOTATEP, BEng, Chiangmai Univ; MEng, DEng, AIT, Thailand.
Assistant Professor
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Visiting and Adjunct Faculty

CHONGRAK POLPRASERT, BEng, Chulalongkorn Univ, Thailand; MEng, AIT, Thailand; PhD, Univ of Washington, USA.

Adjunct Faculty (Hazardous Waste Engineering; Resources Recovery; Sanitation)

KIMBERLY NEIL IRVINE, BSc, Toronto Univ, Canada; MSc, PhD, McMaster Univ, Canada.

Adjunct Professor (Hydrology and Water Resource Management, with specific emphasis on evaluating water quality in urban-impacted water bodies)

SHINICHI OKAMOTO, BEng, MEng, Waseda Univ, Japan.

Visiting Professor (Statistics and Environmental Management Systems)

Affiliated Faculty

KHUNYING MATHUROS
RUCHIRAWAT, PhD, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA.

Affiliated Faculty (Nutrition Biochemistry and Metabolism)

SKORN MONGKOLSUK, PhD, University of Maryland, USA.

Affiliated Professor (Biological Science)

JUTAMAAD SATAYAIVAD, PhD, Mahidol University, Thailand.

Affiliated Faculty (Pharmacology)

Research Staff

AJAYA SAKPOTA, BSc

Research Assistant (Conducts lab experiments and assist students in their lab activities; assist project leader with research project, training activity)

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Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

ALFREDO ANCENO, PhD
Research Scientist (Conducts lab experiments and assist students in their lab activities; assist project leader with research project, training activity, writes project proposals)

AMILA ABEYNAYAKA, MEng
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

ANAND DESHMUKH, MSc
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

ANCY R. JOHNSON, MSc
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

ANTOINE MOREL, MEng
Senior Research Associate (Assists in project coordination, prepares project reports, prepares project budgets and manages project finances, support project leader in supervision of AIT and NCCR master and doctoral students and trainees in the field of environmental sanitation)

AROSHA S. KUMARAGE, BA
Research Assistant (Financial management and assist the team in regular research project and training activities) Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)
ASIF IQBAL, MEng
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

ATITAYA PANUVATVANICH, DEng
Senior Research Associate,
(Manages research projects; assists in project coordination, prepares project reports, prepares project budgets and manages project finances; assist team leader in training activities)

AUNG ZAW NAING LIN, MSc
Research Associate (Actively involve in Asian Regional Research Programme on Environmental Technology Program (ARRPET) research activities)

CHAIYAPORN IMSAPSANGWORN, BSc
Senior Technician (Assess laboratory routine testing and analysis, maintain the operation of the laboratories, instruments and equipment, chemical and lab preparation for EEM laboratories sessions, data collection and fieldwork assistance to students and research staff)

CHUTHATHIP SIRIPONG, MEng
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

DO THI THANH CANH, MSc
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

JACQUELINE KNEE, MSc.
Research Fellow (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

JAVKHLAN ARIUNBAATAR, MSc
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

JERAPUN TANUNCHAI, BSc
Research Assistant (Laboratory operating and sample analysis, prepares technical reports and presentations, collaborating with research partners)

JIDAPA KHATIKARN, MEng
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

KAUSHALYA C. WIJEKOON, MEng
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

KETSIRI LEELASAKULTUM, MSc
Research Associate (Manages research projects on diesel particulate matter and air pollutants analysis; prepares technical reports and presentations)

MADDALA PADMASRI, MEng
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

MAI THI THUY PHUONG, MSc
Research Associate (Manages research projects on diesel particulate matter and air pollutants analysis; prepares technical reports and presentations)

MANOJ YOMJINDA, MSc
Research Laboratory Supervisor
(Supervises instrumentation and data acquisition, calibration and maintenance of analytical instruments, assistant to senior laboratory supervisor for such as teaching, lab management)

NANG HTAY YIN, MSc
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

NARISSARA KAEPWHAN, BSc
Research Assistant (Conducts lab experiments and assists students in their lab activities; assist project leader with research project, training activity)

NARONG SURINKUL, DEng
Senior Research Engineer,
(Manages research projects; assists in project coordination, prepares project reports, prepares project budgets and manages project finances; assist team leader in training activities)

NAVARATNAM C. USHANTHI, BEng
Research Assistant (Conducts lab experiments and assists students in their lab activities; assist project leader with research project, training activity)

NEERAJA RATTANASTACHAN, MEng
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

NGUYEN THANH HANG, MSc
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

ORATHAI KLUBBARNKOH, BSc
Senior Technician (Chemistry and environmental analysis for environmental samples as well as prepare for chemical and glassware for laboratory courses and research projects)

PANNAWEE MEKWICHAI, MSc
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)
PANNITA SUTTISAWAD, BEng
Research Assistant (Laboratory operating and sample analysis, prepares technical reports and presentations, collaborating with research partners)

PANUPONG BOONYANUN, BTech (Mech.)
Senior Technician (Responsible for the repair and maintenance of related machines, assists students in laboratory experimental work and experimental set-up, carry out routine maintenance and repair of laboratory equipment and facilities)

PATTARAWAN
CHULARUENGOKSORN, MSc
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

PIMLUCK KIJANAPANICH, MSc
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

PRAPAT PONGKIATKUL, DEng
Senior Research Engineer, (Manages research projects on air pollution; assists in project coordination, prepares project reports, prepares project budgets and manages project finances; assist team leader in training activities)

PREM ANANTH ANIYARANGAN, MEng
Senior Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

PREMSAK PUANGPLOY, MSc
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

PUTTIMON KAIWAN-ARPORN, MSc
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

RAQUEL P. PEDRAJAS, MEng
Senior Research Associate (Assists in project coordination, prepares project reports, budgets and manages project finances, assists in maintenance of project websites, organizes international workshops, conference, training programs and seminars, prepares project brochures, posters, etc., assists in formulation of research proposal, co-edits project newsletters, assists evaluation of reports from National Research Institutions involved in the project)

RATTAPON ONCHAN, Dr.-techn.
Visiting Researcher (Manages RTG research project, prepares technical reports and serves as committee member for master thesis)

SALAYA PHUNSIRI, MSc
Senior Laboratory Supervisor (Administrative for Environmental Engineering Laboratory as well as supervise for experimental and research projects on water, wastewater, air pollution, and solid wastes analysis)

SAMBIT ROUTRAY, MSc
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

SOMCHAI AREMSUM-ANG, BSc
Research Assistant (Wastewater and soil analysis, field survey and data collection, testing and other laboratory sessions)

SRUNG SMANMOO, PhD
Visiting Researcher (Manages RTG research project, prepares technical reports and serves as committee member for master thesis)

SUPARATTANA SURIYAKHAM, BEng
Research Assistant (Laboratory operating and sample analysis, prepares technical reports and presentations, collaborating with research partners)

SUTHIRAT KITTIPONGVISIT, MSc
Research Associate (Manages research projects on hazardous chemical management; assist the project leader in training activities; prepares technical reports and presentations)

SYARIFAH HIKMAH JULINDA SARI, MSc
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

TANTIMA SUWANAPAN, BSc
Research Assistant (Conducts lab experiments and assists students in their lab activities; assist project leader with research project, training activity)

THANUN POONSAWAT, MEng
Research Associate (Manages research projects, prepares technical reports and presentations)

THEERADEJ BOONMA-NGUM, BSc
Research Assistant (Conducts lab experiments and assists students in their lab activities; assist project leader with research project, training activity)
5.5.4 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

Air quality and climate impacts of Switching to Natural Gas fueled Public Transportation Vehicles in Bangkok
Duration: 01 Aug 09 - 30 Nov 10
Project Investigator(s): Nguyen Thi Kim Oanh
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 850,000

Determining Factors of Groundwater use and its Quality in Nakomprathom and Samutsakorn Provinces
Duration: 06 Feb 09 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Thammarat Kootatap
Sponsor: Thai Water Supply Public Company Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,952,200

Healthcare Waste Management Facility Design and Operation Guidelines for Laos
Duration: 01 Sep 09 - 30 Jun 10
Project Investigator(s): C Visvanathan
Sponsor: ADB, Philippines
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,650,000

Low-Cost Treatment of Septage by Constructed Wetlands and Pond Systems in Tropical Regions
Duration: 01 Aug 96 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Thammarat Kootatap
Sponsor: Swiss Federal Institute for Environmental Science and Technology (SANDEC)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 6,993,981

Phyto-Bioremediation for VOCs at Contaminated Site
Duration: 01 Nov 07 - 31 Oct 10
Project Investigator(s): Chongrak Polprasert, Preeda Parkpian
Sponsor: NEDO/ Shimizu Corporation Japan
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,080,000

Pilot scale field testing of ceramic microfiltration system for high turbid surface water treatment (Phase II)
Duration: 01 May 09 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): C. Visvanathan
Sponsor: University of Tokyo, Japan
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,020,000

Pilot scale study on surface water treatment using hybrid ceramic membrane filtration system (phase III)
Duration: 02 Apr 10 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): C. Visvanathan
Sponsor: University of Tokyo, Japan
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 698,000

Real Time PCR Diagnostic Kit for Giardia and Cryptosporidium parasites
Duration: 01 Aug 08 - 30 Nov 10
Project Investigator(s): Oleg Shipin
Sponsor: NIH USA
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,354,700

Stakeholder Engagement: Pilot Project Stakeholder dialogues and its application for Social Corporate Responsibility
Duration: 25 Jul 09 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Thammarat Kootatap
Sponsor: SCG Paper Public Co Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 780,300

The development of a Supersensitive Chemo sensor kit for the detection of Hg(II) in aqueous environment and in living cells
Duration: 01 Sep 09 - 30 Nov 10
Project Investigator(s): Preeda Parkpian
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 928,000

US-ASEAN Next Generation Cook Stove Workshop
Duration: 01 Sep 09 - 31 Mar 10
Project Investigator(s): Nguyen Thi Kim Oanh
Sponsor: Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 330,000

Workshop for Policy Makers on Decentralized Wastewater Treatment and Management
Duration: 15 Feb 10 - 31 Aug 10
Project Investigator(s): Thammarat Kootatap, Preeda Parkpian
Sponsor: JICA Thailand Office
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 321,250

5.5.5 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Asian Regional Research Programme on Environmental Technology (ARRPET): Phase II – AIT Air Pollution
Duration: 01 Jan 04 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Nguyen Thi Kim Oanh, Chongrak Polprasert
Sponsor: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sweden
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 11,448,249

Asian Regional Research Programme on Environmental Technology (ARRPET): Phase II – AIT Solid Waste
Duration: 01 Jan 04 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): C. Visvanathan
Sponsor: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sweden
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 9,641,212

Asian Regional Research Programme on Environmental Technology (ARRPET): Phase II – AIT WWSTM
Duration: 01 Jan 04 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Ajit P. Annachhatre
Sponsor: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sweden
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 8,536,634

Asian Regional Research Programme on Environmental Technology (ARRPET): Phase II – Coordination
Duration: 01 Jan 04 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Ajit P. Annachhatre
Sponsor: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sweden
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 10,457,881

Asian Regional Research Programme on Environmental Technology (ARRPET): Phase II- NRI- Air Pollution
Duration: 01 Jan 04 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Nguyen Thi Kim Oanh, Chongrak Polprasert
Sponsor: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sweden
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 29,205,301
Asian Regional Research Programme on Environmental Technology (ARRPET): Phase II – NRI WWWTM
Duration: 01 Jan 04 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Ajit P. Annachhatre
Sponsor: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sweden
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 25,465,225

Asian Regional Research Programme on Environmental Technology (ARRPET): Phase II – NRI Solid Waste
Duration: 01 Jan 04 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Ajit P. Annachhatre
Sponsor: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sweden
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 21,185,306

Asian Regional Research Programme on Environmental Technology (ARRPET): Phase II - Workshops
Duration: 01 Jan 04 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Ajit P. Annachhatre
Sponsor: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sweden
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 9,114,639

Assessment of co benefits on Air Quality and climate resulted from various control strategies in Southeast Asia
Duration: 01 Aug 10 - 01 Aug 12
Project Investigator(s): Nguyen Thi Kim Oanh
Sponsor: French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,704,000

Capacity Strengthening on Hazardous Chemicals Management
Duration: 01 Jan 07 - 31 Mar 11
Project Investigator(s): Nguyen Thi Kim Oanh, Chongrk Polprasert
Sponsor: The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 23,732,687

Comparison Study on Air Pollution Characteristics between Seoul and Bangkok
Duration: 30 Mar 10 - 31 Oct 11
Project Investigator(s): Nguyen Thi Kim Oanh
Sponsor: Korean Institute of Science and Technology (KIST)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 860,832

Database of 3R Good Practices related to Organic Waste
Duration: 20 Jan 10 - 30 Apr 11
Project Investigator(s): C Visvanathan
Sponsor: Mitsubishi Research Institute
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 978,544

Environmental Sanitation and Urban Agriculture
Duration: 25 Sep 09 - 30 Jun 13
Project Investigator(s): Thammarat Koottatep
Sponsor: Department of Water and Environmental Sanitation in Developing Countries (SANDEC), Switzerland
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 21,329,791

Innovative Sanitation approach by Coupling of Ecological reuse system with Health risks determination
Duration: 01 May 10 - 30 Apr 11
Project Investigator(s): Thammarat Koottatep
Sponsor: NCCR North-South Center for Development and Environment
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,400,000

Integrated Sustainable Solid waste Management in Asia
Duration: 01 Jan 09 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): C Visvanathan
Sponsor: European Commission
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,449,490

Permeable Reactive Barrier for Remediation of Acid Mine Drainage
Duration: 01 Nov 09 - 30 Oct 11
Project Investigator(s): Ajit P. Annachhatre
Sponsor: UNESCO - IHE
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 972,270

Policy Study on Technology Transfer for 3R
Duration: 01 Jul 10 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): C Visvanathan
Sponsor: Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 640,000

Professional Master in Environmental Engineering and Management, Hanoi 2010
Duration: 01 May 10 - 31 Aug 11
Project Investigator(s): Nguyen Thi Kim Oanh
Sponsor: Environmental government and private companies, Vietnam
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,892,000

Research Mission Trips of AIT Faculty
Duration: 01 Sep 10 - 31 Aug 12
Project Investigator(s): Ajit P. Annachhatre
Sponsor: SDCC AIT France Network
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 288,000

Strategic Environmental Assessment for North and Central Afghanistan to ensure sustainable use of water resources
Duration: 01 Aug 10 - 31 Aug 12
Project Investigator(s): Oleg Shipin
Sponsor: British Council UK
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,328,000

Sustainability Issues due to Coal Ash from Coal fired Power plants
Duration: 01 Sep 10 - 31 Aug 12
Project Investigator(s): Ajit P. Annachhatre
Sponsor: SDCC AIT France Network
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,800,000

Sustainable Water Management in Urban Fringe Areas through Industrial Wastewater Reuse
Duration: 01 Mar 10 - 31 Jan 12
Project Investigator(s): C Visvanathan
Sponsor: French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,343,441

Technical Assistance for the setup of a Credit Facility to support Ecosystem friendly Accommodations in Coastal areas of Thailand
Duration: 25 Mar 10 - 31 Jan 14
Project Investigator(s): Thammarat Koottatep
Sponsor: French Development Agency AFD
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,950,000

5.5.6 Publications


Sarathai Y., Thammarat Koottatap and Morel A. Hydraulic characteristics of an anaerobic baffled reactor as onsite wastewater treatment system. Journal of Environmental Sciences, 9(22) 0-0, 2010.


Singhakant C., Thammarat Koottatap and Jutamaad Satayavivid. Fractional analysis of arsenic in subsurface-flow constructed wetlands with different length to depth ratios. Water Science and Technology, 7(60) 0-0, 2010.


Subramanian R., Winijkul E., Bond T.C., Thiansathit W. and Nguyen Thi Kim Oanh. Climate-relevant properties of diesel particulate emissions: Results from a piggyback
study in Bangkok, Thailand. Environmental Science and Technology, 11(43) 0-0, 2010.


Tangjarukij C., Zelikoff J.T. and Mathuros Ruchirawat. The effects of pyridoxine deficiency and supplementation on hematological profiles, lymphocyte function, and hepatic cytochrome P450 in B6C3F1 mice. Journal of Immunotoxicology, 3(6) 0-0, 2010.


Conference Publications


Ajit P. Annachatre. Pollutants in Environment – How Well are They Managed in the Developing Countries?, National Conference “POLLUTECH 2010”, J.N. Tata


**Books and Monographs**


**Book Chapters**


Abstracts in international conferences


Invited Lectures and Keynote Addresses

C. Visvanathan and Prem Ananth A. Higher Education Needs for Solid Waste Management through 3R in Asian Developing Countries, invited lecture at International Conference on Raising Awareness of the Need for Environmental Protection: A Role for Higher Education” Hoa Sen University and An Giang University, Ho Chi Minh City, 21-23 July, 2010.

C. Visvanathan. Current Status of Municipal Wastewater Management in Thailand, invited lecture at Department of civil and Environmental Engineering and Management, Tohoku University, Japan, 10 March, 2010.


Professional Trainings

C. Visvanathan. Organized national Training program on “Application of Membrane Technology for Water and Wastewater Treatment” in collaboration with HCMC University of Technology, 22 December, 2010.


C. Visvanathan. Designed and organized a national Cleaner Production training program for Ho Chi Minh City Environmental Protection Agency (HEPA), 13-15 January, 2011.

Conferences, Seminars, and Workshops


C. Visvanathan. Presented a lecture on “Water Supply and Sanitation for Disaster Response” in the training program ”Public Health and Disaster Management”, organized by DPMM program from 6 - 18 December, 2010 in AIT.


Nguyen Thi Kim Oanh. Organized the dissemination workshop of the AIT-RTG project “Air Quality and Climate Impacts of Switching to Natural Gas-Fueled Public Transportation Vehicles in Bangkok”. Cooperation with Dr. Rattapon Onchang, Silpakorn University. At SU, 20 July 2010.

5.5.7 Doctoral Students’ Dissertation

Applications of Anaerobic Baffled Reactor (ABR) and Vermicomposting Process for Treating Household Wastewater and Accumulated Sludge

By Yuttachai Sarathai
Supervisor: Dr. Thammarat Koottatep

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Development of Nitrogen Transformation Model for Vertical Flow Constructed Wetland Treating Faecal Sludge
By Atitaya Panuvatvanich
Supervisor: Dr. Thammarat Koottatep

Sulfur Production via a Biological Sulfide Oxidation Process
By Chanya Pokasoowan
Supervisor: Prof. Ajit Annachatre

Environmental Toxicology, Technology & Management
Effects of Pesticides on the Non-Neuronal Lymphocytic Cholinergic System
By Tanvisith Charoenying
Supervisors: Dr. Jutamaad Satayavivad / Dr. Preeda Parkpian

Exposure to 1,3Butadine and its Possible Effects on Temple Workers and Traffic Policemen
By Manaswee Arayasiri
Supervisors: Dr. Khunying Mathuros Ruchirawat/Dr. Preeda Parkpian

Low Level Occupational Exposure to Styrene and Benzene: Its Effects on DNA Damage and DNA Repair
By Sirilak Wongvijitsuk
Supervisors: Dr. Khunying Mathuros Ruchirawat/Dr. Preeda Parkpian

Mercury Contamination and Potential Impacts from a Municipal Waste Incinerator on Samui Island, Thailand
By Dudsadee Muenhor
Supervisors: Dr. Preeda Parkpian / Dr. Jutamaad Satayavivad

5.5.8 Masters Students' Theses
Analysis and Quantification of Air Quality and Climate Co-Benefits for Coal-Fired Power Plants in China
By Jing Chen
Supervisor: Dr. Nguyen Thi Kim Oanh

Analysis of the Development of Strategic Environmental Assessment Process in the Tropical Developing Countries with Regard to Coastal and Riverine Water Environment
By Palawasha Achakzai
Supervisor: Dr. Oleg Shipin

By Chanutsakul Supirak
Supervisor: Dr. Thammarat Koottatep

Assessment of Air Quality and Climate Co-benefit for Urban Public Transport: A Case Study of Bangkok Metropolitan Region
By Aue-Endu Vilaiiphorn
Supervisor: Prof. Nguyen Thi Kim Oanh

Continuous Cultivation of Microalgae Using Airlift Photo-Bioreactor
By Pham Dong Hai
Supervisor: Prof. Ajit Annachatre

Decomposition of Organic Wastes with Black Soldier Fly
By Nguyen Hong Dang
Supervisor: Dr. Thammarat Koottatep

Detection of Copper (II) Ion in an Aqueous Environment Employing Pyrazolidine Luminol (PL)
By Syarifah Hikmah Julinda Sari
Supervisor: Dr. Preeda Parkpian

Development of a Water Treatment System for Emergency Situations
By Nguyen Thi Thuy
Supervisor: Prof. Chetthiyappan Visvanathan

Development of Selected Aspects of the Decision-Making Tool of the Cumulative Effects Assessment: A Case Study of the Nam Ngum River Basin Wetlands, Lao PDR
By Phonepasong Sithideth
Supervisor: Dr. Oleg Shipin

Ecokinetics of Herbicides from Farmland to the River: A Case Study of Chanthaburi Estuary in Thailand
By Kitiya Totong
Supervisor: Dr. Jutamaad Satayavivad

Environmental and Human Health Risk Assessment due to Arsenic from Abandoned Tin Mining: A Case Study of Wiang Pa Pao, Chiangrai Province, Thailand
By Sunthon Uppamarn
Supervisor: Dr. Preeda Parkpian

Financial Analysis and Related Determinants in the Planning and Selection of Sanitation Technologies
By Chuthathip Siripong
Supervisor: Dr. Thammarat Koottatep

Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Potential from Starch Industries in Thailand
By Patreeya Katsin
Supervisor: Prof. Ajit P. Annachatre

High Rate Thermophilic Anaerobic Membrane Bioreactor for Wastewater Treatment
By Kaushalya C. Wijekoon
Supervisor: Prof. Chetthiyappan Visvanathan

Investigation of Benzene Removal Mechanisms on Adsorbents Coated with Zinc Oxide Nanoparticles
By Muhammad Ikrarn B.A. Wahab
Supervisor: Prof. Nguyen Thi Kim Oanh

Mitigation of Cumulative Environmental Impacts on the Hoi An Estuarine Ecosystem with a Focus on the Truong Giang River (Quang Nam Province, Vietnam)
By Nguyen Hoang Yen
Supervisor: Dr. Oleg Shipin

Pathogen Flow Analysis and Potential Health Risks Due to Greywater Reuse in Thailand
By Tanya Udom
Supervisor: Dr. Thammarat Koottatep

Permeable Reactive Barrier for Remediation of Acid Mine Drainage
By Pimluck Kijjanapanich
Supervisor: Prof. Ajit P. Annachatre

Pilot Scale Study on Surface Water Treatment Using Hybrid Ceramic Membrane FILTRATION System
By Sin Khanddarith
Supervisor: Prof. Chetthiyappan Visvanathan

Production of Biodiesel from Microalgae
By Nguyen Thi Thu
Supervisor: Prof. Ajit Annachatre
Quantification of Mercury Containing Wastes and Management Practices in Thailand
By Nisita Khongsaitoon
Supervisor: Dr. Preeda Parkpian

Source Apportionment for Particulate Matter Air Quality Management of a Mining Town in Quang Ninh, Vietnam
By Nguyen Thanh Hang
Supervisor: Prof. Nguyen Thi Kim Oanh

Removal of Glyphosate and Paraquat from Agricultural Soil Using Vetiver Grass (Vetiveria sp.)
By Suthee Janyasuthiwong
Supervisor: Dr. Jutamaad Satayavivat

The Detection of Mercury (II) Ion in Aqueous Environment Based on Rhodamine Hydrazide Sensor
By Rojana Wiangpati
Supervisor: Dr. Preeda Parkpian

Two-Stage Anaerobic Digestion for the Treatment of Dissolved Organic Fraction of Municipal Solid Waste
By Sheelva Shakya
Supervisor: Prof. Chettiyappan Visvanathan

Assessment and development of design standards of Lao PDR’s Healthcare Waste Management System:

Healthcare waste in Laos is not well managed due to several reasons. The government of Laos is finalizing a basic policy and plan for improving healthcare waste management across the country. In addition ADB in close consultation with the Laos Ministry of health is also preparing a grant assistance to finance the health sector in Laos. The project commissioned to AIT will study the healthcare waste situation in Laos and propose the design standards and systems for MOH in implanting the ADB grant program. The outcome of the study will set design standards for healthcare waste management facilities, opportunities for implementing 3R in healthcare waste streams and recommendations on healthcare waste treatment technologies.
5.6: SERD – FOOD ENGINEERING AND BIOPROCESS TECHNOLOGY FIELD OF STUDY

5.6.1 Introduction

This field of study focuses on value addition of agricultural commodities by the application of bioconversion in various sectors of industry and agriculture. These include food processing, aquaculture, cosmetics and health care. BPT focuses on the application of microorganisms and enzymes to meet the demands of the developing countries of the region. FE focuses on the systems for handling, processing and storage of both durable and perishable food products in developing small-scale food processing technologies. Emphasis is also placed on the determination of material properties; design and development of new processes and related equipment; and computer modeling and simulation of postharvest and food processing operations.

5.6.2 Faculty and Research Staff

Full-time Faculty

ATHAPOL NOOMHORM, BSc, Kasetsart Univ, Thailand; MEng, Lamar Univ, Texas; PhD, Louisiana State Univ, USA.

Professor and Coordinator (Agro-Industrial Development, Food Process Technology, Post Harvest Technology, Supply Chain)

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Professor (Biochemical Engineering and Biotechnology; Biopolymers and Lipid Biotechnology; Fermentation and Enzyme Technology; Food Biotechnology; Functional Foods)

Vice President for Research

ANIL KUMAR ANAL, DVM., University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan; MSc. and PhD., AIT, Thailand

Assistant Professor (Food Engineering & Bioprocess Technology Field of Study (Animal Biotechnology, Food and Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Dairy and Meat Process Technology, Food Colloids and Biopolymer, Functional Foods, Micro-/Nanoencapsulation, Bionanotechnology)

Associate Dean for Research & Outreach, School of Environment, Resources & Development

5.6.3 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

AIT Support to National University (2007-2010)-Research
Duration: 01 Jun 07 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Sudip Kumar Rakshit
Sponsor: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sweden
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 3,252,400

Biofuel Production
Duration: 15 Oct 08 - 30 Oct 10
Project Investigator(s): Sudip Rakshit
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 900,000

Food Industry Innovation in Thailand
Duration: 01 Jan 08 - 30 Apr 10
Project Investigator(s): Sudip Kumar Rakshit
Sponsor: Food and Agriculture Organization
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 480,000

Production of Germinated Brown Rice using Thai Rice Variety (KMDL 105)
Duration: 01 Nov 08 - 30 Oct 10
Project Investigator(s): Athapol Noomhorm
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 820,000

Production of instant rice using combined microwave fluidized bed drying
Duration: 01 Nov 08 - 30 Nov 10
Project Investigator(s): Athapol Noomhorm
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,000,000

Sustainability workshop: Spreading awareness through intensive program on Sustainability
Duration: 01 Jul 09 - 31 Jan 10
Project Investigator(s): Athapol Noomhorm
Sponsor: University of Tokyo Japan
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,069,428

Teaching and Research
Duration: 01 Jan 10 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Anil Kumar Anal
Sponsor: SERD grant
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 60,000

Technology for Probiotic Production and Feed Formulation Containing Viable Beneficial Organisms for Enhanced Healthy Production
Duration: 01 Jun 07 - 30 Jun 10
Project Investigator(s): Sudip Kumar Rakshit
Sponsor: BIOTEC, NSTDA, RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 107,000

5.6.4 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Development of Anti Fungal Acrylic Fibre for Novel Applications
Duration: 01 Jan 09 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Sudip Kumar Rakshit
Sponsor: Various
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 400,000

Green composites from Soy flour based plastic and Biofibers from agro-industrial byproducts
Duration: 01 Jul 09 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Athapol Noomhorm
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 978,000

International Conference on Innovations in Food Process Technology and Engineering 2008
Duration: 01 Aug 08 - 03 Mar 11
Project Investigator(s): Athapol Noomhorm
Sponsor: Participants
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 650,000

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Networking with French speaking
French, Vietnamese and Cambodian universities in the area of bioconversion of lignocellulose residues to ethanol
Duration: 01 Jan 08 - 28 Feb 11
Project Investigator(s): Sudip Kumar Rakshit
Sponsor: Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 963,192

Production of Bio-Ethanol and
Biomaterials from Oil Palm Biomass: A study of feedstock sustainability, technological efficiency and social applicability
Duration: 01 Oct 10 - 30 Sep 12
Project Investigator(s): Sudip Rakshit
Sponsor: SDCC AIT France Network
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,440,000

Residues from Pulp and Paper Industries for Bio-ethanol Production
Duration: 13 Oct 09 - 12 Oct 11
Project Investigator(s): Sudip K Rakshit
Sponsor: RTG/DA Research Center Co Ltd
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,000,000

5.6.5 Publications

International Journal Articles with Impact factor

Anil Kumar Anal; Microencapsulation and its Application in Delivery of Bioactive Compounds in Food Systems; Innovative Science: Agriculture and Food Edition (1): 34-40; 2010

Athapol Noomhorm, Sirisootnaralak P., Uraiuen J., Ahmad I. Effects of pressurized carbon dioxide on controlling Sitophilus zeamais (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) and the quality of milled rice. Journal of Stored Products Research, 3(45) 0-0, 2010

Chittapalo T., Athapol Noomhorm. Ultrasonic assisted alkali extraction of protein from defatted rice bran and properties of the protein concentrates. International Journal of Food Science and Technology, 9(44) 0-0, 2010


Elizabeth A. Ogunlana , Athapol Noomhorm and Teerapol Silakul; Alley Farming in Thailand Sustainability Journal 2010, 2 (8), 2523-2540


Maneerote J., Athapol Noomhorm, Athapol Noomhorm. Optimization of processing conditions to reduce oil uptake and enhance physico-chemical properties of deep fried rice crackers. LWT - Food Science and Technology, 4(42) 0-0, 2010.


