



*Academic and
Administrative Affairs*

ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Policy and Procedures

**AA-1-2-1: CHARTER OF THE ASIAN INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY**

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Approved by : Royal Command of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej

ARTICLE I
Name and Location

The name of the Institute shall be the “Asian Institute of Technology” (hereinafter called “the Institute”). The main offices of the Institute shall be located in Bangkok, Thailand.

ARTICLE II
Purposes

The purposes of the Institute shall be the conduct on a non-profit basis of an institute of technology, including colleges, schools and research organizations affiliated therewith, within or outside Thailand, specializing in graduate education; the promotion, advancement, evaluation and dissemination of learning by instruction and by publications, study and research in engineering, science and allied fields; the awarding of certificates, diplomas and degrees; and engagement and participation in projects of instruction, study and research on a regional basis.

ARTICLE III
Status and Powers of the Institute

The Institute shall possess full juridical personality and shall have the powers herein enumerated, subject to the laws of Thailand or the country concerned.

- (i) to acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property, where so ever situated, whether in Thailand or in any country, whether or not income-producing, and any interest in such property, whether by purchase, gift, devise, bequest, investment, loan or otherwise, whether in trust or outright, and to own, hold, manage lease, pledge, mortgage, transfer, convey, invest and reinvest the same, subject, however, to any applicable trusts, terms or restrictions thereon;
- (ii) to act, without compensation, as executor, administrator, administrator with the will annexed, trustee under will, deed or otherwise, or in any other fiduciary capacity of any estate or trust in which it may have interest of any kind whatsoever;

- (iii) to contract, to qualify to do business, and to execute and file all necessary papers in connection therewith, in Thailand or in any country;
- (iv) to institute legal proceedings in Thailand or in any country;
- (v) to borrow money for the purposes of the Institute, to issue evidences of indebtedness therefore, and to secure the same by mortgages or otherwise; and to lend money and property and assets for the purposes of the Institute, with or without security;
- (vi) to appoint and employ such faculty, staff, officers, managers, agents and employees without restriction as to nationality as the purposes of the Institute may require;
- (vii) to provide for the selection of its students and for the government and well-being of its students, faculty and staff while in attendance at the Institute or any affiliate thereof or elsewhere in pursuance of the Institute's purposes;
- (viii) to develop its own curricula, set its own academic standards, and award its own certificates, diplomas, and degrees; and to engage and participate in projects of instruction, study and research;
- (ix) to make Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter and the laws of Thailand, for the management of its property and assets and the regulation of its affairs; and
- (x) to have and exercise any powers necessary or incident to the exercise of the powers above enumerated.

ARTICLE IV Activities of the Institute

The activities of the Institute shall be conducted in Thailand and such other places outside Thailand as may be appropriate for the furtherance of its purposes.

ARTICLE V Organization

The Institute shall have an International Board of Trustees, an Executive Committee, a President, and such other officers, faculty and staff as may be considered necessary by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI Board of Trustees

All powers of the Institute shall be vested in the Board of Trustees (hereinafter called the Board) consisting of not less than nine (9) and not more than sixty (60) members

as shall be fixed from time to time in the manner specified in the Bye-Laws provided, however, that it shall be international in character and composition to the highest degree practicable and that it shall always include the President of the Institute.

Except as stated in this Charter, the Bye-Laws shall specify the qualifications, terms, voting powers and responsibilities of members of the Board, the manner of election thereto and the filling of vacancies on the Board as well as its general management.

The time and place of the Board meetings as well as a quorum for any meeting of the Board shall be determined by the Bye-Laws.

ARTICLE VII Executive Committee

The Board shall appoint an Executive Committee (hereinafter called the Committee) which shall exercise those powers of the Board delegated to it by the Board as specified in the Bye-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII President, Officers, Faculty and Staff

The Board shall elect and appoint a President of the Institute and such other officers, faculty and staff as may be considered necessary by the Board, and shall provide for the government and removal of such officers, faculty and staff.

The President shall be the chief executive of the Institute and shall conduct, under the direction of the Board or the Committee as the case may be, the general affairs of the Institute.

ARTICLE IX Exemptions from Immigration Restrictions and Taxation

The Institute shall exercise utmost diligence in obtaining from the Government of the appropriate host country facilities or exemptions from restrictions in the matter of immigration laws and regulations for incoming students, members of the Board, members of the Committee, officers, faculty members or staff members of the Institute, and exemption from any form of restrictions, direct taxations and custom duties for the Institute, its assets, property, income and its operations and transactions authorized by this Charter and in pursuance of its normal functions.

ARTICLE X Amendments

This Charter may be amended only by decision of a two-thirds majority of the members of the Board present and voting at a meeting, provided there is a quorum.

Amendments shall enter into force only after such amendments have been duly approved by the Government or Governments of the country or countries wherein the offices of the Institute are located.

ARTICLE XI

Transitory Provisions

Immediately following upon the adoption of this Charter, initial appointments to the Board of Trustees, which would be for indefinite terms, shall be made on the basis of up to three Trustees by each of the eight SEATO member countries. For the first meeting of the Board, a quorum will consist of those Trustees attending, provided that at least five member countries are represented.

The Board shall, at the first meeting, appoint a President of the Institute, who shall automatically become a member of the Board.

Presented to: Executive Council of Senate (21 Oct. 1998) and Senate (25 Nov. 1998).