

MoU signing with AIT Thailand

The Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand and Birla Institute of Management Technology (BIMTECH), NCR have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to elaborate the partnership for student exchange, joint faculty activities and joint training to industry. The heads of the institutions have announced that AIT and BIMTECH will work together for collaborative research in the areas of sustainable development, natural resource management, social business, and emerging markets. Professor Said Irandoust, President, AIT said, "This part of the world has contributed a lot to the concepts and models which requires more formal ways of documentation. Our partnership will contribute in developing knowledge from this part of Asia". Dr. H. Chaturvedi, Director, BIMTECH underlined the strategic strengths of both the institutes and proposed that both the institutions should jointly organize executive programmes for middle and higher level management for private and public sector companies. The special focus of AIT in environment and social development and the emerging focus of BIMTECH in sustainable development practices take them together to develop an open source joint knowledge programme in the form of case studies, conferences / seminars and other academic outputs. This will engage faculty as well as students from both the institutions in the field work to produce practice based knowledge. Chairman of the AIT Board of Trustees, H.E. Dr. Tej Bunnag, also the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Thailand and Assistant Secretary General for Administration, the Thai Red Cross Society was present for the occasion as well. He appreciated the efforts undertaken by both the schools to enable cooperation between AIT and BIMTECH for expanding the knowledge base in the South Asian region in management and sustainable development areas through research, collaborative programmes and building student and faculty capacity. The occasion was also graced by H. E. Mr. Psian Manawapat, Ambassador of Royal Thai Embassy to India who congratulated the institutions and offered all the support from the embassy in developing the academic and cross cultural activities.