Plangpin.Pianpumepong and Athapol Noomhorm (2010) "Isolation of probiotic bacteria from turmeric (Curcuma longa Linn.) and its application in enriched beverages" International Journal of Food Science and Technology, 45, 2456-2462; 2010

Wangtueai S., Athapol Noomhorm. Processing optimization and characterization of gelatin from lizardfish (Saurida spp.) scales. LWT - Food Science and Technology, 4(42) 0-0, 2010.

Waranusart R., Peter Haddawy, Athapol Noomhorm. Segmentation of text and non-text in on-line handwritten patient record based on spatio-temporal analysis. Lecture Notes in Computer Science (including subseries Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence and Lecture Notes in Bioinformatics), (5651) 0-0, 2010.

Book

Vilai Rungsardthong, Maunmai Apintanopong, Natta Laohakunjit, Anil Kumar Anal; In: Advances in Odor and Flavor Science: A Review on Aroma Applications in Food Products; Edited by Athapol Noomhorm, Imran Ahmad; LAP LAMBERT ACADEMIC Publishing GmbH & Co. KG, Germany, ISBN: 978-3-8433-8034-8; 2010

Book Chapters

Anil Kumar Anal; Controlled-Release Dosage Forms; In: Pharmaceutical Sciences Encyclopedia: Drug Discovery, Development and Manufacturing; John Wiley and Sons Publishers, Hoboken, NJ, USA.

Conference Proceedings and Abstracts

Anil Kumar Anal; Climate Change and Microbial Ecology: Possible Impacts on Food Safety; In: Proceedings, International Conference on Biodiversity, Livelihood and Climate
Change in the Himalayas; CC-23; 2010.

Athapol Noomhorm (2010); Study on quality grading of mangosteen by ultrasonic specific gravity controlling system; Paper presented at the 5th International Conference on Innovations in Food & Bioprocess Technology (IFBT 2010), 7-9 December 2010; AIT Bangkok.

Jiraporn Sripinyowanich and Athapol Noomhorm; Study of electrical properties as dry weight determination of durian; Paper presented at the 5th International Conference on Innovations in Food & Bioprocess Technology (IFBT 2010), 7-9 December 2010; AIT Bangkok.

5.6.6 Doctoral Students' Dissertation

Identification and Quantification of Fragrant Genes of Different Rice Varieties Using PCR
By Mr. Ho Ky Quang Minh
Supervisor: Prof. S.K. Rakshit

Production of Pineapple Juice Concentrate by Microwave Vacuum Evaporation
By Rittichai Assavarachan
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Ultrasonic Alkaline Assisted Extraction of Protein from Defatted Rice Bran and its Properties and Applications
By Thutiyaporn Chittapalo
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

5.6.7 Masters Students' Theses and Research Studies

Addition of Hydrocolloids into Frozen Dough and its Effect on Bread Quality
By Apiluck Apiwathanant
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Application of Induction Heating and Vacuum Frying Technology for Developing Fried Pineapple Chips
By Auttawich Rintaravitoon
Supervisor: Prof. Sudip K. Rakshit

Biodiesel Production from Palm Oil Using Heterogeneous Catalysts CaO and CaO/AI2O3
By Mr. Wittavat Chaiwong
Supervisor: Prof. Sudip K. Rakshit
Co-fermentation of Hexose and Pentose Sugars Simulating Lignocellulosic Hydrolyses for Bio-ethanol Production
By Luu Huyen Trang
Supervisor: Prof. Sudip K. Rakshit

Combination of Vacuum Precooling and Modified Atmosphere Packaging on Extending the Shelf-Life of Holy Basil (Ocimum sanctum L.) in Mixed Herb Packaging
By Sirinan Lasricharn
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Comparison of Conventional and Microwave Frying of Chiken Nuggets and Jackfruit Chips
By Kanokwan Chinsri
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Determination Parameter and Mathematical Model Verification of Temperature Rise During Ohmic Pasteurization of Mixed Orange-Carrot Juice
By Widyasanti Asri
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Effect of Drying Methods on the Qualities of Pomegranate Arils (Punica granatum L.)
By Kingkan Pongtong
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Effect of Drying Temperature and Extraction Methods on Alpha-Mangostin Content from Pericarp of Mangosteen (Garcinia mangostana)
By Waritha Satong-aun
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Effect of Extraction Processes on the Quality of Roselle (Hibiscus sabdariffa L.) Antioxidants
By Niranut Khua-oua
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Effect of Ohmic Heating on the Preparation of Fermented Bamboo Shoot (Thrysostachys siamensis)
By Napaporn Sreewilai
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Effect of Soxhlet Extraction and Canning Method on Physical Properties and Charantin Content of Bitter Melon (Momordica Charantia) Drink
By Rinnawat Chaijalearn
Supervisor: Dr. Anil Kumar Anal

Effects of Chitosan on Enhancing the Shelf Life of Fresh Rice Noodle
By Rungnapa Kallapruet
Supervisor: Dr. Anil Kumar Anal

Effects of Different Blanching Pretreatments and Drying Methods on the Qualities of Dried Rang Chuet (Thunbergia laurifolia Lindl.) Leaves and Tea Infusion
By Thitiworn Rattanathithikul
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Effects of Drying and Extraction Condition on Bioactive Compounds and Antioxidant Activity Obtained from Mahogany Fruit (S. macrophylla)
By Hussaya Northongkam
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Effects of Drying and Extraction Methods on Total Phenolic Content in Pomegranate Peel
By Phiangkamon Ngarmongkul
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Effects of Drying Methods on Sweetpotato Starch Properties and its Substitution for Mung Bean Noodles
By Ho Minh Thao
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Effects of Processing Conditions on the Quality of Quick Cooking Brown Rice
By Siwadol Sukjitat
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Evaluation of Postharvest Handling for Two Culinary Herbs: Sweet Basil (Ocimum basilicum) and Rocket Salad (Diplotaxis tenuifolia)
By Sukrit Termasithong
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Extraction, Characterization and Application of Phenolics from Cinnamon Barks and Banana Peels
By Sirorat Jaisanti
Supervisor: Dr. Anil Kumar Anal

Improving the Performance of Biocomposites (Pia-Soy Protein) Reinforced with Corn Husk Fiber
By Paweena Saenghirunwattana
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

New Pretreatment Methods for Lignocellulosic Residue for Second Generation Bioethanol Production
By Yadhu Nath Guragain
Supervisor: Prof. Sudip K. Rakshit

Optimization of Inulin Extraction from Jerusalem Artichoke Tubers (Helianthus tuberosus L.)
By Kanitta Wangdee
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Preparation and Characteristic of Pyrodextrins from Waxy Rice Starch
By Vorada Assavatanalab
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Quality of White Salted Noodles Prepared by Partial Substitution of Wheat Flour by Jackfruit Seed (Artocarpus heterophyllus Lam) Flour
By Khemawan Sukondhasingh
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Reduction of Oil Contents in Potato Crisps with Sugar Pre-Treatment
By Chotika Ounseng
Supervisor: Dr. Anil Kumar Anal

Reinforced Cassava Starch Based Edible Film with Essential Oil and Clay Nanoparticles
By Supusanee Dulyakasem
Supervisor: Dr. Anil Kumar Anal

Soy Protein Isolate-Essential Oils Based Edible Film for Food Packaging
By Supawan Chuet
Supervisor: Dr. Anil Kumar Anal

The Effect of Batter Containing Granular Cold-Water-Soluble Rice Flour on the Properties of Deep Fried-Onion Rings
By Natchaya Vatcharasawun
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

The Effect of Frying Conditions on Puffed Germinated Purple Rice
By Ama Somasak
Supervisor: Prof. Sudip K. Rakshit

Utilization of Eucalyptus Wood Tops for the Production of Bio-Ethanol
By Paphawee Nantarajit
Supervisor: Prof. Sudip K. Rakshit

Whey Protein Concentrate-Polsaccharides Based Microcapsules for Controlled Release of Folic Acid
By Nongnard Jaroenri
Supervisor: Dr. Anil Kumar Anal
Research Study: Antioxidant and Antimicrobial Activity of Ultrasonic-Assisted Extracts of Local Longan Fruit Peel
By Zia Ur Rehman
Supervisor: Prof. Sudip K. Rakshit

Research Study: Prevalence of Salmonella and Escherichia coli in the Poultry Meat of Thailand and the Study of their Antibiogram
By Ali Akbar
Supervisor: Dr. Anil Kumar Anal

The main aim of this project is to add the value of Thai rice and increase the competitiveness of Thai food manufacturers by developing a process for the preparation of instant rice. A new hybrid dryer, that is the single-mode applicator microwave-assisted vibro-fluidized bed (SMA-MVFB) dryer (Figure above), was designed and fabricated for the instant rice production purpose. Three drying factors, including pre-drying treatment (with and without freezing), microwave-assisted drying (SMA-MVFB and without microwave-assisted drying, that is vibro-fluidized bed (VFB)), and drying temperatures (110-185°C), were varied to investigate their relative effects on drying characteristics of cooked rice, energy consumption during drying, and instant rice quality. According to the study on production of instant rice using the lab-scale SMA-MVFB dryer, the best quality of instant rice products was achieved when drying cooked rice in a system of VFB. Therefore, the pilot-scale VFB drying machine was designed and fabricated in order to scale up the production capacity to be 25 kg/h.
5.7.1 Introduction

A small project, Women in Development was initiated in the Human Settlements Development Division at AIT in the late 1980s. This grew into the Gender and Development Studies (GDS) as an academic unit in 1991, with financial support from CIDA, NORAD, the Dutch Development Cooperation and the Japanese Government.

Gender and Development Studies (GDS) is a center for graduate studies, research and outreach in the School of Environment, Resources and Development. Within the overall gender specific framework, GDS highlights both the need for specialized academic degree awarding studies in gender and development, and the integration of gender analysis and a gender relations perspective in AIT’s other fields of study.

5.7.2 Faculty and Research Staff

Full-time Faculty

BERNADETTE RESURRECCION, BSc, Assumption College, Philippines; MA, PhD, Inst of Social Studies, the Hague, the Netherlands.

Associate Professor and Field Coordinator (Gender, natural resource management and climate change, multi-local livelihoods and migration, discourses and practices of gender mainstreaming)

KYOKO KUSAKABE, BA, Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan; MSc, PhD, AIT, Thailand.

Associate Professor (Women’s employment in informal economy; Labor migration, Cross-border trade; Gender and development policy and planning; Gender issues in fisheries/aquaculture.)

PHILIPPE DONEYS, B.A., University of Toronto, Canada; MA, University of London, UK; PhD, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, France.

Assistant Professor (New Technologies, Industrialization and Gender HIV/AIDS; Gender Politics, Civil Society and Human Rights; Gender, Migration and Trafficking in Asia)

Visiting Faculty

DONNA L. DOANE, M. A. Anthropology, M.A., M. Phil. Economics, Yale University, and Ph.D. Economics, Yale University

Adjunct Faculty (Economic Development, Gender and Development, Informal economy, home based work, social protection, technology policies, indigenous knowledge and technology blending, analyses of prejudice and discrimination, conflict, ethnicity and gender)
JULAIKHA BENTE HOSSAIN, MSc in University of Dhaka, Bangladesh; MSc. and PhD in Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand
Research Specialist and Visiting Faculty (Gender and Development with emphasis on the policies and programmes for gender equality and women’s empowerment; Gender, Employment and Organization; Gender and ICT for Development; Gender and Human Rights; Gender, Development and Public Policy; Gender Mainstreaming; Gender and Natural Resource Management)

LENA STHAPIT, MSc in Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand
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Project Manager (Asian Project Management support Programme-Gender Sensitive Management)

DUANGSAMORN JATUPORNPMOL, MSc in Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand
Research Associate (Responding to the Feminization of AIDS: Gender Power dynamics in marriage and Sero discordant Relationships implications for practice, Thailand)

5.7.4 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Asian Project Management support Programme-Gender Sensitive Management
Duration: 28 Apr 10 - 30 Jun 12
Project Investigator(s): Kyoko Kusakabe, Philippe Doney
Sponsor: IFAD
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 6,400,000

Capacity Building for Gender, Poverty and Mobility Analysis of Road Transportation Development in the GMS Region
Duration: 01 Jan 08 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Kyoko Kusakabe
Sponsor: ASEAN Foundation
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 10,889,238

Enabling Bio-innovation for poverty alleviation in Asia
Duration: 08 Mar 08 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Sudip Rakshit (33%), Bernadette Resurreccion (33%), Edsel Sajor (33%)
Sponsor: International Development Research Centre, Canada
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 17,232,280

Gender Analysis of Cross Border Road Infrastructure: A case of Kunming Bangkok Highway
Duration: 01 Dec 09 - 31 Mar 11
Project Investigator(s): Kyoko Kusakabe
Sponsor: ADB
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,000,500

Gender, Cross Border Migrant Workers and Citizenship- A Case Study of the Burmese-Thai Border
Duration: 01 Nov 06 - 28 Feb 11
Project Investigator(s): Kyoko Kusakabe
Sponsor: IDRC
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 10,559,630

Mobile Livelihoods and Gendered citizenship: The counter geographies of Indigenous people: China
Duration: 01 Jan 10 - 31 Jan 13
Project Investigator(s): Kyoko Kusakabe
Sponsor: Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,118,670

Mobile Livelihoods and Gendered citizenship: The counter geographies of Indigenous people: Laos
Duration: 01 Jan 10 - 31 Jan 13
Project Investigator(s): Kyoko Kusakabe
Sponsor: Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,764,032
M-Power Research Fund
Duration: 01 Jan 07 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Bernadette Resurreccion, Edsel Sajor
Sponsor: Mekong Program on Water, Environment and Resilience (M-Power)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 732,600

NORAD-GDS 2006-2009
Duration: 01 Jan 06 - 31 Mar 11
Project Investigator(s): Bernadette Resurreccion, Philippe Doneys, Kyoko Kusakabe
Sponsor: NORAD
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 20,781,377

Responding to the Feminization of AIDS:
Gender Power dynamics in marriage and Sero discordant Relationships
implications for practice, Thailand
Duration: 01 Aug 10 - 31 Jan 11
Project Investigator(s): Philippe Doneys
Sponsor: UNIFEM
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,128,050

5.7.5 Publications

International Journal Articles with Impact factor


Monographs


Chapter in reports

Other publications

5.7.6 Doctoral Student’s Dissertation
Gender, Access to Community Telecenter and Livelihood Asset Changes
By Sani Naivinit
Supervisor: Dr. Philippe Doneys

Return Migration, Social Remittances and Collective Action for Water Supply and Road Building: Gender Dynamics in a Chinese Village
By Ge Jinghua
Supervisor: Dr. Bernadette P. Resurreccion

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5.7.7 Masters Students' Theses and Research Studies

“Being Sherpa”: A Study of Gender and Ethnic Identities in Mountain Tourism in the Everest Region in Nepal
By Krishna Sharma
Supervisor: Dr. Bernadette P. Resurreccion

Combating Labour Trafficking in Thailand: Practical Implications of State Response
By Issie Reungpoj
Supervisor: Dr. Philippe Doneys

Community Currency in Working from Home Environment: A Case Study of eHomemakers’ Malaysia
By Sunitha Bisan
Supervisor: Dr. Kyoko Kusakabe

Early Impacts of New Land Registration System on a “Matrilineal” Society: The Case of Manatuto District, Timor-Leste
By Santina Soares
Supervisor: Dr. Bernadette P. Resurreccion

Economic Empowerment of Home-Based Women Entrepreneurs: A Case Study of Fish Processors in Cambodia
By Chea Pisey
Supervisor: Dr. Kyoko Kusakabe

Gender and Adaptive Strategies in Monga Affected Rural Bangladesh
By Musarrat Homaira
Supervisor: Dr. Bernadette P. Resurreccion

Gender and Disaster Response: A Case of Cyclone SIDR Bangladesh
By Sathi Rani Saha
Supervisor: Dr. Philippe Doneys

Gender Dimension of Nepalese Men and Women Migrants in Australia
By Nila Sharma
Supervisor: Dr. Kyoko Kusakabe

Gender Dimensions of Decentralization: A Case Study of Bandung District and Cimahi Municipality, West Java Province, Indonesia
By Repelita Tambunan
Supervisor: Dr. Philippe Doneys

ICTs in Flood Vulnerability Mitigation and its Impacts on Rural Livelihoods: Gender and Ethnic Dimensions in Ratanakiri Province, Cambodia
By Sreng Sopheap
Supervisor: Dr. Bernadette P. Resurreccion

Negotiating the Trade Route at the Border: A Case Study of Women Small Scale Cross-Border Traders in Myitkyina, Myanmar
By Khin Hnin Phyu
Supervisor: Dr. Kyoko Kusakabe

Pangalawat, A Food Sharing System among the Upland Higaonon Community of Agrulawon-Mintapod Ancestral Domain (Cumadon) in Northern Mindanao: Its Implication on Rural Sustainable Natural Resource Livelihoods from a Gender Perspective
By Pablo Merina Salengua
Supervisor: Dr. Bernadette P. Resurreccion

Research on Exploring Changes in the Lives of Home-Based Women Workers through Empowerment: A Gender Perspective
By Tahmina Naznin
Supervisor: Dr. Bernadette P. Resurreccion

State Response to Intimate Partner Violence in Thailand
By Duangsamorn Jatupornpimol
Supervisor: Dr. Philippe Doneys

Women’s Labour Migration in Uzbekistan: Decision Making Processes and Vulnerabilities in Destination Places
By Dilrabo Hamdamova
Supervisor: Dr. Bernadette P. Resurreccion

Research Study: Oppression of Women, Fear of Change and Need for Survival: A Case Study of Conflict-Induced Internally Displaced Persons in District Jafarabad, Balochistan, Pakistan
By Aurangzaib Alizai
Supervisor: Dr. Kyoko Kusakabe
5.8: SERD – NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT FIELD OF STUDY

5.8.1 Introduction

This field of study emphasizes natural resources, including land, forest and wild animal, and environmental conservation concerns. It addresses the problems of deforestation, land and coastal ecosystem degradation, biodiversity depletion, diminishing water supply, and other environmental pressures and threats on local, national, regional and global ecosystems.

5.8.2 Faculty and Research Staff

Full-time Faculty

GANESH P SHIVAKOTI, BS, MS, Udaipur Univ, India; PhD, Michigan State Univ, USA.
Professor (Natural Resources Economics; Common Property Resources; NRM Policy Analysis; and Watershed Management)

RAJENDRA P SHRESTHA, BSc, Haryana Agri. Univ, India; MSc, DTechSc, AIT, Thailand.
Associate Professor (Sustainable Land Management; Natural Resources Degradation and Environmental indicators; Landuse-climate, Geoinformatics)

ROLAND COCHARD, Ph.D., ETH, Switzerland
Assistant Professor (Savanna ecosystem dynamics, landscape ecology, biodiversity, mangrove, risk management)

Visiting Faculty

SYLVAIN PERRET, MS and PhD, University of Montpellier III, France; DSc, Ecole Polytechnique de Lorraine, Nancy, France.

Visiting Associate Professor

(Water management/institutions, governance, economics/ sustainability in rural development/dynamic modeling)

DAMIEN JOURDAIN, BEng, MSc, Ecole Nationale Superieure Agronomique Montpellier, France; PhD, University of Montpellier I, France
Visiting Assistant Professor

(Agricultural Economics; Natural Resource Economics; Watershed Management; Ecosystem Services)

Adjunct Faculty

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Adjunct Faculty (Landscape Ecology; Integrated Land Use Systems; Sustainable Forest Management; and Human Impact on Vegetation)

EDWARD L WEBB, BA, Occidental College, Los Angeles; PhD, Univ of Miami, USA.
Adjunct Associate Professor

(Tropical Forest Ecology; Community-based natural resources management, and Forestry)

5.8.3 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

AIT Support to National University (2007-2010)-Financial Management
Duration: 01 Jun 07 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Dietrich Schmidt-Vogt
Sponsor: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sweden
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 998,000

Development of Regional TCP project on mitigating climate change through implementation of improved agricultural practices in South Asia
Duration: 01 Feb 10 - 30 Sep 10
Project Investigator(s): Rajendra P Shrestha
Sponsor: FAO
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 822,000

International Forestry Resources and Institutions Training
Duration: 01 May 09 - 30 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Ganesh Shivakoti
Sponsor: Indiana University MacArthur Foundation & Ford Foundation Hanoi/Vietnam
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 586,250

Monitoring and Conserving Forest Diversity in Nam Dong District, Thua Thien Province, Vietnam
Duration: 01 Jan 06 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Ganesh Shivakoti (Edward L. Webb)
Sponsor: The MacArthur Foundation
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 12,800,000

MSU Study Abroad Program January 2010
Duration: 10 Jan 10 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Rajendra P Shrestha
Sponsor: Michigan State University
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 900,374

Roles of Natural and Restored Forests in Carbon Sequestration and Climate Change
Duration: 15 Nov 08 - 30 Oct 10
Project Investigator(s): Rajendra P Shrestha/Dietrich Schmidt - Vogt
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 900,000

Total Contracted Amount (THB): 3,285,600

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5.8.4 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Collaboration on Capacity Building of Hanoi Agricultural University and Hue University of Agriculture and Forestry in Initiating INRM and Poverty Alleviation
Duration: 01 Jul 08 - 31 Jul 12
Project Investigator(s): Ganesh P. Shivakoti
Sponsor: The Ford Foundation, Hanoi, Vietnam
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 6,536,600

Downscaling Global climate data for assessing the impact of Climate change on Dipterocarp species in Peninsular Thailand
Duration: 01 Jul 08 - 31 Jul 12
Project Investigator(s): Rajendra P. Shrestha
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 999,600

Making the Mekong Connected: Developing carbon and multidiversity assets for multifunctional landscapes in upper Mekong
Duration: 01 Mar 09 - 28 Feb 12
Project Investigator(s): Rajendra P. Shrestha
Sponsor: World Agroforestry center
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,187,588

The Collaborative Graduate program in Integrated Natural Resources Management between Hanoi University of Agriculture and Hue University of Agriculture and Forestry
Duration: 15 Jul 09 - 14 Jul 12
Project Investigator(s): Ganesh Shivakoti
Sponsor: Ford Foundation Hanoi
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 12,184,992

Modeling Interactions between human activities and biophysical processes in coastal ecosystem
Duration: 01 Nov 08 - 31 Mar 10
Project Investigator(s): Rajendra P. Shrestha
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 608,000

5.8.5 Publications

International Journal Articles with Impact factor


Rerkasem K., Lawrence D., Padoch C., Dietrich Schmidt-Vogt, Ziegler


5.8.6 Doctoral Students’ Dissertation

Contribution of NTFPs [Non-Timber Forest Products] to Livelihood in Upper Humla Nepal
By Rabindra Roy
Supervisor: Dr. Dietrich Schmidt-Vogt

Determinants of Land Use Change in Prasae Watershed of Thailand: Role of Land Tenure Security
By Nareeluck Wannasai
Supervisor: Dr. Rajendra P Shrestha

Developing GIS Based Decision Support System for Soil and Water Conservation: A Case Study of Upper Nam Heang Watershed, Northern Province
By Somnuek Pongsai
Supervisors: Dr. Dietrich Schmidt-Vogt / Dr. Rajendra P. Shrestha

Enhancement of Rural Livelihoods in Thailand: An Application of Sufficiency Economy Approach in Community Economic Development
By Wanchat Suwankitti
Supervisor: Dr. Soparth Pongquan

Exploring Conditions for Sustainability of Community Forest Management in Nam Dong District, Central Vietnam
By Ngo Tri Dung
Supervisor: Dr. Edward L. Webb

Impact of Armed Conflict on Community-Based Forest Governance and Management in Nepal
By Birendra Kumar Karna
Supervisor: Prof. Ganesh P. Shivakoti

Influence of Coastal Land Use, Fisheries and Socio-Economics on Natural Resources Degradation in Patthani Bay, Thailand
By Akom Sowana
Supervisors: Dr. Rajendra P. Shrestha / Dr. Soparth Pongquan

Institutional Dynamism and Performance of Irrigation Systems: A Comparative Study Between Nepal and Thailand
By Ram Chandra Bastakoti
Supervisor: Prof. Ganesh P. Shivakoti

Remote Sensing Modeling for Estimating Methane Gas Emission from Irrigated Paddy Fields in Thailand
By Sawettachat Srisurat
Supervisor: Prof. Jayant K. Routray

5.8.7 Masters Students’ Theses and Research Studies

A Comparative Assessment of Land Management Approaches in Bhutan: Case Studies from Dagana and Chukha Districts
By Yeshey
Supervisors: Dr. Dietrich Schmidt-Vogt / Dr. Rajendra P Shrestha

An Assessment of Foreign Land Acquisition Processes in Four GMS Countries: Case Studies of Impacts on Livelihoods in Cambodia and Lao PDR
By Merina Lohani Sitoula
Supervisors: Dr. Sylvain Roger Perret / Dr. Rajendra P Shrestha

An Investigation of the Household Level Vulnerability to Sea-Level Rise (SLR) in the Coastal Areas of Bangladesh: Risks, Perceptions and Adaptation
By Arifeen Akter
Supervisor: Dr. Roland Cochard

Assessing the Vulnerability of People’s Livelihood in Far-Western Nepal: Implications on Adaptation to Climate Change
By Binaya Pasakhala
Supervisor: Dr. Rajendra P Shrestha

Assessment of the Impact of Sand-dust Storm on Oasis Agriculture in Arid Area: Case Study of Bugur County, Northwest China
By Aishajiang Ali
Supervisor: Dr. Rajendra P Shrestha

Carbon Stock in Biomass and Soil of Private Mangrove Plantations (Rhizophore apiculata) in Yisan Sub-district, Amphawa District, Samut Songkram Province
By Kanokwan Homcha-aim
Supervisor: Dr. Roland Cochard

Community Based Fisheries Management: A Case Study in Tam Giang - Cau Hai Lagoon, Thua Thien Hue Province, Vietnam
By Nguyen Hoai Son
Supervisor: Dr. Rajendra P Shrestha

Conflicts in Forest Resources Usage and Management: A Case Study of Phong Dien Nature Reserve in Thua Thien Hue Province, Vietnam
By Nguyen The Van
Supervisor: Prof. Ganesh P. Shivakoti

Economic Valuation of Protected Areas: Application of CVM and TCM Approaches in Khao Yai National Park, Thailand
By Rungrote Yarnsiri
Supervisor: Dr. Sylvain Roger Perret

Effectiveness of Beach Management Units in Managing Fisheries Resource and Improving Livelihood of the Local Communities in Mafia District, Tanzania
By King’omela Hassan Geni
Supervisor: Dr. Roland Cochard

Factors Affecting Attitude of Shrimp Farmers on Voluntary Environmental Management in Coastal Samut Sakhon Province, Thailand
By Ratchkrit Sangsukdee
Supervisor: Dr. Rajendra P Shrestha

Impacts of Multi Stakeholder Forest Projects on the Livelihood of Ethnic People in Doi Mae Salong, Chiang Rai, Thailand
By Sona Shakya
Supervisor: Dr. Dietrich Schmidt-Vogt

Mapping Landslide Hazard and Developing Land Capability-Based Management Practice in Central Java, Indonesia
By Syamsul Bachri
Supervisor: Dr. Rajendra P Shrestha

Nomads to Migrants: Changing Livelihoods and Grazing Patterns of Bayan Onjuul Soum (Tuv Aimag) in Mongolia
By Sergelen Seki Rendorj
Supervisors: Dr. Roland Cochard / Dr. Dietrich Schmidt-Vogt

Socio-Technical Assessment of Payment for Environmental Services (PES) Scheme: A Case Study of Kulekhani Watershed, Nepal
By Karuna Adhikaree
Supervisor: Dr. Sylvain Roger Perret

Research Study: Local People’s Participation in Community Forest Management: A Case Study of Con Cuong District, Nghe An, Vietnam
By Nguyen Thi Huyen
Supervisor: Dr. Roland Cochard

Land degradation and sustainable land management (SLM) are an important issue in Asian developing countries, such as Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka. The project on “Development of regional TCP project on mitigating climate change through implementation of improved agricultural practices in south Asia” brought together abovementioned partner countries for a brainstorming workshop to develop further activities in implementing improved agricultural practices for Sustainable Land Management in the participating countries towards increased adaptation of the agriculture sector to climate change.
5.9: SERD – PULP AND PAPER TECHNOLOGY FIELD OF STUDY

5.9.1 Introduction

This field of study strives for finding basic solutions for the immediate technical problems facing the local pulp and paper industry. Research activities in PPT are focused on optimising pulping, bleaching and papermaking processes with emphasis on the reduction of their negative impact on environment. The quality of the product is also emphasized to maintain competitive edge of local pulp and paper industry in the global market. Modification of existing processes to suit local raw material is another challenging area of research. The field of study is also launching a new program with focus on biorefining. Biorefining is a new trend of pulp and paper industry. The industry along with production of pulp pioneers production of transportation fuel, chemicals and medicine from the same raw material (i.e. lignocelluloses).

