



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,
THAILAND
and
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI, INDIA



This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is drawn up and agreed upon to establish the cooperation between the Asian Institute of Technology (hereinafter referred to as AIT), located at Km. 42 Paholyothin Highway, Klong Neung, Klong Luang, Pathumthani, Thailand and the National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (hereinafter referred to as NITT), located at Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India.

The **Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)** is an international institute of higher learning. It is Asia's pioneer institution established in 1959 to help meet the region's growing needs for advanced learning in engineering, science, technology and management, research and capacity building. AIT's mission is 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. AIT is based in Thailand and has affiliated centers in other parts of the world.

The **National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (NITT)** is one among the premier institutes of national importance in higher technological education, basic and applied research in India. NITT (formerly known as Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirappalli) was established in 1964 and was granted deemed university status by Government of India in the year 2003. NITT offers undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes. The Vision of NITT is to generate valuable resources for industry and society through excellence in technical education and research. The institute has signed MOUs with leading industries and institutions across the world to promote student / faculty exchange, collaborative research and consultancies.

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

The purpose of this MoU is to enable cooperation between AIT and NITT in pursuit of common interests in teaching, training and research. Besides facilitating interactions between the institutions, the collaboration aims to foster advancement in teaching training, research and cultural understanding as well as international reputation of both the institutions.

ARTICLE II: SCOPE

The activities under the scope of this MoU are:

- 2.1 Faculty Exchanges between NITT and AIT.
- 2.2 Collaborative research in the areas of mutual interest of NITT and AIT.
- 2.3 Sharing of resources in research laboratories.
- 2.4 Submission of joint research proposals to appropriate funding agencies.
- 2.5 Sharing the expertise of invited/visiting faculty of NITT and AIT.
- 2.6 Organize joint international conferences and workshops.



ARTICLE III: DURATION, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENT

- 3.1 This MoU will be effective from the date of signing by both parties up to a period of five (5) years, and may be subject to extensions by mutual consent of the parties in writing.
- 3.2 Either party may terminate this MoU by giving six (6) months advance notice in writing to the other party.
- 3.3 The provisions of this MoU may be amended at any time with the mutual consent of the Parties in writing.
- 3.4 The amendment, termination and expiration of this MoU will not affect the terms of activities ongoing at the time of notification of amendment, termination, and expiration unless otherwise agreed upon between the parties.

ARTICLE IV: SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- 4.1 Each party will consult with and take approval of the other party to use the latter's name, the names of the latter's officials/faculty members, and the logo for the activities under this MoU, and dissemination of results, on a case-by-case basis.
- 4.2 Modalities of each type of collaboration, associated activities and financial aspects shall be mutually agreed upon on a case-by-case basis in separate Memorandum of Agreements (MoA).
- 4.3 This MoU shall be governed and construed under the laws of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of India as appropriate depending upon where the activity under this agreement takes place.
- 4.4 The two parties will consult with each other and attempt to resolve disputes or misunderstandings that arise in the administration of this MoU or any subsequent associated agreement informally.

ARTICLE V : CONTACT PERSONS

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This MoU is prepared in two identical copies. Each party holds one original copy duly signed by the Interim President of AIT and the Director of NITT

Signed for and on behalf of:

Asian Institute of Technology



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Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai
Interim President

Date: 03 SEP 2013

National Institute of Technology,
Tiruchirappalli

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Dr. Srinivasan Sundarajan
Director

Date: 03.09.2013