5.9.2 Research Facilities and Laboratories

The Pulp and Paper Laboratory was established to provide the need for research and high level education for this specific field. The laboratory is equipped with all basic facilities for teaching and research purposes in the field of pulp and paper technology. Several sophisticated equipment have been constantly furnished to extend the services for advance research and special studies likewise. The facilities are provided for activities in pulping paper testing, printing and coating, as well as for wood component analysis. The equipment is standardized according to ISO, TAPPI, and Scandinavian Standards. The programmable six-vessel autoclave digester makes cooking study in research level possible in the most convenient setting. Other major equipment in Pulp and Paper Laboratory include the single batch digester, bleaching reactor, sheet formers, fiber length analyzer, formation tester, deinking flotation cell, and spectrophotometer with ERIC option. In addition to provide assistance and research facilities needs for students, faculty, the laboratory also provides professional services for pulp and paper industry internationally. Among its major equipment include a 6-bomb autoclaved digester, CRS Engineering; Bleaching reactor; Buchi extraction system; GC; Zeta potential tester; PFI mill; Valley beater; Escher Wyss refiner; AMC Medium Consistency disintegrator; Voith Sulzer Deinking unit; Fiber length analyzer FS-200, Kajaani; L&W Fiber Tester; Handsheet former set with white water recirculation option; Fiber line ESpectrophotometer with ERIC option; Ambertec beta formation tester and Calender.

5.9.3 Faculty and Research Staff

Full-time Faculty

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Associate Professor [Recycled fiber, Paper and Paperboard quality, Nanoparticles in papermaking, Specialty papers, Pulp processing and Biorefining]
Visiting Faculty

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Visiting Faculty [Fiber Processing: Mechanical pulping and Recycled fiber technology; Expert in industrial effluent treatment and Environment technology]

AHMAD MIRSHOKRAEI, BSc, Univ of Tehran, Iran; MSc, Univ of TEHRAN, IRAN; PhD, Univ of MaCgill, Montreal, Canada.

Professor [Pulping, bleaching, lignin structure]

Adjunct Faculty

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Adjunct Faculty [Pulp and Paper Mill, cooking chemistry, bleaching chemistry, paper chemistry, printing technology/printability]

Visiting Lecturers

ELIAS ANTERO RETULAINEN, MSc., D.Tech. in Paper Technology, Helsinki University of Technology, Finland.

Visiting Lecturer [Fiber and Paper Science].

EWALD BEIVI, Graduate in Sheet-fed offset printing; in Publication rotogravure printing; Eledg.Dipl. in Printing Production Management & Technology, Betriebsfachmann Druck, St. Gallen, Switzerland.

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Visiting Faculty [Pigment coating technology of paper, Paper technology in general]

RAIMO O MALINEN, MSc, LicTech, DTech, Helsinki Univ. of Tech., Finland.

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Research Staff

Ms. Narereat Nitisoravut, Senior Laboratory Supervisor
Ms. Lalita Joshi, Laboratory Supervisor

Technician and Laboratory

Mr. Manoch Suansiri, Laboratory Technician II
Mr. Suchart Junteing, Laboratory Technician II
Mr. Kanong Malaithong, Laboratory Technician I

Administrative Staff

Ms. Suwannee Tilapornputt, Secretary II

5.9.4 Publications

International Journal Articles with Impact factor


Conference Publication

5.9.5 Doctoral Students’ Dissertations

Characterization and Evaluation of Papermaking Qualities in Selected Thai Bamboo
By Nareerat Nitisoravut
Supervisors: Assoc. Prof. Erik L.J. Bohez/Dr. Esa Viljakainen

5.9.6 Masters Students’ Theses and Projects

A Comparative Study of Three Fast Growing Hardwood Kraft Pulps as Material in Uncoated Fine Paper
By Xu Wen Xia
Supervisor: Dr. Esa Viljakainen

Bleaching Comparison on Acacia Kraft Pulp Produced from Continuous and Batch Cooking System
By Itsna Lathifah Lasmarety
Supervisor: Dr. Esa Viljakainen

Developing Water Resistance Paper through Poly (e-caprolactone) and Soy Protein Isolation
By Nattinee Bumbudsanpharoke
Supervisor: Dr. Mousa M. Nazhad

Effect of Paper Broke and Filtrate Water on Paper Properties
By Damrongjet Santijamroenkit
Supervisor: Dr. Mousa M. Nazhad

Effect on Chip Thickness on Kraft Cooking and Bleachability of Acacia Crassicarpa
By Rador Herri Dalimunthe
Supervisor: Dr. Esa Viljakainen

Effects of Process and Wet End Variables on Alum-Cationic Rosin Sizing & Comparisons with Pac-Cationic Rosin and Akd Sizing
By Chuong Ma Tien
Supervisor: Dr. Mousa M. Nazhad

Evaluation of Oxygen Delignification Process on Removing Lipophilic Extractive Acacia Mangium and Acacia Crassicarpa
By Ari Aji Sanyoto
Supervisor: Dr. Esa Viljakainen

Non-Chemical Recycling of MOW by Fractionation
By Tunchira Bunyaphiphat
Supervisor: Dr. Mousa M. Nazhad

The Role of OCC Long Fiber Fractionation on Testliner Strength
By Luong Chi Hieu
Supervisor: Dr. Esa Viljakainen

The Role of Sulphuric Acid Addition on Hot Chlorine Dioxide Bleaching of Unbleached Acacia Kraft Pulp
By Azka Aman
Supervisor: Dr. Esa Viljakainen

Project: Linting Problem of Newsprint Due to Filler Content: A Theoretical Approach
By Marin Malai
Supervisor: Dr. Esa Viljakainen

Project: Using Hybrid Tulip as Pulpwood for Kraft Pulping
By Yanyan Han
Supervisor: Dr. Esa Viljakainen
5.10: SERD – REGIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING FIELD OF STUDY

5.10.1 Introduction

This field of study focuses on rural poverty, improvement of the quality of life, and social and economic development of rural areas. Practice oriented rural regional planning is carried out regularly at district and subdistrict levels following a participatory and integrated approach, and attention is paid to management of development institutions, infrastructure and physical resources. Sectoral and spatial planning is equally emphasized along with the management of rural development programs and local development projects to strengthen rural communities for sustainable development.

5.10.2 Faculty and Research Staff

Full-time Faculty

GOPAL B THAPA, BSc, TribhuvanUniv, Nepal; MSc, DTechSc, AIT, Thailand. 
Professor (Natural Resources Management; Sustainable Agricultural Development and Planning; Watershed Management)

JAYANT K ROUTRAY, BSc (Hons), MSc, PhD, Utkal Univ; MRP, Indian Inst of Tech, India. 
Professor (Regional and Rural Development Planning, Rural-Urban Relations, Regional Planning Methods and Techniques, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, Climate Change Induced Adaptation, and GIS Applications)

SOPARTH PONGQUAN, BSc, Chiang Mai Univ; MSc, AIT, Thailand; DSc, Univ of Wageningen, The Netherlands. 
Associate Professor (Capacity Building; Community Development and Monitoring and Evaluation of Development Projects; Decentralized Local Government; People’s and Community Participation; Rural Development)

MOKBUL MORSHED AHMAD, BSc, MSc, Dhaka Univ, Bangladesh; MSc, AIT, Thailand; PhD, Univ of Durham, UK. 
Associate Professor (Economic geography; regional and rural development planning; community development; Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs); civil society; globalization etc)

Professional Staff

VITO ON NIL-UBOL, MSc, AIT, Thailand 
Field Lab Supervisor, Regional and Rural Development Planning

5.10.3 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

Online Pilot programme on Sustainable development practices in public policy
Duration: 01 Jun 09 - 30 Jun 10
Project Investigator(s): Mokbul Morshed Ahmad
Sponsor: TERI University, New Delhi, India
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 289,000

Products produced by local rural community in Northeastern Thailand
**Understanding the next Agricultural Transition in Asia**

Duration: 01 Nov 09 - 30 Dec 10  
Project Investigator(s): Gopal B. Thapa  
Sponsor: Rockefeller Foundation  
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,768,194

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**4.10.4 Publications**

**International Journal Articles with Impact factor**


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**Nepal R., Gopal Bahadur Thapa. Determinants of agricultural commercialization and mechanization in the hinterland of a city in Nepal. Applied Geography, 3(29) 0-0, 2010.**


**Conference Proceedings**


**Newspaper Articles**


**Books and Monographs**


Ashraf, Muhammad and Jayant K. Routray, A Social Well-being Assessment in Balochistan, Pakistan,


Book Chapter


4.10.5 Doctoral Students’ Dissertation

Adaptation to Vulnerability of Climate Change Induced Sea Level Rise in Coastal Bangladesh
By Md. Mustafa Saroar
Supervisor: Prof. Jayant Kumar Routray

Community Preparedness and Evacuation Decision in Typhoon Emergency: A Case Study in Rural Southern Thailand
By Parichatt Krongkant
Supervisor: Dr. Mokbul Morshed Ahmad

Enhancement of Rural Livelihoods in Thailand: An Application of Sufficiency Economy Approach in Community Economic Development
By Wanchat Suwankitti
Supervisor: Dr. Soparth Pongquan

Livelihood Security of Cyclone-Prone Coastal Communities in Bangladesh: A Comparative Study
By Shtiangshu Kumar Paul
Supervisor: Prof. Jayant Kumar Routray

Microfinance and the Rural Poor: Strategy of Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) in Thailand
By Suchaya Varamit
Supervisor: Dr. Soparth Pongquan

Remote sensing modeling for estimating methane gas emission from irrigated paddy fields in Thailand
By Sawetatchat Sirsurat
Supervisor: Prof. Jayant Kumar Routray

Sustainable Agricultural Development Policies and Farmers’ Practices in NakhonPathom Province, Thailand
By Sukailaya Kasem
Supervisor: Prof. Gopal Bahadur Thapa

4.10.6 Masters Students’ Theses and Research Studies

Community Based Rural Road Management in Eastern Nepal
By Rekha Shreesh
Supervisor: Prof. Gopal Bahadur Thapa

Development of Small and Medium Enterprises in Post Conflict Afghanistan
By Sabawoon Ahmadzai
Supervisor: Prof. Gopal Bahadur Thapa

Economic and Social Empowerment of Home-Based Women Workers Towards the Promotion of Gender Equality: An Examination Through the OTOP Project in Thailand
By Passawee Tapasanan
Supervisor: Dr. Mokbul Morshed Ahmad

Economic Empowerment of Khmer Women Workers at Home and Outside in Mekong Delta, Vietnam
By Danh Qui
Supervisor: Dr. Mokbul Morshed Ahmad

Governance of Decentralized Commune Development Planning in Cambodia: Case Studies of Commune Councils in Battambang Province
By Young Sokphea
Supervisor: Dr. Soparth Pongquan

People’s Participation in Community Radio in Thailand: A Case Study of WatDok Chan Community Radio in Surin Province
By Nichakan Yuenyao
Supervisor: Dr. Soparth Pongquan

People’s Participation in Conservation: A Case Study in Phuluang Wildlife Sanctuary Loel Province, Thailand
By Adisorn Sunthararuk
Supervisor: Dr. Soparth Pongquan

Poverty Alleviation Through NGO Interventions in Rural Balochistan, Pakistan: A Case Study of Mastung District
By Mumtaz Ali Baloch
Supervisor: Dr. Mokbul Morshed Ahmad

The Effect of Agricultural Micro-Credit on Farmers’ Socio-Economic Conditions in AnGiang, Vietnam
By Trang Thi My Duyen
Supervisor: Prof. Gopal Bahadur Thapa

Research Study: Inter-District Assessment of Social Wellbeing of the People’s of Balochistan
By Muhammad Ashraf
Supervisor: Prof. Jayant Kumar Routray

Research Study: Regional Variation in the Socio-Economic Development of Pakistan: An Inter-District Multivariate Analysis
By Sohail Akram
Supervisor: Prof. Jayant Kumar Routray

Research Study: Technical Efficiency of Horticulture Farms in Balochistan, Pakistan: A Stochastic Production Frontier Analysis
By Ghulam Murtaza
Supervisor: Prof. Gopal Bahadur Thapa
5.11: SERD – URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FIELD OF STUDY

5.11.1 Introduction

Urban Environmental Management (UEM) is an area of academic discourse and professional practice in which urban planning and urban management issues are studied and practiced from an environmental management perspective.

As an academic field, UEM provides opportunities of graduate level education and research at master (M.Sc.) and doctoral (PhD) level. It also provides certificate and diploma programs, as well as post-doctoral research opportunities. It draws on and integrates theories and perspectives in established disciplines of urban planning, urban and regional development, urban economics, sustainable development, and urban policy and management studies into a distinctive framework of problems, issues and questions concerning the urban environment. It enables students to identify problems; apply appropriate analytic methodologies; design, plan and implement programs and projects; and monitor impacts and challenges within the context of sustainable development in developing societies.

The Field of Study prepares students for professional careers in the public and private sectors as well as international development agencies and civil society organizations engaged in urban development and environmental management.

5.11.2 Research Facilities and Laboratories

In this Field of Study, any researcher gets modern computer lab and other facilities for communication. There is also a workshop room for students which can accommodate about 24 students in four clusters at a time. The workshop room also has audio-visual facilities for presentation. A new Regional Urban Resource Center (R-URC) has been established for compiling and disseminating knowledge related to urban development and environmental management issues.

5.11.3 Faculty and Research Staff

Full-time Faculty

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Associate Professor (Conflict Management; Governance; Land Development in Peri-Urban; Policy Process and Scientific Discourse; Politics of)

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Associate Professor (Urban Architecture and Environmental Design; Urban Planning and Housing; Urban Environmental Management, Results-based Project Management and Evaluation)

VILAS NITIVATTANANON, BEng, Chulalongkorn Univ; MA, Thammasat University; MEng, AIT, Thailand; PhD, University of Pittsburgh, USA.  
Assistant Professor (Economic Analysis; Management of Infrastructure and Services; Systems and Integrated Management; Environmental Assessment; Waste Management; Water Engineering)

Visiting Faculty

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Ms. Jubiya Jahan, Project Associate
Ms. Patcharaporn Panwong, Project Associate
Ms. Sheree Ann Mendoza, Project Assistant
Ms. Concordia Pogoy, Project Assistant
Mr. Ekarin Thongchantr, Project Technician
Ms. Munu Pradhan, Research Associate
Ms. Laksiri Chomchuen, Research Associate
Ms. Le Thi Thu Huong, Research Associate
Ms. Siwaporn Tangwanichagpong, Research Associate

Administrative Staff

Ms. Katesaraporn Nakdee, Secretary

5.11.4 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

2nd Training Program on Integrated Urban Planning for Sustainable Management
Duration: 15 Oct 09 - 31 Jan 10
Project Investigator(s): L.A.S Ranjith Perera
Sponsor: AIT Center Indonesia
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 556,129

Environmental Management Measures (EMMs) Applied on the Range of Formal and Informal Sectors in Selected Cities
Duration: July 2009 – June 2010
Project Investigator(s): Ranjith Perera
Sponsor: CIDA
Project Budget: USD 26,000

Evaluation of TIPMSE Programs as a Tool to Support Decision Making for Promoting Waste Recycling System in Thailand
Duration: Dec 08 – Nov 10
Project Investigator(s): Dr. Vilas Nitivattananon
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,250,000

Project Management
Duration: 13 Aug 03 - 31 Aug 10
Project Investigator(s): Edsel Sajor
Sponsor: The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 32,922,627

Rainwater Harvesting Pilot Study
Duration: Dec 08 – Mar 10
Project Investigator(s): Dr. Vilas Nitivattananon
Sponsor: RTG
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 300,000

SEA-UEMA Graduate Education
Duration: 01 Apr 08 - 31 Aug 10
Project Investigator(s): Nurul Amin, Edsel Sajor
Sponsor: CGIAR-RTG, CIDA
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 29,818,752

SEA-UEMA Project - Learning Networks and Training
Duration: 01 Apr 08 - 31 Aug 10
Project Investigator(s): Norwarat Coowanitworng, Edsel Sajor
Sponsor: CGIAR-RTG, CIDA
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 12,290,528

SEA-UEMA Project - Policy Advocacy
Duration: 01 Apr 08 - 31 Aug 10
Project Investigator(s): Norwarat Coowanitworng, Edsel Sajor
Sponsor: CGIAR-RTG, CIDA
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 7,486,400

SEA-UEMA Project -Flagship Projects
Duration: 01 Apr 08 - 31 Aug 10
Project Investigator(s): Ranjith Perera, Edsel Sajor
Sponsor: CGIAR-RTG, CIDA
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 24,132,672

SEA-UEMA Project -Gender
Duration: 01 Apr 08 - 31 Aug 10
Project Investigator(s): Koyoko Kusakabe, Edsel Sajor
Sponsor: CGIAR-RTG, CIDA
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 3,972,864

Sustainable development of Urban-rural local regions and the contested domains of Water and Hydropower development in Vietnam, Lao PDR and Thailand
Duration: 01 Jan 10 - 15 Nov 10
Project Investigator(s): Edsel Sajor
Sponsor: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 951,684

5.11.5 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Mekong Project 4 on Water Governance, Basin development challenges of CPWF
Duration: 01 Mar 10 - 28 Feb 13
Project Investigator(s): Edsel Sajor, Bernadette Resurreccion
Sponsor: CGIAR Challenge Program on Water and Food (CPWF) and the Mekong Program for Water, Environment & Resilience
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 26,400,000

Post Consumer Carton (PCC) composition and recycling study
Duration: 25 Nov 10 - 30 May 11
Project Investigator(s): Vilas Nitivattananon
Sponsor: Tetra Pak Company Ltd.
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 450,000

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for spatial planning and Capacity development for sustainable Tourism in the Golden Quadrangle development area of Greater Mekong Sub region
Duration: 31 May 10 - 31 Jan 11
Project Investigator(s): Vilas Nitivattananon
Sponsor: ADB
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 379,033

5.11.6 Publications

International Journal Articles with Impact factor


Kritsanaphan, Amorn and Sajor, Edsel (accepted for publication 18 September 2010) ”Intermediaries and Informal Interactions in Decentralised Environmental Management in Peri-Urban Bangkok” International Development Planning Review.


Sajor, Edsel and Sajor, Bernadette. 'Not a Real Worker.' Gendering Migrants in Thailand’s Shrimp Farms, International Migration Review, Vol 48 No. 6 (Wiley Publishers).


Conference Papers


Perera, R. (2010). “Mechanisms to Promote Rental Housing as an Affordable Option for the Low-
income Groups in the Bangkok Metropolitan Area. “, UI-KAAS International Conference Asia in the Midst of Global Transformation, AIB Bumiputera Hall, Building F, 2nd Floor, FISIP UI Depok Campus, Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia, July 20-22, 2010


Other Publications


Kalinga Village, Budlaan, Cebu City, Philippines”, CIDA-AIT Partnership (2003-2010), Urban Environmental Management Field of Study, Asian Institute of Technology.

5.11.7 Doctoral Students’ Dissertation

Assessment of Urban Sprawl in Yangon City, Myanmar
By Lin Thanda Latt
Supervisor: Dr. Vilas Nitivattananon

Co-benefit Approach for Mitigating Local Warming: A Case Study of Bandung Metropolitan Area, Indonesia
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Supervisor: Dr. L. A. S. Ranjith Perera

Contributions of Solid Waste Management to Sustainable Cities
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Effects of Land Use Changes on the Flooding Incidence in Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines
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Impact Assessment of Imported Second Hand Products: The Cases of Computers and Tires in Major Urban Centers of Cambodia
By Lay Chanthy
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Integration of Economics and Social Factors into Optimization of Solid Waste Management System
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5.11.8 Masters Students’ Theses

An Analysis of a Public Bus Transport Service from the Multi-Benefits Perspective: A Case Study of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
By Nguyen Thi Cam Van
Supervisor: Dr. L. A. S. Ranjith Perera

An Assessment of Energy Consumption and Carbon Emissions Related to Urban Residential Density in a Developing City: A Case Study of Bandung City, Indonesia
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Approaches for Water Resources Policy Assessment in a Metropolitan Area: Case of Cebu City, Philippines
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Problems and Strategies for Water Loss Reduction: A Study in Vientiane Capital, Lao P.D.R.
By Lamkhong Keophilavong
Supervisor: Dr. Vilas Nitivattananon

Protection and Enhancement of Surface Water Bodies to Mitigate Local Flooding: A Case Study in Hanoi Capital, Vietnam
By Pham Quoc Dung
Supervisor: Dr. L. A. S. Ranjith Perera

Public Information Tools, Socio-Economic Attributes, and Environmental Behavior Related to Plastic Carrying Bag in BMA, Thailand
By Muslin Kunopasvorakul
Supervisor: Dr. Edsel E. Sajor

Public Participation in Urban Environmental Management Practices, A Case Study in Bandung City, Indonesia
By Retno Gita Erliana
Supervisor: Dr. Edsel E. Sajor

Socioeconomic Vulnerability to Urban Flood Hazard in the Mekong Delta: The Case of Can Tho City
By Tran Thi Huong Giang
Supervisor: Dr. Edsel E. Sajor

Stakeholder Analysis of Urban Wetland and its Implication on Planning: A Case Study of That Luang Marsh in Vientiane Capital City, Lao PDR
By Desa Phommasack
Supervisor: Dr. Edsel E. Sajor

Tenurial Security Related to Housing Condition and Traditional Neighborhood in Sultan Ground in Yogyakarta, Indonesia
By Widyasari Her Nugrahandika
Supervisor: Dr. Edsel E. Sajor

The Effect of Land Use Change on Mobility and Parking Condition: A Case Study in Bandung City, Indonesia
By Nino Muhamad
Supervisor: Dr. L. A. S. Ranjith Perera

Urban Environmental Changes with Tourism Development: The Case of Vang Vieng District, Lao PDR
By Souilack Khaykhamphithoune
Supervisor: Dr. Vilas Nitivattananon

Urban Resilience Assessment in the Context of Multiple Hazards: Case of Phnom Penh City, Cambodia
By Hourn Ratana
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5.12: SERD – AGribusiness Management Program

5.12.1 Introduction

Agriculture plays a vital role in the economic growth of many countries especially developing countries like Asia including Thailand, China, India, Vietnam, Malaysia etc. Due to the growing industrialization the importance of agri-products has increased several-folds. The food and food-products import-export policies play important role in the overall development of any country and the world as a whole.

In developing countries, since last 25 years, majority of the young people educated, came from agriculture community or from the similar background. But, due to many reasons they have not been able to compete for available jobs, which demand specialized skills and knowledge. Even in their attempts to set up small entrepreneurial activities in non-farm sector they face many problems generally not encountered by such youths in urban areas. All these rural youths can now be supported for new opportunities of entrepreneurship in business activities related to Agriculture. They have the basic understanding of agriculture, which can be utilized for promotion of business enterprises revolve around agricultural activities.

Rationale

As the nature of rural economy of many developing countries of Asia-Pacific region shifts from subsistence farming to commercial food enterprises, a new breed of agribusiness professionals is needed to manage this transformation. The proposed program will cater the unique needs of agribusiness professionals, which comprise of knowledge and skills in elements of agriculture sector policy issues, technology, marketing and finance.

Agribusiness professionals are needed in several sectors, including in multinational companies involved in corporate farming, food processing, packaging and marketing, agricultural finance institutions, agricultural cooperatives, animal feed industry, biotechnology industry, fertilizer and pesticide industry, irrigation and mechanical equipment manufacturing, medicinal plants/herbs, and government-initiated rural/agricultural development schemes.

The agri-business management program builds on long standing strengths and experience in research, and internal and external postgraduate teaching in the fields of agricultural production, preservation, processing, agro- and food-industry management and marketing, and in agricultural development.

The program focuses on the potential for and contribution of the agribusiness industry in developing economies. It is aimed at enhancing small business entrepreneurship among primary producers of agri-food products, and traders and other market intermediaries in the value chain. The course is appropriate for entrepreneurs themselves and also for people working in the public sector and non-governmental organizations. Entrepreneurs and others will be enabled to take advantage of opportunities within the agri-food and related sectors, and increase the contribution of these sectors within public and national objectives.

Objectives

Specific objectives of the Masters Program in Agribusiness Management are:

1. To train students, academics, researchers and professionals, to develop skills and practices in the area of good agricultural production, appropriate value addition, systematic marketing, food-chain supply and global trade.

2. To enhance the sustainability and capability of agricultural enterprises by providing trained students with knowledge of international standards on food safety and traceability in agricultural production, local and global trade policies etc.

5.12.2 Faculty and Professional Staff

Faculty

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5.12.3 Publications

International Journal Article with Impact factor  

5.12.4 Masters Students’ Theses and Research Studies

An Economic Analysis of Palm Plantation in Northeastern Thailand: A Case Study of Seka District, Nong Khai Province  
By Kulthida Chalooddong  
Supervisor: Prof. Ganesh P. Shivakoti

Assessment and Opportunities of Production and Marketing Trends in Biodegradable Packaging and Materials in Thailand  
By Thanasri Kongsompong  
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Effects of Fluctuation in Price and Demand of White Shrimp on Farmers’s Economy in Pak Phanang District, Thailand  
By Winai Poobangsaeng  
Supervisor: Prof. Sudip K. Rakshit

Role of ICT in the Agriculture Sector: A Study of Progressive Farmers, Malwa Region, Punjab, India  
By Sangha Amandeep Singh  
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Sustainable Community Forest Management: A Case Study of Yangtone Village, Sai Yok District, Kanchanaburi, Thailand  
By Saranya Nueamee  
Supervisor: Prof. Athapol Noomhorm

Research Study: Business Analysis of Buffalo Dairy Farm: A Case Study of Murrah Farm, Plaengyao District Chachoengsao Province, Thailand  
By Chanerin Maneechansook  
Supervisor: Dr. Peeyush Soni

Research Study: Perception of Young Educated Consumers Towards Ready-to-Drink Milk Brands in Bangkok  
By Justin Arnold Finch  
Supervisor: Dr. Peeyush Soni
5.13: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, MITIGATION AND MANAGEMENT AREA OF STUDY

5.13.1 Introduction

Rapid escalation and intensity in the incidence of severe disaster events have become a huge threat to the global community. Due to rapid rate of population growth, urbanization, poverty, climate change and geographical location, most of the Asian countries have become highly susceptible to natural disasters such as flood, cyclone, drought, earthquake, landslide, extreme temperature, heavy rain, epidemics, etc. It has been felt that there is limited capacity at global, regional and national levels in terms of knowledge base, skills training, long-term planning, emergency preparedness and policy development to respond to such severe disaster events. Consequently, this has given way to a new field of study at AIT to address these issues in innovative ways.

Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation and Management (DPMM) is an interdisciplinary academic program at AIT that started in August 2008. This program is initiated by both School of Environment and Technology (SET) and School of Environment Resources and Development (SERD). It aims to disseminate interdisciplinary education and practices to manage and minimize the effects of disasters in people on the front lines of disaster response and preparedness. It provides professional education and short course training in Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation and Management.

DPMM works closely with its partners/collaborators namely, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, The Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Africa and Asia (RIMES), Télécoms Sans Frontières (TSF) and United Nations Environment Programme Regional Resource Center for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP.RRCAP) to enhance a much wider understanding and knowledge sharing from the international to local level.

The courses at DPMM are designed and developed by AIT Faculties and experts from partner institutions having more than a decade of experience in this particular field. The program is being successfully run with students from Bangladesh, Canada, France, India, Indonesia, Iran, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, South Africa, Sudan, Thailand and Vietnam. DPMM has recruited 26 students till date. 7 students have already graduated from the program.

Details regarding DPMM program are available at [http://dpmm.ait.ac.th](http://dpmm.ait.ac.th)

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5.13.3 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

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Sponsor: Public Health Institute, National Ministry of Health, Sudan
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,419,691.09

5.13.4 Publications

Please refer to respective Field of Studies for publications

Conference Proceedings


Book Chapters

Application of Remote Sensing in Drought Monitoring and Impact Analysis on Rangeland Ecosystems: A Case Study in Qazvin, Iran
By Abolfazl Abesht
Supervisor: Dr. Roberto S. Clemente

Building Disaster Resilient Coastal Community in a Multi-Hazard Prone Area of Bangladesh
By Md. Rabiul Islam
Supervisor: Prof. Jayant Kumar Routray

Comparative Assessment of CBDRM Programme in the Multi-Hazard Prone Areas of Orissa, India
By Bibhuti Bhushan Gadanayak
Supervisor: Prof. Jayant Kumar Routray

Drought Risk Assessment and Management in Selected River Basins in Cagayan Valley
By Hector Ruiz Lim, Jr.
Supervisor: Dr. Roberto S. Clemente

Optimal Location-Allocation Strategy for New Fire Stations in Dhaka City Corporate Area: An Integrated Approach Using AHP and Greedy Set Cover Algorithm
By Md. Shahab Uddin
Supervisor: Dr. Pennung Warnitchai

Vulnerability and Response to Flash Flood and Landslides in Chiang Rai Province, Thailand
By Amnat Phonmart
Supervisor: Prof. Jayant Kumar Routray

Book

5.14: GENDER, TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT AREA OF STUDY

5.14.1 Introduction

Asia as a region has historically experienced high intra-mobility of goods and people, but in the recent years, the quantum of such mobility has increased dramatically. Various factors have contributed to this increase, including economic disparity within the region; differences in economic/employment/business opportunities; transportation and communication infrastructure development, education opportunities, and a wider network of migrants in major cities and industrial areas in the region.

The largest factor is the heavy investment in the construction and renovation of road networks. Road networks, which are important for regional integration within Asia, are critical for the less developed member countries, especially those in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) countries. Recognizing this, bilateral and regional financial institutions supported heavily to improve the road network. The fact that people move both within and out of the region has implications not only for the well-being of migrants themselves, but also for the sending and receiving communities.

However, several questions remain. Have these roads actually contributed to poverty alleviation in the poorer regions of Asia? Or have they only increased the disparity between the rich and poor, resulting in future social tensions in the region?

The graduate course Gender, Transportation and Development (GTD) is a multi-disciplinary program that is problem-solving in nature. It focuses on specific problems of the effect of infrastructure planning and management on equitable and sustainable development for women and men.

As a multi-disciplinary program, it focuses on:
1. Gender and development
2. Regional development planning
3. Infrastructure planning and management, with special focus on transportation engineering and management

It covers both the physical planning based on transportation engineering, and social, community and gender analysis and planning based on social science. It envisages to develop planning and management theories and practices contextualized to Southeast Asia, especially the GMS region.

The program consists of required courses, elective courses and research (Thesis or Research Study). Required and elective courses are offered from the areas of gender and development, transportation engineering, regional development and planning, urban environmental management, and construction engineering and infrastructure management. The Area of Study has had the first batch of students in August 2008.

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Research staff
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5.14.3 Masters Students’ Theses

Gender Analysis of Labor-Based Rural Road Construction in Thuong Trung Commune, Vietnam
By Nguyen Khanh Toan
Supervisors: Dr. Kyoko Kusakabe / Dr. Shinya Hanaoka

Gender Analysis of Rural Road Development
By Nyan Htat Aung
Supervisor: Dr. Kyoko Kusakabe

Gender Analysis of the Impact of National Road No: 3 (NR3): A Case Study in Lao-China Border, Namtha District Luang Namtha Province, Lao PDR
By Chanthavisith Chanthoumphone
Supervisor: Dr. Kyoko Kusakabe

Impact of Road Improvement on Women Small-Scale Fish Traders: Case Study of Fish Border Trade in Svay Rieng Province, Cambodia
By Kunthea Keat
Supervisor: Dr. Kyoko Kusakabe

Women Economic Opportunities After Binh Bridge Construction, Hai Phong, Vietnam
By Le Thi Thanh Huyen
Supervisor: Dr. Kyoko Kusakabe

Research Study: Assessment of Bus Services for Women and Men in Yangon, Myanmar
By Zwe Zinn Linn Phyu
Supervisor: Dr. Kyoko Kusakabe
Chapter 6: SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

6.1 Introduction

The School of Management (SOM) prides itself for having world class academic and professional programs. SOM is offering a PHD Program, Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) Program, Full time MBA Program, Executive Masters (EMBA) and Professional Masters in Technology Management (PMTM) programs. SOM was ranked third in 2004 by Asia Inc. among the MBA programs of South East Asia and 2008 SOM was ranked as the internationally known TOP school in Thailand.

SOM was established in October 1987 to meet the growing need for managerial expertise in the Asia – Pacific region. The School strongly believes in the need for intensive development of socially responsible corporate leaders for Asia. Currently SOM provides specialization in CSR, Entrepreneurship, Strategy, Management of Technology, Public Management, Marketing, Finance and other areas. The courses at SOM are taught by highly experienced faculty from over 15 nations.

SOM currently has students from over 30 countries and various academic backgrounds enrolled in its programs. In every case study, group work and assignment the students work in groups with students from 3 or more different nations. The bonds formed by the students during their stay in SOM have proved as important as the knowledge and skills they gain. At SOM we stress on ethics and moral values as much as the need to produce managers who can drive their organizations to profitability and prosperity.

6.2 Mission

Mission

“to develop socially responsible global leaders who will enhance organizational performance for the growth and sustainable development of economies and societies in Asia”

Vision

“to become the leading creator and disseminator of Asian management knowledge, practices and values”

Positioning

“A global management school which offers knowledge that promotes deep understanding of Asian management practices

6.3 School Governance

Dean of School

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6.4 Management Development and Research

The School of Management is involved in training and extension activities through the Management Development Programs (MDP). MDP was established as an integral part of the School of Management (SOM). It is the research, consultancy, and executive development arm of the School. It is SOM’s non-degree academic activities and programs, which complement SOM’s degree programs and other related activities of SOM. It facilitates the linkage between SOM, AIT and the business community and public sector in Asia.

The objectives of MDP:

- To establish closer links between the business community/public sector and SOM through executive education programs and consulting in the areas of Management of Technology, International Business, Service Marketing and Technology, and International Public Management.

- To facilitate the development of research projects which are both of high practical value to the business community/public sector and academically rigorous.

MDP activities include:

1. Corporate relationship management
2. Executive development programs
3. Organizing executive forums, workshops, seminars, and conferences
4. Other activities contributing to SOM’s objectives

6.5 Research Facilities and Laboratories

The School of Management has 5 state-of-the-art multimedia classrooms including a large amphitheater for academic use. Each classroom is equipped with a multimedia podium that consists of LCD projectors, audio cassette recorder, VHS player/ recorder, slide projectors, built-in desktop PC, laptop and wireless internet connection.

The School of Management provides the students with an extensive range of online journals and database. The students can access the journal and database to read articles from reputed international journals. The School of
Management has its own computer laboratory for instructional purposes and there is a network of over 60 computers for student’s use.

Computer Lab consultants are available during office hours to assist with computer related problems. The consultants will provide help by answering general questions relating to the lab e.g., how to obtain a computer account, questions related to the PC Proficiency about software applications, email, printing etc.

### 6.6 Faculty and Research Staff

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- **SUNDAV VENKATESH**, BSc, BL, Univ of Calcutta; PhD, Indian Inst of Management, India
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  - Assistant Professor (Technology, International Strategic Alliance, Organization Theory and Design)

- **NICHOLAS J DIMITT**, BA, MA, San Francisco State Univ; PhD, Univ of Southern California, USA
  - Assistant Professor (Business Communication, Business Ethics, Research Methods)

- **JUTHATHIP JONGWANICH**, BA, MA, Thammasat Univ, Thailand; PhD, The Australian National University, Australia
  - Assistant Professor (International Economics, Multinational Enterprises, Managerial Economics and Business environment)

- **VATCHARAPOL SUKHOTU**, BEng, Kasetsart Univ, Thailand; MEng, Univ of Houston, Texas, USA; PhD, Texas A&M Univ, College Station, Texas, USA
  - Assistant Professor (Operation Management and Supply Chain Management)

- **WINAI WONGSURAWAT**, B.A.S (Econ & Math., Comp. Sc.) Stanford University USA Ph.D (Managerial Econ and Strategy), Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, USA
  - Assistant Professor (Strategic Management)

- **SUPASITH CHONGLERTTHAM**, B., Engineering, Chulalongkorn Univ, Thailand; MBA Finance, Tulane Univ, USA; PhD, Univ of Hawaii, Manoa, USA
  - Senior Instructor (Corporate Finance, Derivatives, Corporate Governance, Financial Accounting)

#### Visiting and Adjunct Faculty

- **NAZRUL ISLAM**, BScEng, BUET, Bangladesh; MEng, DEng, AIT, Thailand
  - Visiting Professor (Management of Technology; Technology and Development; Technology Policy; Technology Transfer)

- **FREDRIC W SWIERCZEK**, BA, Temple Univ, USA; MA, PhD, Univ of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
  - Visiting Associate Professor (Behavioral Science; Organizational Development)

- **PETER MOSER** Ph.D., M. Econ., University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
  - Visiting Faculty (European Integration and International Trade Policy)

- **URS BUMBACHER**, M.A, Ph.D (Economics & Business Admin.), Univ. of Basel, Switzerland
  - Adjunct Professor (International Business)
ILKKA KAURANEN, MS Engg, Lic Tech, DTech, Helsinki University of Technology, Finland.

Adjunct Professor (Development and Management in Industry)

INDRA M PANDEY, MComm, PhD, Univ of Delhi, India.

Adjunct Professor (Corporate Finance, Emerging Capital Markets)

JOHN C S TANG, BS, MS, PhD, Univ of Florida, USA.

Adjunct Professor (Engineering Economy; International Economics; International Operating Environment of Business; Managerial Economics)

ARNE DEUSSEN, PhD, University of Geneva, Switzerland, Master (Lic.oec.HSG), University of ST.Gallen, Switzerland

Adjunct Faculty (Management of Change)

GERARD TOCQUER, Ph.D., University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis, France, M.A (Marketing), University of Sherbrooke, Canada, C.P.D., Cornell University, Ithaca USA

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JARUNEE WONGLIMPIYARAT, Post Doctorate (Finance and Innovation) Boston University and Harvard University USA, Ph.D (Tech Management) University of Manchester U.K, M.Sc. (Tech and Innovation Management) University of Sussex, U.K

Adjunct Faculty (Tech and Innovation, Technology Commercialization)

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MBA, School of Management, AIT, Thailand

Adjunct Faculty (Finance, Investment)

RAGNAR THOR GRUNDTVIG
SØEGAARD, Ph.D London School of Foreign Trade, England, Master of Business Administration, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

Adjunct Faculty (Finance)

SOMROTE KOMOLAVANIJ, Ph.D, M.S., University of Texas, USA

Adjunct Faculty (Business Statistics, Economy, QC, Operations Research)

TRITOS LAOSIRIHONGTHONG, Ph.D., (Management of Technology) School of Management, AIT, Thailand

Adjunct Faculty (Manufacturing Strategy and Supply Chain Management)

WILLI ZIMMERMANN, Ph.D. (Political Science) University of Munich, Germany, Post-Doc. Diploma, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Switzerland

Adjunct Faculty (Public Sector Management, Environmental Management)

MARK NEAL, B.A (Hons.) Sociology, university of Reading, U.K, Ph.D (Mgmt), The Business School, Bournemouth University, U.K

Adjunct Faculty (Cross-Cultural Management, Gender and Organization Leadership)


Adjunct Faculty (Sales and Marketing)

ROLLER S. KIETEL, BA, Univ. of Colorado; Ph.D, De La Salle University, The Philippines.

Adjunct Faculty (HRM, Leadership)


Adjunct Faculty (Finance)
SHIVANAND BASAYYA HIRREMAATH, B.Sc., M.Sc., Karnataka Univ. Ph.D. Indian Institute of Technology, powai, Bombay.

Adjunct Faculty (Information Technology)

JANAKIRAMAN MOORTHY, B.Sc., Univ of Annamalai, M.Sc., Univ of Tamil Nadu Agricultural, Ph.D (Fellow Prog. In Management) Indian Institute of Management, India

Adjunct Faculty (Advanced Marketing Management, International Business)

ASHUTOSH P. BHUPATKAR, B.Com., Univ of Pune, MMS, Univ of Mumbai, Ph.D (Management) Univ of Pune, India

Adjunct Faculty (Management, Indigenous Management, Systems theory, Project Management, Education)

DHREUV DEV SHARMA, B.Sc., MBA, Ph.D (MIS) Univ of Himachal Pradesh, India

Adjunct Faculty (Entrepreneurship Development, Management)

6.7 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

DBA Program in HN 2007
Duration: 01 Jul 07 - 30 Jun 10
Project Investigator(s): Indra Pandey, Nicholas Dimmit, Fredric Swirczek, Do Ba Khang, Sundar Venkatesh, Sununta Siengthai, Nazrul Islam, IIlka Kauranen
Sponsor: Participants
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 12,250,000

International Executive MBA Vietnam: Hanoi
Duration: 01 Aug 08 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Do Ba Khang
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 21,250,008

International Executive MBA Vietnam: HCMC, DN, VT
Duration: 01 Aug 08 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Do Ba Khang
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 32,075,384

Second Public Management Executive development Program
Duration: 01 Jun 10 - 30 Sep 10
Project Investigator(s): Sununta Siengthai
Sponsor: DRIRD Ministry of Interior Thailand
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,399,200

6.8 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

DBA Program in Bangkok 2006
Duration: 31 Oct 06 - 31 Dec 13
Project Investigator(s): Barbara Igel
Sponsor: Participants
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 15,552,000

DBA Program in Bangkok 2007
Duration: 01 Feb 07 - 31 Jan 14
Project Investigator(s): Barbara Igel
Sponsor: Participants
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 19,440,000

DBA Program in Bangkok 2008
Duration: 01 Jan 08 - 31 Dec 14
Project Investigator(s): Barbara Igel
Sponsor: Participants
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 16,848,000

DBA Program in HCMC 2007
Duration: 01 Feb 07 - 31 Jan 14
Project Investigator(s): Barbara Igel
Sponsor: Participants
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 14,000,000

DBA Program in HCMC 2009
Duration: 20 Jan 09 - 31 Dec 12
Project Investigator(s): Barbara Igel
Sponsor: Participants
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 7,425,000

DBA Program in Sri Lanka 2006
Duration: 31 Oct 06 - 31 Dec 13
Project Investigator(s): Barbara Igel
Sponsor: Participants
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 11,988,000

DBA Program in Taiwan 2007
Duration: 01 Nov 07 - 31 Dec 14
Project Investigator(s): Barbara Igel
Sponsor: Participants
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 14,025,000

Executive MBA Program in HRM 2009 intake
Duration: 01 Jan 09 - 31 Jan 11
Project Investigator(s): Sununta Siengthai
Sponsor: SIDA
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 14,912,000

Executive MBA BKK Program August 2009
Duration: 01 Aug 09 - 31 Jul 11
Project Investigator(s): Nicholas J Dimmitt
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 11,416,000

Executive MBA-BKK Program, May 2008
Duration: 01 May 08 - 31 Mar 11
Project Investigator(s): Nicholas J. Dimmitt, Barbara Igel
Sponsor: Professional managers/administrators of private/public sector
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 9,000,000

International Executive MBA for Vietnam for Hanoi #10.1 & 10.2
Duration: 01 Aug 09 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Do Ba Khang
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 14,875,005

International Executive MBA for Vietnam for Hanoi #11.1 & 10.2
Duration: 01 Aug 10 - 31 Dec 12
Project Investigator(s): Do Ba Khang
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 16,500,000

International Executive MBA for Vietnam for HCMC #6.1HCMC#6.2DN#3VT#2
Duration: 01 Aug 09 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Do Ba Khang
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 46,627,384

International Executive MBA for Vietnam for HCMC 7.1
Duration: 01 Aug 10 - 31 Dec 12
Project Investigator(s): Do Ba Khang
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 15,675,125

Methodologies and tools for food consumer market research
Duration: 01 Jul 09 - 28 Feb 11
Project Investigator(s): Rian Beise Zee
Sponsor: Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,382,276

ProSPER.Net Business Schools Joint Project on Integration of Social Business and UN Global compact principals in Business Education
Duration: 01 Jan 10 - 31 Jan 11
Project Investigator(s): Richard Welford
Sponsor: Ministry of the Environment of Japan through UNU-IAS
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,810,880
Towards Effective Policies for Innovations Financing in Asia

Duration: 10 Feb 2010 - 9 Feb 2012
Project Investigator(s): Jarunee Wonglimpiyarat with Barbara Igel (Project Advisor)
Sponsor: Canada's International Development Research Centre (CRDI)
Total contracted amount THB): Baht 9,765,460 (CAD 309,900)

Développement International (CRDI)
Sponsor: Canada's International Development
with Barbara Igel (Project Advisor)
Project Investigator(s): Jarunee Wonglimp
Duration: 10 Feb 2010
Innovations Financing in Asia
Towards Effective Policies for

Evidence from Recent WTO Member, and O
Quality Management (TQM) Strategy
Laosirihongthong (2010): Total
Hoang, D.T., B.Igel and T.
Journal of Emerging Markets, 2010
International
market (Japan and US).
emerging and developed stock
Relationship: A study on Asian
G Arun Kumar. Dynamic Risk- Return
relation with Human capital: A study
on Indian markets. International
Journal of Emerging Markets, 2010
G Arun Kumar. Stability of Long-run
Relationship: A study on Asian
eerging and developed stock
markets (Japan and US).
International
Journal of Emerging Markets, 2010
Hoang, D.T., B.Igel and T.
Laosirihongthong (2010): Total
Quality Management (TQM) Strategy
and Organizational characteristics: Evidence from Recent WTO Member,


6.10 Doctoral Students’ Dissertation

**Business Administration**

Process of Capital Fund Allocation in Capital Intensive Firms
By Worata Kongseanitsara
Supervisor: Prof. Indra M. Pandey/ Dr. Sununta Siengthai

Control Mechanisms in Successful International Joint Ventures in Vietnam
By Cao Minh Tri
Supervisor: Prof. Lalit M Johri

Operating and Profit Efficiencies of Bank Branches - An Application of DEA
By Napapan Meepadung
Supervisor: Prof. John C S Tang

Ownership, Board Structure, and Corporate Governance: Evidence from Thailand
By Parichart Rachapradit
Supervisors: Dr. Do Ba Khang / Prof. John C S Tang

The Globilazation Strategies of Thai Corporations
By Sasisrprapa Chaiprasit
Supervisors: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat / Dr. Fredric W. Swierczek

The Role of Customer Cause Affinity on the Evaluation of Corporate Social Responsibility: An Empirical Assessment of Cause Specificity of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
By Sana-ur-Rehman
Supervisor: Dr. Rian Beise-Zee

International Business

A Dynamic Model of International Hospital Outshopping: An Analysis of Patient Narratives
By Ruamsak Veerasoontorn
Supervisor: Dr. Rian Beise-Zee

Control Mechanisms in Successful International Joint Ventures in Vietnam
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**International Public Management**

Factors Influencing Organizational Change and Productivity
Improvement in Special Industrial Zones: An Empirical Study on Dhaka Export Processing Zone (EPZ), Bangladesh
By Md. Zohurul Islam
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

**6.11 Masters Students’ Theses, Research Studies and Projects**

Research Study: Feasibility Study of the Adoption of Network Expansion Strategies by Mobile Service Providers in North East India: A Case of Aircel Limited
By Rajkumar Sarma
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Research Study: Alliances in Oil and Gas Industry Trends and Strategic Logics in Asia
By Knaporn Chongudomliuk
Supervisor: Dr. Sundar Venkatesh

Research Study: A Study of Foreign Exchange Exposures and Their Impact on Stock Returns: Evidence from Thailand
By Hariom Ghimire
Supervisor: Dr. Sundar Venkatesh

Research Study: Can We Turn Off the Bubble Machine? A Certain Application of Economic Cycles Theories to Financial Bubbles
By Cosme Julien
Supervisor: Dr. Yuosre F. Badir

Research Study: Core Competencies of Micro Businesses as Sources of Competitive Advantage: An Exploratory Study on Street Food Vending
By Ejaz Ahmed Khan
Supervisor: Dr. Rian Beise-Zee

Research Study: Degree of Family Ownership and Firm Performance: A Study of a Listed Companies in Thailand
By Pongthep Vichaikul
Supervisor: Dr. Sundar Venkatesh

Research Study: Efficient Market Hypothesis: An Evidence from the Karachi Stock Exchange (KSE)
By Qurat-Ul-Ain
Supervisor: Dr. Sundar Venkatesh

By Salinithip Uttamawattana
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Research Study: Government Assistance Towards Industrial Linkage in Thailand Automotive Industry
By Eakapoom Wongsahai
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Research Study: Gravity Analysis of Pakistan’s Exports: 1962-2008
By Farhat Mahmood
Supervisor: Dr. Arun Kumar Gopalaswamy

Research Study: Impacts of Liberalization on Vietnam's Banking Sector
By Ho Thuy Ai
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Research Study: Managing Research in Business and Management Subject Areas: Comparative Case Studies of Selected Business Schools in Thailand and New Zealand
By Bhusaba Taecharoen
Supervisor: Dr. Do Ba Khang

Research Study: Payment Instruments Between Thai Exporters and African Buyers
By Surapa Ruthirunkorn
Supervisor: Dr. Do Ba Khang

Research Study: The Determinants of Net Interest Margin (NIM) in the Sri Lankan Banking System
By D.M. Jayasena
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Research Study: The Relationship Between Oil Consumption and Gross Provincial Product (GPP): A Case study of Thailand
By Sirin Rattanadilok Na Phuket
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Research Study: True Convergence: A Strategic Planning in Mobile
Telecommunications Industry in Thailand
By Isara Narathip
Supervisor: Dr. Yusre F. Badir

Research Study: Why Does Mainland China Pay More: A Research Study of Dual-Listed Stocks in Mainland China and Hong Kong Stocks Exchanges
By Chai Xiaying
Supervisor: Dr. Sundar Venkatesh

Project: A Study of Employees’ Satisfaction and Motivation at the Power Systems Department, Tata Steel, India
By Devanshu Verma
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: The Future of Medical Education as a Pharmaceutical Marketing Strategy at Eli Lilly Europe
By Vincent Wing-Yin Tam
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

Research Study: Communication Strategy in Culturally Diverse Countries: Launch of Vio by Coca-Cola Company in the US
By Laurent Pequignot
Supervisor: Dr. Rian Beise-Zee

Project: Competitive Analysis of the Wind Turbine Manufacturing Industry: Influencing the Power of Five Forces
By Eunmi Noh
Supervisor: Dr. Yusre F. Badir

Project: Enhancing Foreign Language Proficiency of Employees to Meet the Job Requirements at ICMB (PVFCCo.) in Vungtau, Vietnam
By Mrs. Bui Thi Tuyet
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

Research Study: Merger and Acquisition in Banking Sector: A Case Study of “CIMB Thai Public Company Limited”
By Rodjarek Nilvanich
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Research Study: Effective Human Resource Practices to Retain Employees: A Case Study from the Economic Institute of Cambodia
By Phemkedey Sokunthea Sao
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

Project: Payments Made Between Thailand and Africa for International Trade
By Mathew Kuruvilla
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Research Study: Effective Performance Management System Implementation: The Case of Mekong River Commission
By Bounthanome Mixap
Supervisor: Dr. Nicholas J. Dimmitt

Project: Polish Construction Market Attractiveness - Morse Plc Case
By Katarzyna Kaczmarek
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Research Study: Enhancing Effective Human Resources Strategy
By Samketh Nilyn
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

Project: The Composition and Compensation Practices of Board of Directors: Evidence from Research Study in Vietnam
By Lai Thi Hai Linh
Supervisor: Dr. Sundar Venkatesh

Research Study: Enhancing Succession Planning at a Petroleum Well Logging Company, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
By Dang Thi Hoang Oanh
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

Project: Toyota Appraisal System for International Assignment
By Pakpong Pakdeengam
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

By Pham Thi Hoal Minh
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Human Resources Management

Research Study: Can Training Help Motivate VVWs to Increase Animal Vaccination: The Case of Village Veterinary Workers (VVWs)
By Douangchhan Sirivongs
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

Research Study: Training Needs Assessment for Capacity Building of Staff in the National Office of the Poverty Reduction Fund (PRF) in Vientiane, Lao PDR
By Viengxay Phouangchan
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

Research Study: Strengthening Staff Motivation: A Case Study of Trade Promotion Department, Ministry of Commerce, Kingdom of Cambodia
By Sean Sophean
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

By Pham Thi Hoal Minh
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International Business - Management of Technology

Research Study: Building an Effective and Efficient Supply Chain
Department for Schlumberger Vietnam Services
By Tran Thi Thu Trang
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Building Project
By Nguyen Quang Vinh
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: A Business Plan for Vietnam Sourcing and Distribution Solution (SDS)
By Tran Xuan Quang
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: A Case Study of the Siam Commercial Bank PCL: The Role of SCB English Lab
By Udom Rotjanavanit
Supervisor: Dr. Logan Muller

Project: A Competency-Based Approach for Developing the Employees of Rahimafroz Superstores Limited in Bangladesh: Materializing Vision 2014
By Muhammad Shakhawat Hossain
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: A Development Strategy for Petrovietnam Exploration and Production Corporation 2015 to 2025
By Dang Viet Long
Supervisor: Dr. Yusro F. Badir

By Nguyen Dang Thuyet
Supervisor: Dr. Fredric W. Swierczek

By Tran Thi Thu Ha
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: An Expansion Strategy for Tan Mai Group Joint - Stock Company
By Tran Thi Ngoc Huong
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: A Sustainable Strategy for the Oil and Gas Enterprise of Vietsovpetro Joint Venture
By Tran Hoang Linh
Supervisor: Dr. Rian Beise-Zee

Project: Brand Positioning for King Care Pharmacy
By Nguyen Thi Mai Hanh
Supervisor: Dr. Rian Beise-zee

Project: Budget Process Improvement: Zero-Based Budgeting in Thai Indo Kordsa Ltd.
By Melek Kucuk
Supervisor: Dr. Nicholas J. Dimmitt

Project: Building a Business Strategy for the Real Estate Department of Ha Tien 1 Cement JSC
By Le Anh Duong
Supervisor: Dr. Logan Muller

Project: Building Ha Tien 1 Corporate Culture
By Le Tuan Thien
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

By Nguyen Thanh Nhan
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: Business Strategy for Minh Anh Trading Joint Stock Company
By Do Anh Tuan
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: Calculating the Charges for the Power Transmission Activities in the Competitive Market of Vietnam
By Nguyen Tan Dat
Supervisor: Mr. Raggnar Soeggard

Project: Change for Survival and Development: A Case of Sonaco (Reorganizing the Structure)
By Nguyen Duy Hoang
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: Communication at Oxford
By Hoang Thi Thu Thuy
Supervisor: Dr. Nicholas J. Dimmitt

Project: Competitive Bidding Cost Analysis for Van Kien Phat Company
By Pham The Anh
Supervisor: Dr. Do Ba Khang

Project: Competitive Strategy Analysis for Mai Linh Express Company
By Pham Minh Canh
Supervisor: Dr. Do Ba Khang

Project: Consumer Awareness and Perception on Durex Brand in Vietnam
By Thai Phuong Qanh
Supervisor: Dr. Rian Beise-zee

Project: Creating Value in Human Resources in the Production Department of Ha Tien 1 Cement Joint Stock Company
By Ly Hong Vinh
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

Project: Customer Satisfaction for Improving Service Performance: The Case of DKSH Vietnam
By Nguyen Kim Phuong
Supervisor: Dr. Yusro Badir

Project: Customer Satisfaction on Production Process of NC Housing Public Company Limited
By Vichit Vichaisarn
Supervisor: Dr. Nicholas J. Dimmitt

Project: Customer Service - A Case Study of EVN IT
By Luong Dinh Viet
Supervisor: Dr. Fredric W. Swierczek

Project: Customer Service Management at Dalat Academy
By Vu Chi Mai
Supervisor: Dr. Nicholas J. Dimmitt

Project: Developing a Business Strategy for Electro Mechanical Company (EMEC), Vietnam
By Nguyen Ngoc Khanh
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: Developing a Business Strategy for Ho Chi Minh City General Power Company - HCMPC - EVN
By Pham Quoc Bao
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat
Project: Developing a Business Strategy for Tin Nghia Construction Materials Company
By Le Son Tung
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: Developing a Local Maintenance Management in Ha Tien 1 Cement Joint Stock Company
By Nguyen Minh Man
Supervisor: Dr. Youse Badir

Project: Developing a Marketing Strategy: The Case of Vietsovpetro Logging & Testing Division
By Huynh Van Trong
Supervisor: Dr. Rian Beise-Zee

Project: Developing an Integrated “Door-to-Door” Logistics Service for PTSC Shipping Agency Co., Ltd.
By Nguyen Quoc Hoang
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: DKSH Vietnam: Right Targeting Customers to Optimize Sales Strategy
By Nguyen Thi Kim Cuong
Supervisor: Dr. Youse Badir

By Truong Viet Hoang Son
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

Project: Enhancing Organizational Transformation Change: A Case Study of Mechanical and Electrical Division - A Subsidiary of J.V. Vietsovpetro, Vung Tau City, Vietnam
By Nguyen Tien Vinh
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: Enhancing the Competitive Capability of Phu My Thermal Power Company in Vietnam’s Power Market
By Nguyen Chon Cam
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: Establishing the Mechanism for Regulating the Activities of a Market
By Le Khac Hung
Supervisor: Mr. Raggnar Soegaard

Project: Exchange Rate Risk Management in Vietnam: Examples of Holcim and Ha Tien 1
By Huyn Thi Nhu Tran
Supervisor: Dr. Sundar Venkatesh

Project: Expanding Strategies for Ha Tien 1 Cement Joint Stock Company in the South of Vietnam
By Dang Thi Phuong Tho
Supervisor: Dr. Logan Muller

Project: Expanding the Domestic Market Share of Ha Tien 1 Cement J.S. Company
By Ho Hai Cuong
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: Factors Affecting Infant Formula Consultation and Selection: The Case of Vietnam
By Nguyen Thi Kim Thoa
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: Growth Strategy Management: A Case Study of Cuong Thuan Idico Company
By Tran Nhu Hoang
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: Project: How to Apply the Project Management Theory to Develop the PTSC Offshore Services Vung Tau, Vietnam
By Le Toan Thang
Supervisor: Dr. Do Ba Khang

Project: Project: How Young Leaders Cultivate Successful Working Relationships with Older Employees: A Case Study from Vietnam
By Trang Thuy Tran
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: Human Resource Development Strategic Planning by 2015 for the Bag Production Workshop of Ha Tien 1 Cement Joint Stock Company
By Le Tuan Dung
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

By Ha Diep
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

Project: Implementation of Supply Chain Management for Improving the Inventory Management in VIETSOVPETRO Joint Stock Company Vung Tau, Vietnam
By Le Quang Man
Supervisor: Dr. Huynh Trung Luong

Project: Improving of Motivation and Training for Investment and Development of Industrial Zone and Residential Area Company (IDIZRA)
By Pham Thi Anh Dao
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

By Do Quoc Bao
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

Project: Improving Human Resource Planning at the Joint Venture Vietsovpetro, Vung Tau, Vietnam
By Vu Viet Kieu
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

Project: Improving Productivity in Unipax Co., Ltd.: A Comparative Study of Firms in the DADA Corporation Network
By Nguyen Van Tien
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

Project: Improving the Accuracy of the Forecasted Power Demand in Power
By Dinh Trung Kien
Supervisor: Mr. Raggnar Soegaard

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By Nguyen Trong Nghiem
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Project: Improving the Competitiveness of New Products Department - Ha Tien 1
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Project: Improving the Domestic Distribution System of Vinacafe Bien Hoa Joint-Stock Company
By Tran Thi Minh Thao
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Project: Improving the Effectiveness of the Transportation and...
Construction Joint-Stock Company (DOTRANCO)  
By Nguyen Van Huy  
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Project: Improving the Enterprise Data Warehouse Project  
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By Kasin Wongwattananan  
Supervisor: Dr. Nicholas J. Dimmitt

Project: Improving the Purchasing Process of Goods and Services for Operational Activities in J/V Vietsovpetro, Vung Tau, Vietnam  
By Truong Thanh Son  
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: Improving the Quality of Staff in Petroleum Technical Services Corporation, Vietnam  
By Pham Hung Phuong  
Supervisor: Dr. Sununta Siengthai

Project: Improving the Quality of Vocational Training and Education: The Case of Petrovietnam Manpower Training College (PVMTC)  
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Project: Improving the Supply Chain Management at the Cement Production Department in Hatien 1 Cement Joint Stock Company  
By Phu Thanh Duy  
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Project: Increasing Effectiveness through Process Re-design  
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By Nguyen Thi Lam Giang  
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By Pham Thu Lien  
Supervisor: Dr. Youse F. Badir

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By Pham Phuc Hung  
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By Nguyen Thi Ai Nuong  
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

Project: Marketing Mix Strategy Through Motivation in Port Management and Customer Policy  
By Pham Van Huy  
Supervisor: Dr. Winai Wongsurawat

By Tran Truc Uyen  
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By Dharma Vrajal Brahmbhatt  
Supervisor: Dr. Nicholas J. Dimmitt

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By Vo Nhu Thanh Binh  
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Chapter 7: AIT EXTENSION

7.1 Introduction

AIT Extension is responsible for non-degree programs at AIT. As the continuing and professional education center of the institute, we are responsible for the delivery of short-courses to a wide array of capacity-building projects in different sectors and consultancy services, and in this way contribute to the realization of AIT’s mission to develop highly qualified and committed professionals who play a leading role in the sustainable development of the region and its integration into the global economy. AIT Extension works with professionals in national governments, overseas development agencies, multilateral agencies, development institutions, private sector, development banks, consultants and NGOs.

AIT Extension’s operating programs are:

- Agriculture, Resources and Environment
- Education and Training Development
- Public Sector Capacity Building
- Development Management
- Information Technology and Engineering

7.2 Mission

To identify and respond to regional opportunities for continuing professional education, training and consultancy, and thus help to realize AIT’s mission to develop highly qualified and committed professionals who will play a leading role in the sustainable development of the region and its integration into the global economy.

7.3 Unit Governance

7.4 Courses and Services

AIT Extension offers courses in the following specializations:

- Agriculture and Food Processing
- Environment and Natural Resources Management
- Education and Training Development
- Poverty Reduction and Livelihoods Development
- Business Performance, Management and Strategy
- Development Effectiveness
- Public Sector Services and Management
- Private Sector Development
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Information and Communication Management
- Infrastructure Development and Public Utility Management

International professional development courses usually last from one to three weeks.

Customized Courses

AIT Extension specializes in designing, developing and implementing short courses to the specifications of particular client organizations. Every organization with which we work is unique, and change interventions required by our clients are most usually specific to that organization. Wherever required, therefore, we work closely with our clients to develop unique training solutions that meet their specific needs. This process usually start with the clients’ own terms of reference, to which AIT Extension responds. Meetings are scheduled with the client to discuss all aspects of the required training, and to ensure that the client’s needs are met.

Exposure Visit Programs

Many professionals are interested in field visits to observe best practices in their field. Exposure visits are designed to provide senior government officials and decision makers with opportunities to visit and observe current technology and practices in their fields, to exchange information, to exchange experiences with local counterparts, project personnel and beneficiaries on development and management of similar projects, and to exchange views with participants from other countries. At the end of each program, a seminar is conducted at AIT to enable participants to reflect on what has been learned and what can be adapted to their own development contexts. Thailand provides numerous examples of best practice in a wide diversity of fields. AIT Extension is also experienced in organizing exposure visit programs to many countries in the region, with recent experience in Vietnam, Laos, Malaysia, Korea, Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore and the UK.
Consulting Services

AIT Extension professional staff offer a wide range of technical assistance and consulting services. These include:

- **Human Resource Development**: Development of human resource development (HRD) programs and projects; assessment of training needs in organizations; evaluation of training courses, projects or plans; review and evaluation of the management and operation of training centers; management and implementation of training development projects.

- **Educational Development**: Curriculum design and development; evaluation of educational programs and projects; management and implementation of educational development projects; report writing and documentation.

- **Information Technology**: Strategic information technology planning; information system analysis and design; IT project management.

7.5 Learning Approach

AIT Extension’s approach to teaching and learning is to apply best practices in training, based on established principles of adult learning: peer learning, reflective thinking, problem-based learning, participatory learning and experiential learning. We aim to maximize learning by mixing these approaches appropriate to each learning context.

Methods used include short presentations, group discussions, case studies, workshops, individual exercises, simulation, role-plays, project work, peer learning and exposure visits. Training sessions are designed to allow participants the scope to interact with resource persons and actively engage in the learning process.

Participants benefit from close personal attention by AIT Extension staff. Our typical training course provides five to six hours of workshop sessions every weekday, with extensive social and cultural trips organized at the weekends in courses of two weeks or longer.

ICTs relevant and appropriate to every group of participants are incorporated into the course design.

Feedback from participants in one course is a critical input to subsequent courses. All our training courses are undertaken with the aim of continuous quality improvement.

All AIT Extension activities take advantage of AIT’s stimulating academic and social environment, and the Institute’s multicultural English-speaking academic community.

7.6 Training Resources

AIT Extension has a wide pool of academic and professional resource persons drawn from AIT’s schools, and from leading national agencies, and international and local organizations in the region.

Professional staff who are specialists in human resources development, curriculum planning, instructional system design, information technology application development and other specific technological areas.

State-of-the-art educational and information technologies incorporated into all training facilities on campus.

AIT’s campus: a serene and relaxing environment for study. Hotel and student dormitory accommodation, a medical clinic, an international cafeteria, several restaurants and sports facilities including tennis and squash courts, a golf course and a swimming pool.

7.7 Courses Completed in 2010

14th Fredskorpset Preparatory Course in Asia
Duration: 22 Mar 10 - 09 Jul 10
Course Coordinator(s): Warindhorn Srina
Sponsor: Fredskorpset Norway
Total contracted amount: THB 2,473,882.

3rd Certificate Course in Management Consulting Essentials
Duration: 22 Feb 10 - 26 May 10
Course Coordinator(s): Bahul Raj Shrestha
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total contracted amount: THB 860,600

Advance Competencies for Trainers (Training)
Duration: 09 Nov 09 - 25 Feb 10
Course Coordinator(s): Kanlaya Muangsarn
Sponsor: Government of India & PRMP Pakistan
Total contracted amount: THB 1,070,429

Advanced Risk Management for Banking Professionals
Duration: 25 Jul 10 - 25 Oct 10
Course Coordinator(s): Parichard Nuntavong
Sponsor: South Asian and Middle East Market of Basel Knowledge
Total contracted amount: THB 481,320

Advanced Strategies in Public Management
Duration: 10 Jun 10 - 14 Sep 10
Course Coordinator(s): Rowena C Alcoba
Sponsor: Ministry of Local Development Nepal
Total contracted amount: THB 334,213

AIT-NCED Institutional Linkage for Capacity Building Program
Duration: 12 Dec 09 - 24 Mar 10
Course Coordinator(s): Kanlaya Muangsarn
Sponsor: ESAT-DANIDA, Nepal
Total contracted amount: THB 619,250

AIT-NCED Institutional Linkage for Capacity Building Program
Duration: 01 Aug 09 - 31 Mar 10
Course Coordinator(s): Reynaldo Calabdan
Sponsor: ESAT-DANIDA, Nepal
Total contracted amount: THB 4,213,708

Capacity Development for Effective Organizational Performance
Duration: 23 Jun 10 - 29 Sep 10
Course Coordinator(s): Upul Kaluhetti Brahmanage
Sponsor: Ministry of Local Development Nepal
Total contracted amount: THB 483,533
Capacity Enrichment Program on Life Competencies and Civic Education
Duration: 05 Jul 10 - 13 Oct 10
Course Coordinator(s): Warindhorn Srina
Sponsor: Ministry of Education Sri Lanka
Total contracted amount: THB 632,469

Construction Management
Duration: 10 May 10 - 19 Aug 10
Course Coordinator(s): Worawan Sumroetrum
Sponsor: PRMP Government of Punjab Pakistan
Total contracted amount: THB 1,326,749

Design and Development of Instructional Materials using Desktop, Web and Multimedia Tools
Duration: 02 Nov 09 - 31 Jan 10
Course Coordinator(s): Thaniya Jirasathitpornpong
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total contracted amount: THB 490,782

Education Planning Budgeting and Monitoring
Duration: 23 Nov 09 - 04 Mar 10
Course Coordinator(s): Upul Kaluhetti Brahmanage
Sponsor: MOE Sri Lanka
Total contracted amount: THB 822,250

Effective Regulation of Infrastructure Utilities Batch I
Duration: 24 May 10 - 02 Sep 10
Course Coordinator(s): Upul K. Brahmanage
Sponsor: Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission
Total contracted amount: THB 1,000,420

Effective Regulation of Infrastructure Utilities Batch II
Duration: 07 Jun 10 - 30 Sep 10
Course Coordinator(s): Upul K. Brahmanage
Sponsor: Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission
Total contracted amount: THB 1,004,420

Energy Savings for Fluid Machinery Equipment and Effective Usage
Duration: 25 Aug 10 - 29 Nov 10
Course Coordinator(s): Worawan Sumroetrum
Sponsor: EBARA
Total contracted amount: THB 190,555

Environment and Social Safeguard
Duration: 22 Mar 10 - 28 Jun 10
Course Coordinator(s): Parichad Nuntavong
Sponsor: Ministry of Local Development Nepal
Total Contracted Amount: THB 795,802

Environmental and Social Safeguard
Duration: 17 May 10 - 23 Aug 10
Course Coordinator(s): Parichad Nuntavong
Sponsor: Ministry of Local Development Nepal
Total contracted amount: THB 798,995

Financial Management, Accounting, Planning and Projections
Duration: 26 Oct 09 - 04 Feb 10
Course Coordinator(s): Upul Kaluhetti Brahmanage
Sponsor: Government of Sri Lanka
Total contracted amount: THB 639,732

General Banking and Management of Central Banks for NRB
Duration: 05 Jul 10 - 07 Oct 10
Course Coordinator(s): Upul Kaluhetti Brahmanage
Sponsor: Nepal Rastra Bank
Total contracted amount: THB 690,428

Hospital management in Tertiary Health Care Batch 2 & 3)
Duration: 28 Sep 09 - 20 Feb 10
Course Coordinator(s): Voravate Chonlasin
Sponsor: PRMP, Pakistan
Total contracted amount: THB 2,518,847

Hospital management in Tertiary Health Care Batch 4
Duration: 26 Apr 10 - 31 Jul 10
Course Coordinator(s): Voravate Chonlasin
Sponsor: Government of Punjab, Pakistan
Total contracted amount: THB 1,158,545

Human Resource Management
Duration: 26 Apr 10 - 15 Sep 10
Course Coordinator(s): Rowena C Alcoba
Sponsor: Titus T&D Co. Ltd., Bangladesh
Total contracted amount: THB 801,645

Human Resource Management Finance and Execution
Duration: 29 Mar 10 - 15 Sep 10
Course Coordinator(s): Upul Kaluhetti Brahmanage
Sponsor: Nepal Telecom
Total contracted amount: THB 561,312

Human Resource Management Finance and Execution
Duration: 19 Aug 10 - 25 Nov 10
Course Coordinator(s): Upul Kaluhetti Brahmanage
Sponsor: Nepal Telecom
Total contracted amount: THB 690,428

ICT/ICM for National Agricultural Research Information Systems in Asia Pacific region
Duration: 14 Sep 10 - 15 Dec 10
Course Coordinator(s): Niramol Ponvilai
Sponsor: Asia Pacific Association for Agricultural Research Institute
Total contracted amount: THB 507,449

IEE and Environment
Duration: 01 Jul 10 - 05 Oct 10
Course Coordinator(s): Phyu Sin
Sponsor: Ministry of Local Development Nepal
Total contracted amount: THB 434,330

Information Technology Audit
Duration: 31 May 10 - 29 Aug 10
Course Coordinator(s): Willy Sanjaya
Sponsor: Bangladesh Bank
Total contracted amount: THB 1,982,592

IT Applications in Financial Management
Duration: 30 Aug 10 - 02 Dec 10
Course Coordinator(s): Thaniya Jirasathitpornpong
Sponsor: SIDA SAREC
Total contracted amount: THB 262,937

IT Network Security
Duration: 05 Oct 09 - 21 Jan 10
Course Coordinator(s): AIT Ext
Sponsor: LUNAWA Environment and Community Development Project Sri Lanka
Total contracted amount: THB 727,040

Leading Change and Organizational Renewal
Duration: 02 Nov 09 - 04 Feb 10
Course Coordinator(s): Rowena C Alcoba
Sponsor: Bangladesh Bank, PIM and University of Kelaniya
Total contracted amount: THB 528,944

Management of Training Centers and Manpower Planning
Duration: 29 Mar 10 - 30 Dec 10
Course Coordinator(s): Voravate Chonlasin, Kanlaya Muangsan
Sponsor: UNICEF/GDHR MMPW Government of Iraq
Total contracted amount: THB 4,872,006

Marketing and Value Chain Management in Agriculture
Duration: 29 Mar 10 - 08 Jul 10
Course Coordinator(s): Kanlaya Muangsan
Sponsor: Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), Bangladesh; Multi donors
Total contracted amount: THB 814,660

MATT-2: 3rd Regional Exposure Visit Program (Batch 21)
Duration: 29 Nov 09 - 11 Mar 10
Course Coordinator(s): Voravate Chonlasin
Sponsor: DFID
Total contracted amount: THB 5,089,128

MATT2-2nd Regional Exposure Visit Program (Batch 22)
Duration: 25 Jan 10 - 06 May 10
Course Coordinator(s): Mr. Voravate Chonlasin
Sponsor: DFID
Total contracted amount: THB 5,172,349
Matt2-2nd Regional Exposure Visit Program (Batch 26)
Duration: 09 Aug 10 - 20 Nov 10
Course Coordinator(s): Voravate Chonlasin
Sponsor: DFID
Total contracted amount: THB 5,559,945

Monitoring and Evaluation in Post Conflict Recovery
Duration: 22 Feb 10 - 01 Jun 10
Course Coordinator(s): Voravate Chonlasin
Sponsor: Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction, Nepal
Total contracted amount: THB 444,992

Monitoring and Evaluation of Infrastructure Development Project
Duration: 28 Sep 09 - 07 Jan 10
Course Coordinator(s): Worawan Sumroetrum
Sponsor: PRMMP, Pakistan
Total contracted amount: THB 1,282,098

Office Management Skills using IT
Duration: 28 Jun 10 - 30 Sep 10
Course Coordinator(s): Thaniya Jirasathitpornpong
Sponsor: Bangladesh Bank
Total contracted amount: THB 701,833

Prawn Hatchery Operations and Management
Duration: 04 Oct 09 - 30 Apr 10
Course Coordinator(s): Wichit Silpamaneephan
Sponsor: Department of Fisheries and DANIDA, Bangladesh
Total contracted amount: THB 894,988

Professional Development Course on Curriculum Development and Implementation
Duration: 31 Aug 10 - 11 Dec 10
Course Coordinator(s): Warindhorn Srina
Sponsor: World Bank, Balkh University, Afghanistan
Total contracted amount: THB 913,238

Professional Training Course on Training for Trainers
Duration: 09 Nov 09 - 12 Feb 10
Course Coordinator(s): Warindhorn Srina
Sponsor: Government of India
Total contracted amount: THB 1,070,492

Project Appraisal and Feasibility Study for Road Projects
Duration: 05 Jul 10 - 04 Nov 10
Course Coordinator(s): Worawan Sumroetrum
Sponsor: UNESCO
Total contracted amount: THB 3,473,600

Project Management and IT Application
Duration: 05 Jul 10 - 14 Oct 10
Course Coordinator(s): Thaniya Jirasathitpornpong
Sponsor: Titas Gas Company/Bangladesh Bank
Total contracted amount: THB 1,472,539

Project Management Monitoring and Evaluation
Duration: 17 May 10 - 02 Sep 10
Course Coordinator(s): Upul Kaluhetti Brahmanage
Sponsor: Titas Gas Company Bangladesh
Total contracted amount: THB 1,021,768

Project Monitoring and Evaluation Focused on Poverty Reduction and MDG
Duration: 25 Jan 10 - 30 Apr 10
Course Coordinator(s): Ms. Phyu Sin
Sponsor: UNDP/LGSP-LIC
Total contracted amount: THB 420,365

Project Planning and Quality Assurance
Duration: 23 Nov 09 - 25 Feb 10
Course Coordinator(s): Phyu Sin
Sponsor: Nepal Telecom
Total contracted amount: THB 542,850

Study Visit on Program on Project Management and Application of ICT
Duration: 29 Apr 10 - 07 Aug 10
Course Coordinator(s): Agus Prajogo
Sponsor: LGED Bangladesh
Total contracted amount: THB 739,600

Study Visit Program on Education Policy Planning and Implementation
Duration: 22 Aug 10 - 26 Nov 10
Course Coordinator(s): Warindhorn Srina
Sponsor: National education Commission, Sri Lanka
Total contracted amount: THB 204,189

Sustainable Rural Development and Agricultural Practices using IT Applications
Duration: 23 Aug 10 - 30 Nov 10
Course Coordinator(s): Willy Sanjaya
Sponsor: Min of Agriculture and rural Development, Ethiopia
Total contracted amount: THB 686,031

Sustainable Urban Poverty Reduction Project Management
Duration: 21 Dec 09 - 29 Mar 10
Course Coordinator(s): Worawan Sumroetrum
Sponsor: UNDP Bangladesh
Total contracted amount: THB 1,013,140

Urban Environmental Management
Duration: 09 Aug 10 - 18 Nov 10
Course Coordinator(s): Zakir Hossain
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total contracted amount: THB 512,164

Water Supply Infrastructure and Social Development
Duration: 28 Jun 10 - 30 Sep 10
Course Coordinator(s): Willy Sanjaya
Sponsor: UN HABITAT Afghanistan
Total contracted amount: THB 540,046

7.8 Courses Completed in 2010 (project account ongoing)

Agribusiness Management
Duration: 08 Nov 10 - 17 Feb 11
Course Coordinator(s): Sujidtra Pumsombat
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total contracted amount: THB 480,157

Banking and Finance
Duration: 25 Oct 10 - 03 Feb 11
Course Coordinator(s): Willy Sanjaya
Sponsor: Bangladesh Bank
Total contracted amount: THB 1,732,098

Data Organization and Analysis using Statistical Application
Duration: 22 Nov 10 - 24 Feb 11
Course Coordinator(s): Thaniya Jirasathitpornpong
Sponsor: SIDA SAREC
Total contracted amount: THB 262,937

Database Development and Administration
Duration: 06 Dec 10 - 24 Mar 11
Course Coordinator(s): Agus S. Prajogo
Sponsor: Balkh University, Afghanistan
Total contracted amount: THB 1,319,200

Essential Management Skills using IT
Duration: 27 Sep 10 - 06 Jan 11
Course Coordinator(s): Thaniya Jirasathitpornpong
Sponsor: Titas Gas T&D Co Ltd
Total contracted amount: THB 1,738,889

Exposure Visit Program for Nepali Journalists
Duration: 01 Dec 10 - 30 Mar 11
Course Coordinator(s): Kanlaya Muangsan
Sponsor: Nepal Rastra Bank
Total contracted amount: THB 182,362

Fellowship Program on Education Management and e Governance
Duration: 06 Sep 10 - 03 Feb 11
Course Coordinator(s): Agus S. Prajogo
Sponsor: UNESCO
Total contracted amount: THB 301,900

Financial Management Accounting Planning and Projection
Duration: 01 Nov 10 - 14 Feb 11
Course Coordinator(s): Faiz Shah
Sponsor: MOE Sri Lanka
Total contracted amount: THB 975,729

Hospital Management
Duration: 30 Aug 10 - 28 Feb 11
Course Coordinator(s): Voravate Chonlasin
Sponsor: Government of Karnataka, India
Total contracted amount: THB 1,212,218
ICT: e Governance in Asia
Duration: 29 Nov 10 - 03 Mar 11
Course Coordinator(s): Agus S Prajogo
Sponsor: Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne
Total contracted amount: THB 585,357

Inland Waterways Transportation
Duration: 08 Nov 10 - 10 Feb 11
Course Coordinator(s): Willy Sanjaya
Sponsor: Ministry of Transportation, Indonesia
Total contracted amount: THB 632,400

Integrated Solid Waste and Waste Water management
Duration: 11 Oct 10 - 27 Jan 11
Course Coordinator(s): Phyu Sin
Sponsor: Canadian Red Cross
Total contracted amount: THB 1,206,652

International Exposure Program on MSME Financing
Duration: 27 Oct 10 - 01 Feb 11
Course Coordinator(s): Faiz Shah
Sponsor: College of Agricultural Banking/Reserve Bank of India
Total contracted amount: THB 1,283,358

Macro Planning of Water Resources and Monitoring of Water Sector Projects
Duration: 22 Nov 10 - 03 Mar 11
Course Coordinator(s): Zakir Hossain
Sponsor: Water Resources Planning Organization, Bangladesh
Total contracted amount: THB 813,865

Management and Implementation of Development Projects
Duration: 10 Oct 10 - 03 Feb 11
Course Coordinator(s): Faiz Shah
Sponsor: Multiple donors
Total contracted amount: THB 347,946

Management Skills for Central Banks
Duration: 06 Dec 10 - 10 Mar 11
Course Coordinator(s): Upul Kalyanira Brahmanage
Sponsor: Nepal Rastra Bank
Total contracted amount: THB 645,670

MATT-2: 2nd Regional Exposure Visit Program (Batch 28)
Duration: 14 Nov 10 - 24 Feb 11
Course Coordinator(s): Worawan Sumroetrum
Sponsor: DFID
Total contracted amount: THB 4,780,482

Organizational Strategic Planning and Management
Duration: 21 Dec 10 - 24 Mar 11
Course Coordinator(s): Fazle Karim
Sponsor: for Campaign for Popular Education, Bangladesh
Total contracted amount: THB 394,372

Petroleum Exploration Technologies
Duration: 13 Dec 10 - 22 Mar 11
Course Coordinator(s): Willy Sanjaya
Sponsor: Petrobangla, Bangladesh
Total contracted amount: THB 598,200

Professional development program on training of master trainers
Duration: 05 Dec 10 - 15 Mar 11
Course Coordinator(s): Myint Myint Sein
Sponsor: Institute for Microfinance Bangladesh
Total contracted amount: THB 664,358

Project Monitoring and Evaluation focused on Poverty Reduction and MDGs
Duration: 20 Dec 10 - 25 Mar 11
Course Coordinator(s): Worawan Sumroetrum
Sponsor: UNDP Bangladesh
Total contracted amount: THB 420,483

Public Private Partnership for elevated Road Project
Duration: 26 Sep 10 - 06 Jan 11
Course Coordinator(s): Worawan Sumroetrum
Sponsor: Department of Road Nepal
Total contracted amount: THB 1,094,128

Road Safety Management
Duration: 01 Nov 10 - 03 Feb 11
Course Coordinator(s): Willy Sanjaya
Sponsor: Ministry of Transportation, Indonesia
Total contracted amount: THB 637,400

SAP-AIT University Alliance Program
Duration: 01 Jan 10 - 31 Mar 11
Course Coordinator(s): Fazle Karim, Mr. Agus Prajogo
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total contracted amount: THB 542,500

Souvenir Design and Development
Duration: 25 Nov 10 - 04 Mar 11
Course Coordinator(s): Thanaya Jirasathitpornpong
Sponsor: Katalyst Bangladesh
Total contracted amount: THB 934,077
Chapter 8: INTERNET EDUCATION AND RESEARCH LABORATORY (intERLab)

8.1 Introduction

Continual expansion of the Internet is creating greater demand for well-trained human resources to support the infrastructures and applications of the Internet. New computer science and engineering solutions are needed to simply handle the exponential growth in the traffic and bandwidth usage which is putting severe strain on the Internet today. There is urgent need for a new breed of engineers and technologists to respond to the growing demand from this rapid expansion with endless range of new applications.

As the Internet continues to penetrate every corner of society and of the economy, there are other non-technical issues to be addressed along with the advancement of technological progress. There is a definite need for better understanding of the Internet’s social, business, economic as well as legal implications in order to promote the standards of behaviour and practices for the community that are appropriate to continued growth and beneficial use of the Internet.

The intERLab was established in December 2003 as a fixed regional center for Internet infrastructure capacity building, where AIT based on its human and institutional networks, could play a very significant role for the region. Many Internet organizations such as the Network Startup Resource Center (NSRC) funded by NSF, the Asia-Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) and the Asia-Pacific Advanced Network (APAN) as well as many Internet business organizations provided strong support for the intERLab establishment.

The concept of establishing a fixed location for the internet human resources development has been discussed and endorsed by leading Asia-Pacific Internet organizations at their AP* Retreat meeting at AIT in year 2000. Several leading research institutions in Asia-Pacific, Europe and the US have indicated their interests in forming up a network of support for the intERLab research, training and education. The main idea is to work together with partners on training and workshops in order to produce network engineers for the stable deployment of the Internet. It was also encouraged that the intERLab develops its own expertise by doing its own research and eventually become one of the leading Internet research centers in the region.

The core component of the laboratory will be on research activities. This will be achieved by maintaining excellent research facilities and staff, hosting visiting researchers and taking advantage of linkages with research laboratories worldwide. The lab was built upon pre-existing Internetworking Research Laboratory of the School of Advanced Technologies and the Distributed Education Center.

8.2 Mission

To become one of the leading Internet regional centers of excellence; establishing intERLab/AIT name, as one of the leading Internet infrastructure HRD centers in the Asia-Pacific region; launching our research products at the regional and international level; and developing a regular degree program under SET.

8.3 Unit Governance

Prof. Kanchana Kanchanasut
IntERLab Director

8.4 Resources

Education

Distance Education and E-Education Platform VClass

VClass open source consortium
VClass trainings for AIT faculty and staff
VClass hosting service and technical support
ASEAN Virtual Institute of Science and Technology (AVIST) hosting
Custom courseware development;
E-learning consultancy;
Instructional design consultancy;
Custom course design
CanalAVIST streaming VDO over Trans-Eurasia Information Network (TEIN)

Research

Streaming Technology on the Internet

DVRelay for streaming high quality Video (DV format) over heterogeneous network
Overlay network for streaming content delivery

Computer Network Research

Wireless Internet as information infrastructure for rural Asia
Digital Ubiquitous Mobile Broadband OLSR emergency network project
Multimedia communication over heterogeneous network
8.5 Faculty and Research Staff

Faculty

KANCHANA KANCHANASUT, M.Sc and Ph. D. Computer Science, University of Melbourne, Australia. Graduate Diploma in Computer Science, University of Queensland, Australia. B. Sc. Mathematics, University of Queensland, Australia.

Professor of Computer Science, School of Engineering and Technology and Director of intERLab. [Internet for education; Heterogeneous Networks; Emergency Networks; Mobile Ad Hoc Networks; Streaming Media and Distributed Computing]

Visiting Faculty

NOEL CRESPI, GET/INT, France; Ing. Dipl (ENST), MSc, PhD.

Visiting Professor. [SIP; 3G Services; IP Multimedia Subsystem And Context Awareness B3G Core network and Service Architectures]

YASUO TSUCHIMOTO, Keio University, Japan, PhD in Media and Governance, Keio University, Japan Master of Media and Governance, Keio University, Japan Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Information from Keio University, Japan

Visiting Assistant Professor. [Computer Networks; Internet Education; Multimedia communication and Overlay network Adjunct Researchers]

Adjunct Researchers

PANITA PONGPAIBOON, Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, Stanford University Bachelor of Science (with University Distinction) in Electrical Engineering, Stanford University

Researcher National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC) [Optical network management; IP-overoptical networking; Survivable and fault-tolerant networks; Network measurement; Traffic classification; IPv6; Mobile IP and Intelligent transport system]

Affiliates

POOMPAT SAENGUDOMLERT, Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, MIT, USA M.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, MIT, USA B.S.E. in Electrical Engineering, Princeton University, USA

Assistant Professor School of Engineering and Technology [Areas of Communication Theory; Optical networks; Resource Allocation Problems and Array Processing]


Associate Professor School of Engineering and Technology [Digital Signal Processing; Routing Algorithm in the network such as IP and MPLS network; High Speed network and IP-based multimedia applications]

SURAT LERTLUM, Doctor of Technical Science in Computer Science, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand, Master of Science in Computer Science, The George Washington University, Washington D.C., U.S.A., Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Engineering, Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont, U.S.A.

Research Scientist

Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy [Low-resolution (NOAA AVHRR) forest classification includes thermal band; High-resolution (Landsat TM) forest classification includes thermal band; Multiresolution forest classification includes thermal band; Object-Oriented data model for multi-resolution / multitemporal remote sensing and GIS data sets]

Short-term Visiting Researcher

ANIS LAOUTI, HIPERCOM/INRIA and Assistant Professor, TelecomSud, France [Mobile Ad Hoc Network, Peer-to-Peer system]

HAJIME TAZAKI, Jun Murai Laboratory Keio University and WIDE Project [IP routing architecture for mobility environment: IP Mobility architecture]

Research Staff

KHANDAKAR RASHEDUL AREFIN, Master of Engineering in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science and Engineering, Khulna University of Engineering and Technology, Khulna, Bangladesh.

Research Associate [Mobile Ad Hoc Network]

PUJAN SRIVASTAVA, Master of Technology (Information Technology), Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bachelor of
8.6 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

AP Star Retreat Secretariat 2010
Duration: 01 Feb 10 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Kanchana Kanchanasut
Sponsor: APIA-APRICOT
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 250,000

Asian Internet engineering Conference 2009
Duration: 01 Jul 09 - 31 Mar 10
Project Investigator(s): Kanchana Kanchanasut
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,000,000

Epidemic Protocol for Car Talk
Duration: 01 Aug 09 - 30 Sep 10
Project Investigator(s): Kanchana Kanchanasut, Teerapat Sanguankotchakorn
Sponsor: National Electronics and Computer Technology Center, Thailand
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,970,000

ICT Policy fo National University of Laos
Duration: 30 Jun 07 - 30 Jun 10
Project Investigator(s): Kanchana Kanchanasut, Wit Hmone Tin Latt
Sponsor: Swedish International Development Agency
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,201,308

IT Training for National University of Laos (NUOL)
Duration: 1 Jun 07 – 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Kanchana Kanchanasut
Sponsor: Swedish International Development Agency
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 3,063,745

The TEIN 3 Human Resource Program for 2010
Duration: 01 Dec 09 - 01 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Kanchana Kanchanasut
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,000,000

UniChannel: Distance Education Infrastructure on UniNet
Duration: 01 Aug 08 - 30 Sep 10
Project Investigator(s): Kanchana Kanchanasut
Sponsor: Researchers/engineers
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,000,000

8.7 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Asian Internet Engineering Conference 2010
Duration: 15 Dec 09 - 15 Mar 11
Project Investigator(s): Kanchana Kanchanasut
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 900,000

CanalAVIST (Initial Phase)
Duration: 01 Dec 07 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Kanchana Kanchanasut
Sponsor: DANTE
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 729,440

Development of Emergency Networks Training and Tools Kit
Duration: 01 Feb 09 - 31 Jan 11
Project Investigator(s): Kanchana Kanchanasut
Sponsor: ISIF Asia
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 990,000

InterLab Trainings 2010
Duration: 01 Apr 10 - 01 Jan 11
Project Investigator(s): Kanchana Kanchanasut
Sponsor: Multi donors
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,500,000

TEIN3 Human Resource program for 2011
Duration: 01 Dec 10 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Kanchana Kanchanasut
Sponsor: TEIN3/DANTE
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,200,000

UniChannel: Distance Education Infrastructure on UniNet-Phase II
Duration: 01 Aug 10 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Kanchana Kanchanasut
Sponsor: UniNet (MOE/RTG)
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,000,000

8.8 Publications

International Journal Article with Impact factor

Chapter 9: AIT – VIETNAM

9.1 Introduction
Asian Institute of Technology-Vietnam (AIT-VN) was established in 1993 under the agreement between the Government of Vietnam and AIT. Asian Institute of Technology-Vietnam takes pride in being the first international institution in Vietnam and the first Center of AIT out of its headquarters in Thailand.

Vision
Our vision is to become an unique and prestigious regional institution that offers responsive, work-relevant higher educational programs and outreach services for sustainable growth of Vietnam and the region as it integrates into global economy.

Mission
The mission of AITVN is to become a leading international educational institution of higher learning in Vietnam and the region.

9.2 Governance

9.3 Services
AITVN offers academic services (in collaboration with AIT Schools and other universities of high reputation):
- Two-stage Masters, Doctors Programs
- Master Programs in Vietnam: Master of Business Administration Program for Executives; Doctor of Business Administration
- Professional Masters Programs
- International Masters of Advanced Studies

AITVN offers professional training programs:
- Short-term training courses specialized in Management and Business, Environment and Development, Language and Training, Advanced Technologies, etc.
- Customized training courses and cross-boarder study visits
- Seminars
- Outreach (consultancy) services

9.4 Fields of Postgraduate Education (On-Going)
- Information Technology (IT)
- Environment Technology Management (ETM)
- International Executive Master/Doctor of Business Administration (iEMBA/DBA)
- Industrial System Engineering Management (ISE)
- Telecommunications and ICT (TC and ICT)
- Construction, Engineering and Infrastructure Management (CEIM)
- Geo-Engineering and Management
- Geo-exploration and Petroleum Engineering
- Environmental Engineering & Management

9.5 Training Programs
Training for Professional Development

AITVN offers short training courses in 16 fields of professional skills nationwide. The programs are designed and conducted by AIT and AIT selected trainers, international experts and alumni. Newly acquired skills from those short courses are immediately applicable in improving performance at work.

Short-Term Training Courses
- Training Skills
- Interpersonal Communication Skills
- Language skills
- Administration and Secretarial
- Human Resource Development
- Management Development
- Marketing, Sales and Customer Services
- Supply Chain Management
- Industrial Engineering and Management
Tailor-made Courses

Upon request, AITVN organizes ‘tailor-made’ training courses and training combined with study tours for organizations in Vietnam and overseas. Training contents, venues and time are made to match the requirements of the recipient.

Training combined with study tour programs are in high demand. These programs have closely cooperated with universities and other institutions in Australia, Belgium, Bangladesh, China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Norway, Singapore, Taiwan and Switzerland.

9.6 Academic Programs in cooperation with AIT Schools in 2010

In cooperation with:

School of Management (SoM):

IEMBA Program Vietnam
Duration: Aug-00 - 31-Dec-09
Project Investigator Frederic William Swierczek
Sponsor AIT Operation
Total Contracted Amount (THB) 36,000,000

School of Engineering & Technology (SET)

Professional Master in Project Management, Can Tho May 2010
Duration: May-10 - May-11
Project Investigator BHW Hadikusumo, Chotchai Charoenngam
Sponsor Multi Donors
Total Contracted Amount (USD) 241,000
**9.8 Short term Courses Completed in 2010**

**By Education Management Section (EMS)**

**Advanced Interpreting Skills for GTZ**
- Duration: 23-28 August, 2010
- Total Amount (USD): 6,451

**English Test for Embassy of Sweden**
- Duration: 28 January, 2010
- Total Amount (USD): 165

**English Test for Embassy of Sweden**
- Duration: 15 April, 2010
- Total Amount (USD): 33

**Bridging Program for Post-Graduate Study for EEM Candidates**
- Duration: 20 March - 18 April, 2010
- Total Amount (USD): 3,810

**BTOT for EM1**
- Duration: 25 - 29 October, 2010
- Total Amount (USD): 9,480

**ECS for Multi-cultural Working Environment**
- Duration: 23 - 25 November, 2010
- Total Amount (USD): 2,800

**EM1 Revision for VPEG**
- Duration: 19 - 23 July, 2010
- Total Amount (USD): 5,400

**EMBA Bridging Ha Tien 1**
- Duration: 16 November, 2009 - 8 February, 2010
- Total Amount (USD): 4,830

**English Business Writing Skills for CapitaLand**
- Duration: 19-20 August, 2010
- Total Amount (USD): 1,904

**English Communication Skills (ECS) Ha Tien 1**
- Duration: 16 November, 2009 - March, 2010
- Total Amount (USD): 4,830

**English Test for Embassy of Sweden**
- Duration: 27 July, 2010
- Total Amount (USD): 75

**Bridging for SET in Hanoi**
- Duration: 21 June - 10 August, 2010
- Total Amount (USD): 4,500

**Professional Masters in Geoexploration & Petroleum Geoengineering, HCMC August 2010**
- Duration: 1-Sep-10 - 31-Dec-11
- Project Investigator: Pham Huy Giao, Noppadol Phien Wej
- Sponsor: Oil and Gas Companies, Vietnam
- Total Contracted Amount (USD): 119,821

**Professional Masters Program on Environment Engineering and Management**
- Duration: 2010-2012
- Project Investigator: Prof. Nguyen thi Kim Oanh
- Sponsor: VICEN, VINACOMIN, PVN, Corporation in Vietnam
- Total Contracted Amount (USD): 108,450

**International Executive Masters in Development Studies (IMAS)**
- Duration: 2003-2012
- Project Investigator: Daniel Fino
- Sponsor: SDC- Bern, Canton de Geneva
- Total Contracted Amount (USD): USD 130,000 (operation cost in Vietnam only)

**Professional Masters Degree Program in IE&M, HCMC Jan 2011**
- Duration: Jan-11 - May-12
- Project Investigator: Vorats Kachivityanakul, Huynh Trung Luong, Eric Bohez, Pitsut Koomsop
- Sponsor: Multi donors
- Total Contracted Amount (USD): 120,500

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 119,821**

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 22,827**

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 20,051**

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 20,051**

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 1,100**

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 5,400**

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 7,520**

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 5,400**

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 22,827**

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 4,500**

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 4,830**

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 2,800**

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**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 124,150**

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 220,300**

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 1,100**

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 2,051**

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 120,500**

**Total Contracted Amount (USD): 124,150**
By Environment & Development Section

Application of GIS in Environment Planning and Management-Advanced Revenue Center Code
Duration: October 2010-December 2010
Total Amount (USD): 5,653

Basic Facilitation and Report for AF Workshops
Duration: Jan – March 2010
Total Amount (USD): 5,790

Basic statistics - VBL
Duration: 28 June- 03 July 2010
Total Amount (USD): 5,500

Bioforsk-AIT Vietnam Workshop on Climate Change
Duration: 29 September 2010
Total Amount (USD): 5,800

Budgeting and Financial Management of Development Projects
Duration:12-16 July 2010
Total Amount (USD): 3,500

Capacity building for conducting environment education and communication program on raising the awareness of energy efficiency and saving for Holcim Vietnam
Duration: 15 September – 15 December 2010
Total Amount (USD): 2,300

Climate change impact assessment - ENDA
Duration: 27-29 September 2010
Total Amount (USD): 3,360

Climate Impact Assessment
Duration: 28 June- 30 July 2010
Total Amount (USD): 6,000

Community Development- Action Aid International Vietnam
Duration: 04 days ,10 June 2010
Total Amount (USD): 2,840

Consultation workshop on AIT- SIDA scholarship
Duration: 09 July- 30 August 2010
Total Amount (USD): 2,990

Heating in Brewery System- VBL
Duration: 07-09 June 2010
Total Amount (USD): 3,000

By Management Business Section

Advanced Human Resource Management for NAV
Duration: 14-16 September 2010
Total Contracted Amount (USD) 4,600

Banking Administration for BIDV (including 12 courses in Hanoi and HCMC)
Duration: 27 October – 12 November 2010

Total Contracted Amount (USD) 37,825

Capitaland training program (including 5 courses)
Duration
+ Presentation Skills: 18-21 May 2010
+ Work Planning and Time Management: 8-9 July 2010
+ Negotiation Skills: 17-18 Mar 2010
+ Business Writing:
+ Building a Professional Image: 19-20 May 2010
Total Contracted Amount (USD) 4,820

COLENCO Training Program (2 courses)
Duration
+ Project Circle Management: 17-18 December 2010
+ Facilitation Skills: 27-28 December 2010
Total Contracted Amount (USD) 7,200

Solid Waste Treatment-CSEED
Duration: 20 August– 30 September 2010
Total Amount (USD): 1,800

Study on Investment Conditions associated with RE sector in Vietnam – FAO- RAP
Duration: June 2010
Total Amount (USD): 16,000

Superson-follow-up Report Writing-135 Quang Ngai
Duration: 12-16 July 2010
Total Amount (USD): 4,200

Training courses on ToT-Department of Veterinary
Duration: 13-15 September, 23-24 September 2010
Total Amount (USD): 10,000

Visioning and action planning for Vietnam Public Libraries-The Asian Foundation
Duration: 8 Jan – 31 Mar 2010
Total Amount (USD): 5,790

Total Contracted Amount (USD) 7,200

Human Resource Management
Duration 6-11 June 2010
Total Amount (USD) 3500

Management and Training Development
Duration 27-30 September 2010
Total Amount (USD) 2,400

Office Admin
Duration 6-9 July 2010
Total Amount (USD) 4,400

Office Finance for CL JOC
Duration: 13-14 May 2010
Total Amount (USD): 2,700

Oil and Gas for CL JOC (2 courses)
Duration: 1-3 December and 5-7 December
Total Contracted Amount (USD) 8,500

Presentation Skills for CL JOC
Duration: 14-15 September 2010 and 3-4 November 2010
Total Contracted Amount (USD) 8,500

Total Contracted Amount (USD) 14,450

International Negotiation - ADB
Duration: 01 September – 01 December 2010
Total Amount (USD): 47,880

Refresher course on Policy Advocacy- the Asia Foundation
Duration: December 2009 - 31 Mar 2010
Total Amount (USD): 3,400

Solid Waste Treatment- CSEED
Duration: 20 August- 30 September 2010
Total Amount (USD): 1,800

Study on Investment Conditions associated with RE sector in Vietnam – FAO- RAP
Duration: June 2010
Total Amount (USD): 16,000

Total Contracted Amount (USD) 4,820

Eurowindow training program in Danang (Including 3 courses on Professional Selling Skills)
Duration 16-21 September 2010
Total Contracted Amount (USD) 7,200

Eurowindow training program in Hanoi; Including 3 courses on Professional Selling Skills
Duration 22-28 September 2010
Total Contracted Amount (USD) 7,200

Finance Management for NAV
Duration: 19-21 October 2010
Total Contracted Amount (USD) 1,400

Human Resource Management
Duration 6-11 June 2010
Total Amount (USD) 3500

Management and Training Development
Duration 27-30 September 2010
Total Amount (USD) 2,400

Office Admin
Duration 6-9 July 2010
Total Amount (USD) 4,400

Office Finance for CL JOC
Duration: 13-14 May 2010
Total Amount (USD): 2,700

Oil and Gas for CL JOC (2 courses)
Duration: 1-3 December and 5-7 December
Total Contracted Amount (USD) 8,500

Presentation Skills for CL JOC
Duration: 14-15 September 2010 and 3-4 November 2010
Total Contracted Amount (USD) 8,500

Total Contracted Amount (USD) 14,450

Integrated Environmental Management in Coastal Industrial and Urban Areas- PCDA
Duration:22-25 June 2010
Total Amount (USD): 5,613

Integration of Environmental Management and Cleaner Production Aspects into Environmental Inspection of Industrial Enterprises - Denmark
Duration: 22-25 November 2010
Total Amount (USD): 2,867

International Negotiation - ADB
Duration: 01 September – 01 December 2010
Total Amount (USD): 47,880

Refresher course on Policy Advocacy- the Asia Foundation
Duration: December 2009 - 31 Mar 2010
Total Amount (USD): 3,400

Solid Waste Treatment- CSEED
Duration: 20 August- 30 September 2010
Total Amount (USD): 1,800

Study on Investment Conditions associated with RE sector in Vietnam – FAO- RAP
Duration: June 2010
Total Amount (USD): 16,000

Superson-follow-up Report Writing-135 Quang Ngai
Duration: 12-16 July 2010
Total Amount (USD): 4,200

Training courses on ToT-Department of Veterinary
Duration: 13-15 September, 23-24 September 2010
Total Amount (USD): 10,000

Visioning and action planning for Vietnam Public Libraries-The Asian Foundation
Duration: 8 Jan – 31 Mar 2010
Total Amount (USD): 5,790

Total Contracted Amount (USD) 37,825
Project Management for CL JOC  
Duration: 4,000  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 4,000

Project Management for DCE  
Duration: 3,800  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 3,800

Strategic Planning and Implementing for Community Health Care for the Children  
Duration: 10,746  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 10,746

Work Planning and Time Management  
Duration: 2,000  
Total Amount (USD): 2,000

By Information and Technology and Industrial Management Section (ITIMS)  
Aggregate Planning  
Duration: 1,200  
Total Amount (USD): 1,200

Contract writing and conflicts resolutions skills  
Duration: 2,060  
Total Amount (USD): 2,060

Data analysis and Presentation using Excel  
Duration: 1,680  
Total Amount (USD): 1,680

Data analysis and Presentation using Excel  
Duration: 1,800  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 1,800

Improve Business Management for Top Management of VICEM  
Duration: 35,579  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 35,579

Maintenance Management Advance  
Duration: 2,150  
Total Amount (USD): 2,150

Management Skills for Production Supervisors  
Duration: 1,000  
Total Amount (USD): 1,000

Material Inventory Management  
Duration: 1,860  
Total Amount (USD): 1,860

Production and Operations Management  
Duration: 3,694  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 3,694

Production and Operations Management  
Duration: 3,693  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 3,693

Spare-parts Inventory Management  
Duration: 1,000  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 1,000

Statistic Techniques for Sampling test and Quality control - HABECO  
Duration: 5,088  
Total Amount (USD): 5,088

Training cum study visit: Planning and Implementation of Community markets and marke connecting roads  
Duration: 20,000  
Total Amount (USD): 20,000

Training cum Study visit: Urban Environmental Management & Application of ICT  
Duration: 55,460  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 55,460

Training cum Study visit: Urban Environmental Management & Application of ICT  
Duration: 55,460  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 55,460

Training cum Study visit: Urban Environmental Management & Application of ICT  
Duration: 61,500  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 61,500

Warehouse & Distribution Management  
Duration: 2,520  
Total Amount (USD): 2,520

Warehouse Management & Control  
Duration: 1,800  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 1,800

Warehouse Management & Control  
Duration: 2,604  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 2,604

9.9 On-going Activities

By Environment & Development Section

Effectively cooperating tools for EM including EE, EA, ER and EMS  
Duration: 5,122.7  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 5,122.7

Integrating CP and EM into Environmental Inspection- CPI  
Duration: 21,082  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 21,082

Integration of Environmental Management and Cleaner Production Aspects into Environmental Inspection of Industrial Enterprises  
Duration: 18,026  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 18,026

Project planning and management  
Duration: 7,000  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 7,000

Technical Guidelines for Provincial Assessment of Climate Change Vulnerabilities  
Duration: 22,186  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 22,186

Training cum Study tour on livelihood development for NETZ  
Duration: 6,905.7  
Total Amount (USD): 6,905.7

By Management Business Section

Advocacy for LMMPA  
Duration: 9,165  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 9,165

Banking Administration for BIDV (including 14 courses in Hanoi and HCMC)  
Duration: 19,000  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 19,000

BIDV Training Program for Experts  
Duration: 45,454  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 45,454

Budgeting for Eurowindow  
Duration: 2,400  
Total Contracted Amount (USD): 2,400

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Chapter 10: CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE AND OUTREACH

10.1: CENTER OF EXCELLENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE (Coe SDCC)

10.1.1 Profile

AIT’s Strategic Plan 2013 emphasizes the consolidation of research efforts and creation of a niche that will harness the institute’s range of network, experience and expertise. Sustainable development has been central to AIT’s research and development efforts since its inception. The Institute has responded rapidly to the new challenges the region faces. Climate change is a global challenge and concerted trans-disciplinary efforts are required to develop new adaptation and mitigation strategies which will provide local communities more resilience while leading towards a more sustainable society. The Asian Institute of Technology is committed to work towards this by forming strong team, and networks and working in a collaborative manner with all stakeholders. The Institute continues to pursue its role as a leading center of knowledge production in the region.

Since its inception in September 2009, the Center of Excellence on Sustainable Development in the context of Climate Change (COE SDCC) has been playing its role in supporting AIT’s role as an institute working in climate change platform in the region through maximizing the institute’s research resources as well as its broad network.

10.1.2 Mission

The mission of the AIT Center of Excellence in SDCC to consolidate the institute’s research efforts and broaden the networks and partnerships by providing a platform to discuss and launch shared initiatives and pool resources to effectively address issues and challenges in sustainable development and climate change.

10.1.3 Objectives

- Bring together thought-leaders, research groups and SDCC experts to reflect on future research, design action plans and agenda, and pool resources to face emerging issues and urgent themes in climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- Consolidate the Institute’s research efforts and partnerships by providing a platform to discuss AND LAUNCH shared initiatives with like-minded stakeholders and partners.
- Strengthen AIT’s role as regional hub of knowledge and experience in research and development in sustainable development and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

10.1.4 Facilities

SDCC is regulated by the AIT human resources rules and by AIT contracts. SDCC provides student assistantships based on the work needs and issues contracts to its short term consultants according to AIT standards and work requirements. SDCC is involved in working closely with AIT faculty, researchers, students and external partners according to the needs and requirements of the type of work / projects.

10.1.5 Activities Carried out in 2010

SDCC / AIT – France Network Program

In order to strengthen AIT and France common research strategy toward SDCC – Sustainable Development in the context of Climate Change, a regional program targeting young researchers interested in new collaborative projects was initiated which is based on the general theme of “sustainable development and climate change”, with a focus on the development of the ASEAN region using multidisciplinary approaches.

Objective:

To identify high-quality proposals for leading-edge research projects between research teams from AIT, France and ASEAN based institutions, particularly in the six thematic research areas identified by AIT for its new Center of Excellence on
Sustainable Development in the context of Climate Change.

In order to provide additional support to the selected projects and to use the necessary ties between Asian and French teams, the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (MAEE), through the Regional Office for Cooperation, Embassy of France in Thailand, and its financial agreement for the year 2009 with the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), decide to allocate partial scholarships for doctoral studies under a joint supervision scheme between AIT and a French institution. Joint supervision under French model enables a doctoral student to pursue his/her research work under the supervision of two institutions.

Current Status of the Program:

After a thorough evaluation from the Scientific Committee and the final decision from the Steering Committee of the regional program “SDCC / AIT - France Network” co-funded and implemented in partnership by AIT and the French regional cooperation at AIT (French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs), we are very pleased to announce the selected proposals:

Assessment of Co-Benefits on Air Quality and Climate Resulted from Various Control Strategies in Southeast Asia
PI: Prof. N.T. Kim Oanh
Partners: Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia Laboratoire des Sciences du Climat et de l’Environnement, GIF/Yvette, France Institut de Combustion, Aérothermie, Réactivité et Environnement (ICARE), France

LICORICE (Life Cycle Assessment of Cotton and Rice)
PI: Dr. Sylvain Perret

Production of Bio-ethanol and Biomaterials from Oil Palm Biomass: A study of Feedstock Sustainability, Technological Efficiency and Social Applicability.
PI: Prof. Sudip K. Rakshit.
Partners: University of Sains Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia, nancy University, France, INRA-Plate-forme de Predeveloppement en Biotecnologie, France, ENSTIB, Epinal, France.

Sustainability Issues Due to Coal Ash From Coal Fired Power Plants.
PI: Prof. Ajit Annachatre
Partners: Chiang Mai University, Thailand, De La Salle University, Manila, the Philippines, Universite Paris-Est Marne-la-Valee, France.

Special Cases:

Low Carbon Cities: Learning from the Experiences in France.
PI: Prof. Sivanappan Kumar
Partner: ADEME

Asia Technology Needs Assessment (TNA) Implementation Project

The UNEP Risoe Centre (URC), Denmark has engaged CoE SDCC in working as Regional Center of its Technology Needs Assessment (TNA) project in developing Asian countries. As regional centre, CoE SDCC serves as the focal point in giving any technical support and capacity building for the participant countries respectively. This is part of a worldwide effort by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to implement the TNA project, which is designed to support 35 to 45 countries within the framework of the UNFCCC. The project is being implemented in two rounds, with 5 to 6 countries in Asia (Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Bangladesh, and Georgia) in the first round and another 5 to 6 countries in Asia to be included in the second round. The objective of the TNA project is to assist participant developing country identify and analyze priority technology needs, which can form the basis for a portfolio of environmentally sound technology (EST) projects and programs to facilitate the transfer of, and access to, the ESTs and knowledge in the implementation of Article 4.5 of the UNFCCC Convention.

The project is also aimed at strengthening the networking of the regional centers in different parts of the world and enhances their cooperation with countries through their role as regional knowledge hub for supporting relevant activities in the region. The capacity built through the project can be useful far beyond the duration of this project in this important area of technology transfer. This is because many more activities can be expected to be initiated by various donors, governments, and other agencies in all the regions. Prof. S.K. Rakshit and Prof. S. Kumar will serve as the focal point for the Regional Centre in SDCC, AIT in adaptation and mitigation respectively.

Current status of the project

1. A first Regional Capacity Building Workshop for round one countries in Asia has been conducted in Bangkok from 15-17 September 2010. The aim was to familiarize the country TNA coordinators, national consultant, and experts in selecting technologies/strategies for Mitigation & Adaptation, conducting the stakeholder engagement and other technical support knowledge they might need for TNA implementation. Participants included country participants from the five first
round countries, UNEP, GEF, UNDP and AIT.

2. Second regional capacity building Workshop in Asia For Technology Needs Assessment Project has been conducted in Bangkok from 18-21 January 2011. The workshop aimed to provide inputs / training to the National Consultants / Experts working on the project in the countries in:

1. Identifying barriers and inefficiencies by using market mapping and other tools;
2. Identifying activities aimed to overcome the identified barriers and inefficiencies;
3. Identifying activities to accelerate technology deployment; and
4. Developing TAPs describing activities and enabling frameworks to overcome the barriers and facilitate the transfer, adoption, and diffusion of selected technologies in the participant countries.

Thailand’s Institutional and Policy Landscape on Climate Change Mitigation

Aiming to provide an assessment of gaps between needs for effective implementation of National Strategy on Climate Change prepared by Royal Thai Government and existing supports from all UN agencies, government’s own plans, and support from other international non-governmental agencies is considered as first step to identity possible areas to develop joint programme and activities to support government, UNEP as the Secretariat for the Joint Team on Climate Change has engaged AIT in conducting a thorough research on Thailand’s institutional and policy landscape on climate change mitigation.

The study is designed to map the role of stakeholders: who (UN agencies, Government and non-government) is doing what in the context of climate change mitigation including technology transfer, what is the policy and legislative environment, what are the mitigation strategies and action plans of the government and what gaps exist and how can the UN agencies help to fill in the gaps.

Current Status: Ongoing

10.1.6 Plans for 2011

- Continuing the current research project.
- Approaching new research projects related to SDCC mandate.
10.2: ASEAN REGIONAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE ON MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (ARCMDG)

10.2.1 Introduction

Following the ASEAN Regional Roundtable on MDGs “ECOSOC’s Promotion and Achievement of Millennium Development Goals through Education and Outreach” on 24-25 March 2008 held at Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, and through declaration made by the participants, the ASEAN Regional Center of Excellence on MDGs was created to promote, educate and train on MDGs throughout the region in close collaboration with actors in the field.

ARCMGD has been welcomed by the UN Secretary-General as the world’s first Regional Center of Excellence on MDGs following its establishment and functioning at AIT. The center was established and made functional since 1 May 2008 with the appointment of Dr. Jayant Kumar Routray, Professor of Regional and Rural Development Planning as Director to formalize the initial process and follow the activities as mandated through the mentioned declaration. Mission

10.2.2 Mission

The mission of the ARCMGD is to contribute, catalyze and deliver knowledge management services, in order to support the implementation and timely attainment of the MDGs in the ASEAN region and beyond. The aim is pursued through its capacity building, education and research programs, coupled with consulting and advisory services, networking and partnership building activities in close collaboration with national, regional and international organizations inclusive of civil societies and non-governmental organizations.

Moreover, together with AIT outstanding academic and professional training programmes, ARCMGD facilitates strengthening of capacity buildings of officials of governments and organizations. The courses offered are designed for skilled professionals in development field and are presented by knowledgeable and experienced trainers.

10.2.3 Goals

ARCMGD goals are:

1. To optimize the knowledge management on all aspects of MDGs in ASEAN and elsewhere.

2. To facilitate the identification, development, sharing, implementation of good practices in MDGs governance and in MDGs programme execution.

3. To facilitate and institutionalize trend analysis and transparent monitoring of MDG achievements and failures.

10.2.4 Objectives

In response to the declaration of the ASEAN Regional Roundtable and following the TOR of the center, the objectives are as follows:

1. To popularize the MDGs, by spreading, disseminating, and propagating information on MDGs, starting with 4 Goals: Goal 1, Eradication of Extreme Poverty and Hunger; Goal 3, Promotion of Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women; Goal 7, Ensuring Environmental Sustainability; and Goal 8, Global Partnership for Development, throughout the ASEAN Region.

2. To mobilize educational environments for spreading, teaching and learning about MDGs.

3. To develop and offer pedagogical modules, educational materials and tools for MDGs training in government and academic institutions, civil society, NGOs and private sector, complementing similar initiatives by other Centers of Excellence on MDGs operating elsewhere in the world.

4. To help establish National Centers of Excellence, starting with the ASEAN Region and to exchange information and competencies on MDGs between the Centers of Excellence.

5. To stress the promotion of gender equality and empowerment of women as a cross-cutting issue of all MDGs, viewed within the human rights perspective and linked to the MDGs.

6. To establish a bank of trainers and of networks of experts in MDGs and to train the trainers and professionals involved with MDGs.

7. To conduct research of psycho-pedagogical impact for the spread of MDGs.

8. To collaborate and cooperate with internal units of AIT and external institutions, countries and regional organizations, including UN, NGOs, civil societies engaged in MDGs focused activities.

9. To organize seminars of experts and to make publications, press relations on MDGs.

10. To harmonize the internal AIT initiatives on Gender, MDGs and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

11. To document research on related themes of the MDGs and to disseminate the impacts of MDGs.

12. To coordinate and cooperate with Schools, Fields of Study, and AIT Extension for the integration of MDGs into the core curricula.
10.2.5 Governance

All ARCMDG staff is regulated by the AIT human resources rules and by AIT contracts. ARCMDG accepts short term internships and issues contracts to its short term consultants according to AIT standards.

10.2.6 Staff

The work of ARCMDG is managed by a Director, under the guidance of a Steering Committee composed of AIT faculty, and of an Advisory Board composed of eminent personalities. ARCMDG is presently organized in four units of work plus the director's office. AIT provides administrative and management support and oversight to ARCMDG, including administrative services, finance, budget, human resources and other support services.

The four units of work are:
1. Eradication of extreme poverty and hunger
2. Gender equality and women empowerment
3. Environmental sustainability
4. Global partnership for development

10.2.7 Organization of Work

ARCMDG training and capacity building services are implemented as far as possible through the AIT Extension. ARCMDG outreach, applied research and policy facilitation work is done by ARCMDG staff in collaboration with partners.

10.2.8 Location and Facilities

ARCMDG is located at the AIT Campus in Pathumthani, near Bangkok, Thailand. The ARCMDG office facility is presently located at the AIT Conference Centre.

10.2.9 Courses and Services

ARCMDG provides a variety of services to the MDGs authorities and focal points in national governments, International organizations and International NGOs.

The major focus of ARCMDG activities is to accelerate and facilitate organizational changes and innovation, particularly at grass root level, to strengthen the result orientation of development operations, to guarantee the people empowerment in development deeds and to facilitate the localization of MDGs efforts.

The services planned for the future include a user friendly online facility to facilitate self-evaluation of MDGs trends and an online network to facilitate the sharing of good practices and the understanding of the required improvements.

ARCMDG cooperates closely with other AIT outreach programmes, such as the AIT Yunus Centre, the CSR Asia Center, UNAIT, the Center on sustainable development in the context of Climate Change (SDCC) as well as with the AIT Centers of Excellence, partners and sponsors.

AIT regular academic courses in the area of Millennium Development Goals include the following:

MDG 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger
- D60.01 - Development Economics;
- IN00.21 - Sustainable Development;
- ED77.01 - Rural and Regional Development;
- ED77.05 - Rural-Urban Relations;
- ED77.08 - Agricultural Development Planning;
- ED77.13 - Rural-Regional Planning Workshop;
- ED77.14 - Community Development Planning.

MDG 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women
- ED75.01 - Gender and Development;
- ED75.02 - Society, Technology and Health;
- ED 75.03 - Gender, Enterprise and Organizations;
- ED 75.04 - Gender, Rural Livelihoods and Sustainable Development;
- ED 75.05 - Gender, Technology and Economic Development;
- ED 75.06 - Gender, Culture and Human Development;
- ED 75.07 - Gender Analysis and Gender-responsive Development Planning;
- ED 75.08 - New Technology, Industrialization and Gender;
- ED 75.09 - Transforming Gender Ideologies in Society;
• ED 75.10 - Gender, Urbanization and Urban Management;
• ED75.9002 - Selected Topic: New Technologies, Industrialization and Gender: Nature of globalization; gender, industrialization and technology;
• ED75.9003 - Selected Topic: Workshop on Gender, Environment & Development;
• ED75.9004 - Selected Topic: Gender Politics, Civil Society & Human Rights;
• ED75.9005 - Selected Topic: Gender, Migration and Human Trafficking in Asia.

MDG 7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

• ED78.01 - Economics;
• ED78.02 - Biological Processes;
• ED78.03 - Physico-Chemical Processes;
• ED78.04 - Aquatic Chemistr;
• ED78.05 - Waste Reduction and Recycling;
• ED78.06 - Air Pollution and Air Quality Management;
• ED78.07 - Solid Waste Management;
• ED78.08 - Environmental Quality Management;
• ED78.09 - Environmental Management and Ethics;
• ED78.10 - Environmental Health and Sanitation;
• ED78.11 - Integrated Life Science;
• ED78.12 - Principles of Toxicology;
• ED78.13 - Health, Development and Environment;
• ED78.14 - Membrane Technology in Water and Wastewater Treatment;
• ED78.15 - Design of Water Supply and Wastewater Systems;
• ED78.16 - Applied Microbiology and Laboratory;
• ED78.17 - Advanced Processes for Wastewater Treatment, Reuse and Recycle;
• ED78.18 - Toxic Organics and Trace Metals in Ecosystem;
• ED78.19 - Environmental Impact Assessment;
• ED78.20 - Industrial Waste Abatement and Management;
• ED78.21 - Water Quality Management;
• ED78.22 - Air Pollution Modeling and Applications;
• ED78.23 - Hazardous Waste Technology and Management;
• ED78.25 - Principles of Cleaner Production;
• ED78.27 - Environmental Toxicology;
• ED78.28 - Health/Environmental Risk and Impact Assessment;
• ED78.31 - Bioengineering and Environmental Health;
• ED78.9010 - Environmental Economics;
• ED79.01 - Urban Environmental Management Systems;
• ED79.03 - Urban Planning and the Built-Environment;
• ED79.04 - Environmental Science and Technology for Decision Makers;
• ED79.05 - Urbanization and Environmental Policy;
• ED79.06 - Environmental Auditing;
• ED79.07 - Disaster Management in Urban Environmental Planning;
• ED79.08 - Environmental Legislation;
• ED79.09 - Urban Environmental Design;
• ED79.10 - Urban Environmental Planning and Management Workshop;
• ED79.12 - Management of Urban Housing, Infrastructure and Service;
• ED79.13 - Strategic Environmental Assessment for Urban Development;
• ED79.14 - Governance and Urban Management;
• ED79.15 - Urban Economics and Finance;
• ED79.16 - Environmental Conflict Resolution and Mediation.

Other MDGs Courses planned for 2011 by AIT Extension

• Agri-Business Management
• Food Safety and Quality Management
• Sustainable Land Management and Extension Techniques
• Project Management
• Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation
• Quality Assurance for Higher Education and Training Institutions
• Toxic and Hazardous Waste Management
• Urban Environmental Planning and Management
• Sustainable Sanitation System and Technology
• Management for Development Results
• Rural Entrepreneurship Development
• Urban Poverty Reduction
• Gender Mainstreaming into Plans
• Program and Legislation: Political & Electoral Process
• Organizational Changes to accelerate and localize MDG implementation

10.2.10 Activities Carried Out in 2010

Organizational and Policy Support

1. MDGs 6th Round Table in Danang, Vietnam, 22-23 April 2010;
2. In August 2010 a new Director was selected;
3. In September 2010 Dr. Sandro Calvani took office as new Director;
4. Former Director Prof. Jayant Routray continues to support ARCMDG Management as Head of Training;
5. A new Business Plan was drafted and circulated to Steering Committee ;
6. The new director initiated a wide consultation of perspective partners including AIT Excellence Centers, AIT Consulting, AIT Extension, ASEAN Secretariat, the World Economic Forum and various UN Bodies, in order to create an enabling environment for a partnership with other organizations to support policy making and Knowledge Management Services for MDGs acceleration;

8. Regional Workshop on the ASEAN Roadmap for the attainment of MDGs, 24-25 January 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Training


2. A workshop on "MDGs analysis and operational indicators for gender mainstreaming and equality" was held on 28-29 January 2010.

3. Capacity Building for Poverty Reduction Strategies, Government of India (Phase I), 1-12 March 2010, ARCMDC and GIC

4. Capacity Building for Poverty Reduction Strategies, Government of India (Phase II), 20– 02 April 2010, ARCMDC and GIC

5. Development of the training modules on gender mainstreaming and equality and pilot testing using existing research including UNIFEM materials on 9-17 August 2010

6. “Study Visit Program on Strategic Planning and Pro-Poor Growth”, 3-10 October 2010 in Thailand and Indonesia

7. Senior Executive Training & Multi-Country Study visits on “Development Planning, Management & Governance” for Government of India Officials, 1-2 November 2010, jointly organized by GIC and ARCMDG, AIT.

8. Training on Gender Mainstreaming and Equality with Focus on MDGs, 6-11 December 2010 for Afghanistan officials.


UNIFEM Project

1. Training Workshop and Thematic Research on Gender Mainstreaming.


10.2.11 Plans for 2011 and Beyond

1. A fundamental challenge required for MDGs acceleration is to re-design and re-focus the pro-poorness of development governance. It is self-evident that the required technologies for sustainable development are now available and affordable. However, while there is a consensus on what should be done to attain the MDGs, there is too much fragmentation on who should lead the required organizational changes and how people should be empowered. People empowerment and localizing the attainment of MDGs could represent the great leap which can make up for the required difference.

The most important and safest foundation of sustainable growth is an in-depth understanding of the ongoing development process and, in particular, of its failures and success stories. Since ignorance and indifference should not be tolerated either by governments or civil society and the people in every poor village or neighbourhood, a new sense of urgency must be introduced. Furthermore, knowledge management is an effective tool to identify practical tools and strategies to break out of the chronic poverty cycle.

For all these reasons, as soon as pluses and minuses of local MDGs attainment are identified, an organizational change should be agreed in order to adapt the implementation of sustainable development to the identified weaknesses and strengths.

The first step that ARCMDG aims to undertake in order to initiate the required adaptive changes in practicalities of sustainable development would be the analysis of the so called “Socio-Economic Easy Determinants (SEED).

ARCMDG will conduct an applied research based on real cases occurred in ASEAN Countries. These researches will assess the major socio-economic determinants of chronic poverty in ASEAN as well as real success and failure stories where the trends of deprivation have been inverted or consolidated.

Particular attention will be devoted to the analysis of growing gaps of inequality in terms of gender, ethnicity, generations and economic status of the reviewed people.

As a second step, where appropriate, the applied research will review also the core components of sufficiency economy: moderation, reasonableness and resilience, including the underlying conditions of the applied developmental change such as excellence of knowledge management and consistency of focus on ethics and values.

The applied researches led by ARCMDG will then identify the
organizational changes required to facilitate a shift to “Dev 2”, i.e. a complete re-set of development activities where past policies have remained off-track.

2. In order to realize this needed organizational change, the Center will consider possibilities to create a blog and a new magazine, which will be a good platform for gathering and sharing information. Such new tools, in fact, make key information and subject matters available and understandable to all concerned stakeholders. In addition, they represent an efficient catalyst to gather information and lead to a concrete sharing of experiences and good practices on localizing MDGs and on people empowerment.

3. ARCMDG will strive to become a partner of various consortia of institutions put together to execute applied research and outreach management services in the field of sustainable development.
10.3: **CSR ASIA CENTER AT AIT (CSRACA)**

### 10.3.1 Introduction

The CSR Asia Center at AIT (CSRACA) is a joint venture partnership between the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) and CSR Asia, the leading provider of information, training, research and consultancy services on sustainable development practices and corporate social responsibility (CSR) in Asia. It brings together the strengths of the two founding organizations in pursuit of its vision of a dynamic, competitive business environment in Asia, in which the private sector is equipped to develop and implement innovative solutions for the challenging issues of sustainable development in a strategic and effective manner.

In line with AIT’s commitment to the pursuit of sustainable development as a central part of its mission, AIT promotes an inclusive approach in line with the increasingly widely accepted perception that single sector solutions to development are likely to fail. All stakeholders, including the private sector, need to be proactively engaged to respond to key sustainability and development challenges such as climate change, poverty alleviation, and other development targets as defined in the Millennium Development Goals. CSR as an approach to driving private sector contributions to sustainable development and business solutions to a variety of global challenges is therefore an important issue area for AIT.

### 10.3.2 Background

In November 2008 AIT hosted CSR Asia’s annual Summit that attracted more than 300 delegates from around the region. That marked a significant achievement in a partnership that had been developed more than a year previously. In the summer of 2007 a week-long Leadership Programme led by CSR Asia and supported by United Nations University (UNU) saw the first successful intensive CSR programme mounted through AIT Extension.

Based on the sound foundation of a successful partnership between a well established and respected academic institution and the leading corporate social responsibility enterprise in Asia, the CSR Asia Center at AIT was established based on an agreement between AIT’s President and CSR Asia’s Chairman in 2009. It started its operations with the hire of a full-time director in January 2010. The agreement was formalized by the public signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, effective for three years from the date of signature, by both parties at the official launch of the Center in March 2010.

### 10.3.3 Mission

The mission of the CSR Asia Center at AIT is to

- Advance the development and implementation of effective and innovative sustainability solutions and CSR strategies for and by business; and
- Facilitate the development of supportive framework conditions for corporate social responsibility (CSR) and sustainable development.

### 10.3.4 CSR Asia – a strong partner for AIT

CSR Asia operates as a dynamic not-for-profit social enterprise with offices and partnerships across the Asia Pacific region. Established to promote sustainable development in Asia, CSR Asia advocates strategic approaches to corporate social responsibility and business solutions to global challenges to businesses and their stakeholders in the region and beyond and provides independent and cutting edge services and expert insight on CSR.

CSR Asia has an extensive network of companies, business associations, NGOs, and other organizations across the Asia Pacific region, many of which actively engage with CSR Asia on an ongoing basis through the CSR Asia Strategic Partnership Program (CASP).

CSR Asia has acted as a consultant to some of the world’s leading brands and locally listed companies in Asia. It has undertaken research work for a number of United Nations and development agencies on a variety of issues related to the role of the private sector in sustainable development and business solutions to global challenges. CSR Asia has further delivered training to hundreds of managers and executives, from business and other organizations, engaged with thousands through a variety of events and knowledge exchange platforms, and delivers CSR intelligence to tens of thousands weekly through its newsletter and website.

### 10.3.5 Key Activities

As agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding between AIT and CSR Asia that establishes the CSR Asia Center at AIT, the key activities of the CSRACA are:

1. To offer executive education, training and capacity development for the private sector, national and local governments, NGOs and international organizations. The Center will facilitate knowledge and skills development for addressing general and sector-specific solutions in the area of CSR and sustainable development. Using its insight into best practices and principles, the Center will create state-of-the-art short courses for the future and current practitioners and policy-makers. Executive education courses will be designed to be stand-alone or build into a professional Master’s degree qualification.
2. To provide consultancy services principally aimed at companies in Southeast Asia and South Asia where AIT has already established networks.

3. To carry out research into issues and trends relevant to CSR in Asia, focusing on and tracking the needs and aspirations of stakeholders and the private sector itself. The Center will bid for contract research from international organizations and the donor community based on the reputations already established by AIT and CSR Asia.

4. To participate in building ongoing dialogue leading to shared understandings of challenges and solutions for CSR among businesses, policy makers and civil society; and

5. Assisting with promoting each other’s activities.

10.3.6 Key Objectives

The key objectives for the CSR Asia Center at AIT are:

- To create a platform for dialogue among the private sector as well as government agencies, international organizations, and civil society organizations to further innovation, partnerships, and creative solutions for the challenging issues of sustainable development

- To contribute to knowledge development about the effectiveness of different approaches used in the field of CSR, and the generation of innovative practices, methods, and policies

- To facilitate the generation of capacity for sustainable business, community development and partnerships with business for poverty alleviation and delivering on the other Millennium Development Goals

- To contribute to preparing the region for the impacts of climate change and harnessing the innovative capacity of the private sector to proactively contribute to mitigation efforts as well as to building adaptive capacity.

- To design and launch a flexible professional masters programme in CSR delivered in an executive style involving intensive modules and including an action research based thesis aimed at attracting part-time students wishing to increase their knowledge and skills in CSR

10.3.7 Governance and Staffing

Advisory structure

The CSRACA Director is supported through ongoing advice and guidance from key senior representatives of both AIT and CSR Asia:

- AIT President
- CSR Asia Chairman
- CSR Asia Executive Directors
- Director
- Director AIT Extension
- Dean SOM

Reporting structure and staff development

The CSRACA Director reports directly to the AIT President and the CSR Asia Chairman.

The CSRACA Director manages the CSRACA program, project, and admin team. Starting with the hire of the Director in January 2010, the Center has grown to three fulltime staff by the end of 2010. It is expected that the team will have grown to six by the end of 2011 in step with demand for services and increased income generation.

Internships and Student Assistantships

The CSRACA offered three summer internships of two months duration each to MBA candidates from AIT’s School of Management and in addition contracted a Student Assistant for short term project support. It is expected that a similar number of internship opportunities will be available in 2011.

10.3.8 Profile of Services

Training and capacity building

Delivering knowledge and skills development for businesses and their stakeholders to address general and sector-specific solutions in the area of CSR and the role of the private sector in sustainable development

Consultancy

Specialized advisory services on CSR and sustainable business strategies, including CSR strategy development, sustainability reporting, benchmarking and gap analysis on CSR, stakeholder engagement, workshops, etc

Research

In-depth examinations of issues and trends relevant to CSR and business contributions to and partnerships with business for sustainable development in Asia with a Mekong sub-region focus; tracking the needs and aspirations of stakeholders and the private sector

Engagement

The Center facilitates on-going dialog on CSR approaches, tools, practices, solutions, opportunities, and challenges through a variety of platforms. If contributes to a shared understanding and effective approach to business solutions to global challenges,
sustainable business practices in the region, as well as the challenges and opportunities for partnership approaches. It seeks to builds linkages with organizations and networks with similar missions in the region and actively explores collaboration opportunities to maximize impact towards its mission.

10.3.9 Professional Master’s Degree in CSR

As CSR is only slowly being integrated into the curricula of MBAs and other management qualifications in Asia and globally, many executives tasked with a CSR portfolio do not have formal training and specialised expertise to deliver on meaningful CSR programmes linked to core business strategies. In partnership with CSR Asia, delivered through AIT’s School of Management, and coordinated by the CSRACA, AIT is pioneering a flexible executive style professional Master’s degree in CSR to respond to this capacity gap. Modules will be delivered at AIT starting in September 2011. Three of eight intensive modules that comprise the taught part of the program and that will be delivered at least once per year are scheduled for 2011.

The objective of the degree is to provide participants with professional competencies and skills in the fields of sustainable development and CSR. It is designed to help build the capacity necessary to ensure that the business sector is better prepared to manage global sustainability challenges responsibly and contribute to the achievement of targets such as the Millennium Development Goals in a dynamic, competitive business environment. The program is the first of its kind in Asia and a timely initiative that will help meet the capacity gap within firms and other organizations to deliver on CSR programs that meet business needs for long-term competitiveness whilst contributing to sustainable development in the Asia Pacific region.

10.3.10 Activities Carried out in 2010

A) One-day CSR Asia training courses

- Reporting and Communications, 20 April 2010, co-delivered at the CSR Asia office in Kuala Lumpur
  A practical training course on international reporting standards and how to manage and report sustainability performance effectively to support business objectives and meet stakeholder demands for transparency and accountability:
  - Identifying the key issues on which to report
  - Transparency and accountability
  - Developing priorities through stakeholder engagement
  - International reporting standards
  - Global Reporting Initiative
  - Tools and strategies to deliver an effective sustainability message
  - Tailoring reporting solutions to meet a company’s unique needs
  - Measuring and reporting on community investment
  - Reporting CSR activities to key stakeholders
  - Developing an effective communications plan
  - Case studies of successful reporting strategies

- Building Partnerships with Business for Development, 14 June 2010
  Total Contracted Amount (THB): 87,945
  The purpose of this course is to support development agencies (International Organisations, NGOs, and government agencies) to be better prepared to work with companies on partnerships for sustainable development. A basic introduction to CSR geared towards the needs of the non-profit sector will be provided followed by an in-depth look at the different ways to engage with companies. Participants will be able to reflect on and build their strategy for engaging with business on sustainable development challenges and be better equipped for approaching businesses and writing proposals aligned with company interests.

- Investing for Impact, 12 July 2010
  Total Contracted Amount (THB): 47,918
  It is important that company’s community investment adds value for communities and for the business. This interactive and participatory workshop is designed to give people responsible for CSR and Community investment the background and the tools to improve the quality of their work and the impact it can make. The first part examines approaches, lessons learned, case studies, and engaging employees in the whole process while the second part focuses on monitoring and evaluation and measuring for outcomes and impact.
  - Learn about best practice in companies contributions to poverty alleviation
  - Identify opportunities and partnerships which make sense for your company
  - Engage community stakeholders
  - Understand how employee volunteering can play a role
  - Learn how to measure inputs, outputs and impact

- CSR Essentials, 23 August 2010
  Total Contracted Amount (THB): 66,794
  A highly practical course to get participants started on CSR. After examining the emerging
Centers of Excellence and Outreach

CSR agenda it outlines seven practical tools for effective implementation of CSR:
- CSR policy and governance
- Stakeholder engagement
- Environmental assessments
- Supply chain codes of conduct
- Community investment and evaluation
- CSR and human resource management
- Reporting and communications

- ISO 26000, 1 November 2010
  Total Contracted Amount (THB): 58,614.70
  ISO 26000 is the new guideline from the International Organisation for Standardization (ISO) specifically focusing on social responsibility that is set to shape the future of responsible business. This CSR Asia training course is designed to help companies integrate the guidance into their management systems and operations. The training outlines the scope and rationale of ISO 26000 and address the core social responsibility issues identified. The training also helps to build the competencies of attendees looking to implement the guidelines within their organization by examining the necessary systems and structures, performance reviews and communication required:
  - The social responsibility of the organization
  - Principles of social responsibility
  - Scope and rationale of ISO 26000
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Guidance on core social responsibility issues
  - Trends in social responsibility
  - Communicating CSR

B) Consultancy and Research Projects

In collaboration with other CSR Asia Offices:
- Consultancy on developing a CSR Strategy for a beverages company in Vietnam through benchmarking, gap analysis, stakeholder engagement, and a workshop
- Research project on Public-Private Partnerships and Disaster Resilience: Presentation of draft working paper and draft principles at an APEC Emergency Preparedness Working Group Workshop on Public-Private Partnerships and Disaster Resilience, 24-27 August 2010, Bangkok
- Contribution to a benchmarking and gap analysis exercise on the local implementation of global CSR strategies of leading multinational conglomerates in Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, and Indonesia through a series of interviews with local CSR managers

Led by the CSR Asia Center at AIT:
- Research project on CSR in Thailand conducted in preparation of and disseminated at the official launch of the CSRACA in March 2010
- Research project and CSR Asia Summit session development on assessing the quantitative impact of selected companies with an important presence in Asia on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by means of the MDG Scan, a tool developed by the Dutch NGO NCDO
- Consultancy project on a comprehensive Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Initiative for a Hotel Group, including the development of a CSR policy and strategy, internal workshops and a CSR handbook for employees
  Project duration: 1 August 2010 – 1 May 2011
  Investigator(s): Ms. Leena Wokeck
  Total Contracted Amount (THB): 984,375
- Preparation of a research paper on ICTs and Climate Change Mitigation in the Context of Emerging Economies
  Project duration: 14 June 2010 – 31 March 2011
  Investigator(s): Ms. Leena Wokeck
  Sponsor(s): Innovation and ICTs’ Project, The University of Manchester
  Total Contracted Amount (THB): 170,424
- Research and Engagement project on Climate Change Adaptation in South and Southeast Asia: Harnessing the Innovative Capacity of the Private Sector
  Project duration: 1 July 2010 – 30 May 2011
  Investigator(s): Ms. Leena Wokeck
  Sponsor(s): Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
  Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,573,667
- Industry Roundtable on Accelerating HCFC Phase Out: Technological Options, Climate Benefits, and Business Opportunities, held on 9 November 2010 in the margins of the 22nd Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol in Bangkok
  Duration: 1 August 2010 – 31 March 2011
  Investigator(s): Ms. Leena Wokeck
  Sponsor(s): AIT-UNEP RRC.AP
  Total Contracted Amount (THB): 312,500
Key events:

- Internal launch at AIT
  2 February 2010
  Introduction of the CSRACA and
  invitation for engagement from
  across AIT community

- Official public launch of the
  CSRACA
  25 March 2010, FCCT, Bangkok
  Very successful standing room
  only event with over 1,400
  participants and keynotes
  delivered by HE the Minister of
  Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom
  of Thailand, Mr Kasit Piromya,
  President of SCG Paper, Mr.
  Chaovarat Ekabut, and AIT
  Chairman of the Board of
  Trustees and former Minister of
  Foreign Affairs HE Dr. Tej
  Bunnag, as well as AIT President,
  and CSR Asia Chairman

- CSR Asia Summit
  14-15 September 2010
  Hong Kong

Other key activities included:

- Attendance and initiation of a
  multitude of meetings to raise
  awareness of the newly founded
  CSRACA and build key
  relationships with potential
  partners and clients

- Frequent participation and
  contribution to events in
  Thailand and beyond and
  delivery of numerous
  presentations on a variety of
  CSR topics

- Organization and facilitation of a
  variety of project related and
  other engagement events

10.3.11 Focus Areas and
Plans for 2011 and
Beyond

A key focus area for 2011 will be the
commencement of the Professional
Masters Program in CSR in collaboration
with AIT’s School of Management,
program coordination, marketing,
recruitment of participants, and delivery
of the first three modules before the end
of 2011.

- A second key focus area will be the
development and launch of a
“Mekong Regional Sustainable
Business Round Table”

- Further, engagement activities with
  companies and business networks in
  Thailand will be continued with the
  aim of supporting a variety of
  capacity building and awareness
  raising activities, contracting further
  consultancy projects, and recruiting
  students for the masters program

- Continued building of a strong
  network of potential partners

- Continued building of a strong brand
  for the CSRACA and an excellent
  reputation as the “place to go” for
  expertise on CSR and the role of the
  private sector in sustainable
development in Thailand and the
  Mekong Region

- Intensified internal outreach and
  exploration of collaboration
  opportunities with a variety of units
  across AIT, e.g. through integrating
  CSR topics in a variety of courses or
  joint project proposals as
  appropriate

- In close collaboration with the CSR
  Asia Director for Research in CSR
  Asia’s Hong Kong office, continue to
  develop proposals for research
  projects on the role of the private
  sector in sustainable development

- Intensified collaboration with the
  School of Management on the CSR
  Masters as well as ProSPER.NET

- Contribution to CSR Asia
  Sustainability Disclosure Forum in
  Singapore in March and 2011 CSR
  Asia Summit in Kuala Lumpur in
  September

- Further focus areas will include:
  o Intensifying knowledge
devvelopment and capacity
building for partnerships with
business for development

  o Exploring opportunities and
  contributing to knowledge
  development on business
  solutions to poverty alleviation
  through market opportunities at
  the Base of the Pyramid
  (amongst others in collaboration
  with the Yunus and ARCMDG
  Centers at AIT and the Wetlands
  Alliance)

  o Partnering with expert NGOs on
  relevant CSR issue areas and
  developing joint proposals

  o Further research as well as
  knowledge dissemination,
  training and capacity building on
  the role for business in climate
  change adaptation

  o Driving strategic approaches to
  Community Investment and
  launching CSR Asia’s Community
  Investment Round Table in
  Thailand

  o Convening Industry Round
  Tables

  o Facilitating multi-stakeholder
dialogues

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10.4: YUNUS CENTER

10.4.1 Introduction

Despite the progress made in poverty reduction over the last twenty years, there still remains a substantial number of people who are poor (1.4 billion living on $1.25 per day, IFAD Report 2011). The search for effective ways to combat poverty remains an issue that needs urgent attention. The Yunus Center at AIT is the result of a collaborative effort of Nobel Laureate Professor Yunus and the Asian Institute of Technology. Professor Yunus inaugurated the Center in August 2009.

The Center aims to contribute to poverty alleviation by enabling rural people to handle and be in control of improving their own livelihoods. The Center is devoted to promoting social business as a way of combating poverty. In his book Building Social Business, Professor Yunus says the following: “A social business is outside the profit-seeking world. Its goal is to solve a social problem by using business methods, including the creation and sale of products or services.” Social businesses combine the idealism of grassroots organizations with the efficient methods of businesses.

10.4.2 Mission

The Center aims to contribute to poverty alleviation through the promotion and raising awareness of the ideas and concepts of social business.

10.4.3 Objectives

The objectives of Center as stated in its Charter are given below:

1. The objective of the Yunus Center at AIT us to contribute to poverty alleviation by enabling rural people to handle and be in control of improving their own livelihoods. All activities at the Center shall follow the objective of poverty reduction and sustainability with an initial focus on agriculture and food security issues, encompassing a variety of disciplines and facilitating interdisciplinary work.

2. The Center will provide an independent and open platform for addressing issues in poverty alleviation in a way that has a direct impact on poor people’s lives. It will act as an incubator for new social business plans that challenge conventional academic wisdom; it will facilitate generation of community-based knowledge; and it will promote opportunities for both women and men.

3. The Center will serve as an incubator to foster development of approaches to poverty alleviation that are in line with the broad mission of academic institutions but that do not fit within existing academic structures. The Center will work with colleges and universities to transform education institutions into dynamic promoters of change for poverty reduction. The Center can assist these institutions to abandon long-established traditions of academic isolation and become active contributors to sustainable agricultural and rural development through innovative teaching, research and extension.

4. The activities of the Center designed to take advantage of possibly synergies with the teaching, learning, research, and outreach activities in AIT’s Schools, Extension, and satellite centers.

10.4.4 Governance

The Center is governed by a Board co-chaired by Professor Yunus and the President of AIT. The Center falls under the administration of the AIT President’s Office. The operations of the Center are carried out by a Director under the guidance of the Chairpersons.

10.4.5 Location and Facilities

Yunus Center at AIT is located at the AIT Campus in Pathumthani about 40 Km. North of Bangkok, Thailand. The office facilities are located at ground floor AIT Conference Center.

10.4.6 Activities Carried out in 2010

In pursuing its goals the Center has concentrated on five main areas of activities:

1. The Center has been meeting with people who are interested in social business (business sector, public sector, academics, grass root activists) to engage them in a dialogue about social business. The Center has been doing this through meetings, workshops and talks.

2. The Center has been exploring and discovering potential partners and businesses who are engaged in activities that could be transformed into social businesses.

3. The Center has also been facilitating exposure trips to Bangladesh for people from different sectors.
4. The Center has been promoting initiatives that encourage businesses, foundations and others to create social business funds.

5. The Center has hosted interns and volunteers who are interested in researching and working with social business.

In the first half of the year the Center was run by two Interim Directors in succession, while arrangements were made to hire a full time Director. The Center worked with the PRAM project under the Wetlands Alliance Program. This program aimed to train government workers in Laos and give them a university degree.

A full time Director, Dr Riaz Khan took over in the second half of the year. After a meeting with Professor Yunus in Aug 2009, the Center started concentrating on the promotion of the ideas and concepts of social business. The Director is assisted by two Program Organizers Ms. Mya Hpoo Ngone and Mr. Shankar Tagad.

In accordance with these objectives, the Center has been meeting with organizations that are pursuing similar goals. The Center has met with Asoka, Changefusion, PDA, Duang Prateep Foundation, British Council, Betagro, Mae Fah Lung Foundation, Thammasat Business School, Thailand National Health Commission, etc.

Asoka Innovators for the Public has been a pioneer in the efforts to promote the concept of social entrepreneurs. Asoka fellows are active in many sectors of development work. These include human rights, village entrepreneurship, hospital management etc. Changefusion is another organization in Thailand that is very active in promoting social enterprise. Changefusion has been involved in fostering innovative solutions to social problems by using technologies and social enterprise networks. It has

been involved in helping draft the plans for social enterprise master plan for Thailand. Changefusion also offers financial support to social enterprises through its UnLtd Thailand program. The National Health Commission of Thailand also promotes social enterprise and the Thai Health Promotion Foundation supports initiatives in social ventures. The Thai National Health Commission carries out consultations on the various issues that affect the Thai populace. At the invitation of the NHC, the Center observed the consultation process in Prue Province in Chiang Mai. At the end of 2010, the Center was invited as an observer to the Thailand National Health Assembly which is chaired by the Prime Minister.

The Population and Community Development Association is a well known non-governmental organization that has been active for over three decades in the social enterprise sector. The Duang Prateep Foundation is based in the Klong Toey area and works with the urban poor in Klong Toey. The Foundation has been active in primary education, and special needs education. The Center visited the Klong Toey area to see the activities of the Duang Prateep Foundation. The Center also had a meeting with Director of Operations and COO of Doitung Project and Mae Fah Lung Foundation under Royal Patronage.

Besides the non-governmental sector the business sector has also shown interest in the ideas of social business. For instance Betagro Corporation carries out social activities and the Center visited its social venture operations in Lop Buri. Among the activities was a village development bank, an ideal school kitchen initiative and support to a farmer to increase the productivity of his cassava plantation. The CEO of HSBC also professed a lot of interest in the ideas of social business and invited the Center to give a talk at its office on social business. Among those in attendance were representatives of Nation Multimedia Group, Schneider Electric, Ocean Glass, Citibank, Salamander Energy, Shell Companies in Thailand, and Mobel Hantverk.

The Thammsat Business School has been active in promoting social enterprise projects and has been hosting the annual Global Social Venture Competition in Thailand. The Center was invited to speak at the Social Enterprise Knowledge & Partnership Symposium organized by the British Council and Changefusion. It made a presentation on social business and Grameen Shakti at a Regional Meeting of the Energy and Environment Partnership - Mekong in Vientiane. The Center has coordinated visits of people from the region to see the operations of Grameen Shakti in Bangladesh. The Center supported a doctoral student from AIT who did a project on mushroom growing on rice in straw in Vietnam.

**Participation in various Workshops / Conference / Courses**

- **General Community Meeting – Danone Community Meeting at Paris France.**
- **Meeting with Professor Yunus, Dhaka Bangladesh.**
- **Certificate Course – Social Business / Enterprise & Poverty conducted by HEC School of Management, Paris France.**
- **Social Business Day, Dhaka Bangladesh.** Organized by Yunus Center Dhaka. Attended by representatives from AIT extension.
- **Global Social Business Summit 2010, Germany organized by Grameen Creative Lab, Germany.**
- **Presentation at ‘Building Partnerships for Implementing Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects in the Mekong Region (EEP Mekong)’ in Vientiane Laos PDR.**
- **Panelist at a session on social business at the ‘Regional Social Enterprise Knowledge & Partnership Symposium: Social Enterprise for a Sustainable Future in Asia’.** Organized Change Fusion Institute, British Council, and Bangkok BizNews, and supported by Thai Health Promotion Foundation, Ashoka Thailand, Thai Social
Enterprise Promotion Office and Thai Young Philanthropist Network.

- Presentation on social business at ‘Thailand Regional Forum: From Corporate Social Responsibility to Social Entrepreneurship’ organized by Data Consult, Bangkok Thailand.
- Talk on Social Business organized by HSBC.
- Invited to be an observer at the Thailand National Health Assembly 2010 organized by the National Health Commission.

**Education / Internship / Research**

- Yunus Center at AIT hosted two students namely Michaela Wahlberg and Cecilia Sauma from Södertörn University College, Sweden.
- Yunus Center at AIT hosted a student Mr. Alan Zabihi from Chalmers University, Sweden for one month.
- Yunus Center conducted a session on Social Business, during a short course offered by AIT extension.
- Mr Audu Idi Guga, a doctoral student at AIT, carried out a pilot study on the possibility of growing mushroom on rice straw as an income generating activity for small farmers in Vietnam.
- Yunus Center at AIT hosted a team from Financiers without Borders. The team consisted of the Founders Max Glikman and Rodion Lerman. The other members of the team were Dmitriy Berenzon, Ilir Hasi, David Gall and George Georgiev all students from the City University of New York, USA. The team conducted a study on Social Entrepreneurship in Thailand and produced a report on their findings.

**Field Visit / Outreach Activities**

- Visit to Lop Buri Province, Thailand to study Village Development Bank, Education Project and Cassava Farm, organized and received by Betagro Group, Thailand.
- Visit to Prat Province to study consultative process on health issue organized by National Health Commission, Thailand.
- Visit to Nakorn Si Thammarat Province to study and visit following operations: Mokalan Microfinance Institute, Royal Irrigation project in Pak Phanang river basin, Community Development Projects supported by CORIN Asia Foundation (production of organic fertilizer, biogas and handicrafts from water hyacinth, production of sugar from nipa palm). Visit was organized by CORIN Asia.
- Visit to Grameen Danone yoghurt operations in Bogra, Bangladesh. Visit to Grameen GC Eye Care Hospital in Bogra, Bangladesh.
- Visit to waste recycling and waste dumping site in Bang Phil.
- Visit to Khlong Toey to see primary schools of the Duang Prateep Foundation as well as the credit union development bank in the area.
- Visit to Nang Rong to see the activities of PDA: C&C Restaurant, Mechai Pattana School, VDP in Ban Nong Kradon village.

**10.4.7 Plans for 2011 and beyond**

The Center hopes to establish some projects in the field and will be exploring small scale energy projects in the Nakhon Si Thammarat region. It will partner with CORIN Asia in this effort.

- The Center will organize a Social Business workshop in partnership with other social enterprise organizations.
- To explore the possibility of a social business sales network for Danone, Thailand in collaboration with Changefusion.
- Study of the iodine deficiency in Thailand and the educational campaigns to tackle this problem.
- Work on extending a SMS Disease Surveillance System developed by Changefusion. The Center will collaborate with Changefusion and SET at AIT to work on community development in this area.
- Study of village development banks and the state of microfinance in the region.
- The Center will encourage students and professionals to submit plans for implementing a social business. If they are successful in implementing such a business then they can work towards getting the title of Yunus Social Business Fellow.
- The Center has developed a short course on Social Business and will be offering this in partnership with AIT Extension.
- An important part of the Centers activities is to encourage students to work with social business ideas and concepts. The Center will therefore continue to host students as interns and volunteers from AIT and other universities.
- The Center will explore opportunities for collaboration with the schools at AIT namely SET, SOM and SERD.
- The Center will work with AIT Extension especially in the organization of short courses and the development of social business ideas. The Center will work with the CSR Asia Center at AIT and ARCMDG Center at AIT to build up capacity in the area of sustainable development.
- The Center will continue its outreach activities by networking with other organizations with a view to promoting and raising awareness about social business.
- The Center will facilitate visits to Bangladesh to see the social business initiatives of the Yunus Center in Dhaka.
Asian Project Management Support Programme

Asian Project Management Support Programme (APMAS) is a 3-year regional grant programme starting in 2010, funded by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) which has been entrusted to AIT as implementing agency. It aims at improving the development effectiveness and efficiency of pro-poor rural development programmes in the Asia and the Pacific region. Its short-term objective is to enhance the management capabilities of IFAD-supported rural development projects and programmes in the region. This will be achieved by (i) building project management capacity; (ii) strengthening the policy environment; and (iii) improving the capacity of service providers. In the implementation, APMAS is also supported by IFAD small-grant of APMAS Gender Sensitive Management (APMAS-GSM) which aims to improve gender sensitivity of IFAD development projects and programmes in the region by developing capacity of local service providers and stakeholders. Within its first phase, APMAS is focusing on 4 target countries namely: Cambodia, India, Laos and Vietnam.

Until mid of 2011, APMAS and APMAS-GSM have conducted various capacity building activities, participated by 129 participants of project managers and staff of over 20 IFAD-funded projects, local service providers, national implementing agencies and other relevant stakeholder. Capacity building activities which APMAS has been performing revolve around the area of project management, monitoring & evaluation, community-driven development and gender mainstreaming. These activities comprise not only regular trainings, but also coaching programme, which allows more intensive interventions and involvement of the target projects, to achieve real impacts in improving of project management performance and gender sensitivity of rural development projects in the respective countries.

11.1 Grants and Sponsored Research Completed in 2010

“Study Visit Program on Strategic Planning and Pro-Poor growth” conducted in Thailand and Indonesia
Duration: 01 Sep 10 - 31 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Jayant K Routray
Sponsor: UNDP Bangladesh
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 550,480

Capacity Building for Poverty Reduction Strategies
Duration: 01 Feb 10 - 31 Aug 10
Project Investigator(s): Jayant K Routray
Sponsor: Government of India
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,152,000

ProsPER.Net Project on developing closer linkages to poverty reduction
Duration: 01 May 10 - 01 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Hans Guettman
Sponsor: ProsPER.Net
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 672,000

Training Workshop Thematic Research on Gender mainstreaming and Economic empowerment
Duration: 06 Feb 09 - 30 Nov 10
Project Investigator(s): Jayant K Routray
Sponsor: UNIFEM
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,650,000

11.2 On-going Grants and Sponsored Research

Asian Project Management support Programme
Duration: 01 Jan 10 - 30 Jun 13
Project Investigator(s): Sudip K Rakshit, S Venkatesh, Mokbul Ahmad, Kyoko Kusakabe, Philippe Doneys
Sponsor: IFAD
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 45,150,000

ProsPER.Net Project on developing closer linkages to poverty reduction
Duration: 01 May 10 - 01 Dec 10
Project Investigator(s): Hans Guettman
Sponsor: ProsPER.Net
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 672,000

Designing and Implementing Environmentally Sustainable Programmes: Experience from Dryland Areas and Islands
Duration: 01 Sep 09 - 31 Aug 10
Project Investigator(s): Naveed Anwar
Sponsor: Balkh University, Ministry of Higher Education, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 42,979,260

Development Planning & Governance for Poverty Reduction
Duration: 01 Oct 10 - 30 Mar 11
Project Investigator(s): Jayant K Routray
Sponsor: Government of India
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,240,250

Gender mainstreaming and equality with focus on MDG’s
Duration: 26 Nov 10 - 25 Mar 11
Project Investigator(s): Jayant K Routray
Sponsor: UNDP Afghanistan
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,102,000

International Conference on Sustainability Science (ICSS-Asia)
Duration: 01 Jul 09 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Vilas Wuwongse
Sponsor: University of Tokyo Japan
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 965,440

Capacity Building of Faculty of Engineering, Balkh University, Afghanistan
Duration: 01 Jan 08 - 30 Jun 11
Project Investigator(s): Naveed Anwar
Sponsor: Balkh University, Ministry of Higher Education, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 42,979,260

Participants discussing group assignment in Community-Driven Development training organized by APMAS
Institute-wide Sponsored & Contracted Projects

The Advance International Training Program"Putting Ideas to work strategies for Innovation led Sustainable growth" ITP 2010
Duration: 01 Mar 10 - 28 Feb 11
Project Investigator(s): Sudip K Rakshit
Sponsor: VINNOVA
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 743,325

URC TNA Project
Duration: 09 Sep 10 - 31 May 12
Project Investigator(s): Sudip Kumar Rakshit
Sponsor: UNEP Riso Center Denmark
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 4,516,024

Wetland Alliance Aqua Outreach Program
Duration: 01 Jun 09 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Theo Ebbers
Sponsor: SIDA
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 11,086,333

Wetland Alliance Secretariat
Duration: 01 Jun 09 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Hans Guttmann
Sponsor: SIDA
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 18,529,145

Workshop on "Doing Business in Africa"
Duration: 01 Sep 07 - 31 Dec 11
Project Investigator(s): Vilas Wuwongse
Sponsor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Thailand
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 2,194,280

AIT Research Strategy Development
Duration: 01 July 10 - 31 July 11
Project Investigator(s): Sudib K. Rakshit
Sponsor: SIDA
Total Contracted Amount (THB): 1,540,428

APMAS and APMAS-GSM always put efforts to mainstream gender in all development aspects. In this picture participants attending APMAS Training on Gender-Sensitive Value Chain, which aims to impart practical tools and methods in upgrading value chain in IFAD-funded projects. This training was possible with the collaboration between APMAS-GSM and ILO.
# Chapter 12: OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES FOR 2010 AND STUDENT COMPETITIONS

## 12.1 OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES FOR 2010

Overall during the period January to December of 2010 there were 456 sponsored and contracted projects which were conducted by the faculty and staff from within the Fields of Study (FoS) of the three schools, SET, SERD and SOM, as well as in AIT Extension, IntERLab, and Institute wide projects. The total Publications for the same period stood at 691 from across AIT. The breakdown of which is indicated in the table below.

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12.2 STUDENT COMPETITIONS

12.2.1 MASTERS THESIS COMPETITION 2010

The 5th AIT Masters Theses Competition was held on the 17th of May 2010. There were seven competition categories (see below) and students with excellent grades in their theses were nominated to represent their respective fields of study. Theses presentations have been judged according to the relevance; originality; scientific/society contribution; general knowledge of the field; future potential for innovation; and presentation skills. A total of 55 students participated in the competition. There were 19 judges from industry, developmental agencies, international organizations, universities, etc. A number of activities and possibilities including employment, projects, interaction with other organizations, press coverage, etc. spun off from the competition.

The winners of the respective categories were the following:

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12.2.2 AIT V.RESEARCH COMPETITION 2010

The second AIT v.research Competition, an initiative to encourage student researchers to hone their ability to convey an idea in a clear, concise and entertaining way, was carried out during the period from 9 April to 17 May 2010. All AIT students were invited to be a part of the next generation of “AIT Film Makers” by composing and producing a 3-minute video about their thesis. Students worked as a team or went solo, provided that only one thesis work was covered per video. Music, narration and other media styles were used to enhance their videos.

Organized by the Office of Vice President for Academic Affairs, the AIT Student Office and the Media and Communications Unit (MCU), the event was supported by the AIT Alumni Association, the AIT Student Union, and the Office of the President, respectively.

Ms Aarthy Sivapunniyam was declared the winner of the second AIT v.research competition. The award winning video titled “Gas sensor based on nanostructures” was the judge’s choice and won the grand prize. The video based on her research as a student of Microelectronics in the School of Engineering & Technology (SET) focused on how gas leakage disasters could be avoided using sensors based on nanotechnology. Her research was carried under the supervision of Prof. Joydeep Dutta, Director, Center for Excellence in Nanotechnology at AIT.

The video on “Super GABA rice” by Mr. Ekkapong Cheevitsopon, a student of Food Engineering & Bioprocess Technology in AIT’s School of Environment, Resources & Development (SERD) was declared the winner in category of “technical expertise”. His research was conducted under the supervision of Prof. Athapol Noomhorm, Coordinator, Food Engineering & Bioprocess Technology Field of Study.

Mr. Chanchal Saha, of Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering from SET with his video “Spinning Around” was the winner of the People’s Choice award. His research supervisor is Dr. Huynh Trung Luong. His team comprised of fellow IME students Mr. Chawit Chongwilaiwan and Ms. Tharinan Rattanalert.

Ms. Nguyen Thi Thuy of Environmental & Engineering Management (SERD) won the President’s choice award. Her video was titled, “Human powered drinking water treatment” and her thesis supervisor is Prof C Visvanathan.

The eight entries were evaluated by a panel of five judges including the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Prof. Peter Haddawy; Vice President for Research, Prof. Sudip K Rakshit; Mr. Shane Muangkroot, representative of AIT Alumni Association; Mr. Les Nordhauser, Managing Partner, Greenlight Films; and Ms. Nathaporn Karnjanapoomi, Lecturer, Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Silpakorn University.

Prof. Haddawy complimented the participants and stated that the quality of videos produced by students was remarkably higher than the previous year. “It was very difficult judging the videos, since each one has its own distinctive style,” he remarked. Mr. Les Nordhauser appreciated the initiative and remarked that the video competition is akin to a one minute presentation. Ms. Nathaporn remarked that the content and the message was the most important element while producing a video. Mr. Shane, who has worked in the media industry, stated that the quality of video produced by AIT students was of a professional level and could be used for wider broadcast in the Thai media. Prof. Rakshit stressed the need for effective communications for scientists and researchers. Managing Director of Royal Broadcasting Station, Mr. Sompop Punsri along with his team also participated in the event and offered a partnership in broadcasting the AIT student videos.