His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn graciously presided over the Thammasat University Graduation Ceremony at Thammasat University, Thaprachan Campus, on August 14, 2008. In this ceremony, 378 SIIT students received bachelor's degrees (192 in Engineering and 186 in Science), 9 graduates received the master's degree, and 8 graduates received the doctoral degree. Since the establishment of SIIT in 1992, the Institute has graduated 13 batches of students. There have been 3,223 bachelor's, 79 master's, and 42 doctoral degrees awarded.

**Numbers of SIIT Graduates, Academic Years 1998 - 2007**

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* including Joint Program with TU Faculty of Engineering
Thammasat University “Wai Kru” Ceremony, Academic Year 2008

Thammasat University organized the “Wai Kru” Ceremony, in which students expressed their appreciation to the faculty members, on July 3, 2008, at Gymnasium 2, Thammasat University, Rangsit Center. This year, five SIIT faculty members, led by Professor Dr. Sawasd Tantaratana (the Director of SIIT), participated in the “Wai Kru” ceremony. Mr. Pakpoom Patompak, a third-year student of the School of Communications, Instrumentations and Control, Ms. Suchaya Ananwattanaporn, a second-year student of the School of Information and Computer Technology, and Mr. Dusadee Tuendomseel, a second-year student of the School of Manufacturing Systems and Mechanical Engineering, represented SIIT students in the “Wai Kru” ceremony. On this occasion, Mr. Nikolai Megej, an SIIT exchange student from Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany, represented international students to express their appreciation to the faculty members.

Study of Dharmic Principles

During June 10-12, 2008, 350 first year undergraduate students of SIIT visited the Sathira-Dhammasathan, Bangkok, to study dharmic principles. The Sathira-Dhammasathan is a center for the community to learn how to live together in harmony and with compassion. The students learned to gracefully and joyfully accept the performance of one's duty to self, family and the community at large with caring, sharing and respect as the main principles.

Outstanding Oral Presentation Awards at RGJ - Ph.D. Congresses

Two Ph.D. candidates of the School of Information and Computer Technology of SIIT, under the supervision of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Thanaruk Theeramunkong, received outstanding oral presentation awards at the RGJ (Royal Golden Jubilee) - Ph.D. congresses, held by the Thailand Research Fund (TRF).

Mr. Prakasith Kayasith received the award for his presentation on “A study on Dysarthric Speech Assessment” at the RGJ - Ph.D. Congress VIII, held on April 20-22, 2007, at Pattaya, Chonburi.

Mr. Ithipan Methasate received the award for his presentation on “Evolutional Method for Kernel Selection in Support Vector Machines” at the RGJ - Ph.D. Congress IX, held on April 4-6, 2008, at Pattaya, Chonburi.

Mr. Prakasith Kayasith and Mr. Ithipan Methasate’s studies at SIIT were supported by grants from the Royal Golden Jubilee Ph.D. Program of the Thailand Research Fund which were granted to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Thanaruk Theeramunkong for supporting doctoral students. SIIT would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Thailand Research Fund for awarding the RGJ - Ph.D. grants to SIIT faculty members.

Outstanding Oral Presentation Award at the RGJ Seminar Series LX I

Ms. Krittiya Kaewmanee, a Ph.D. candidate of the School of Civil Engineering and Technology of SIIT, received an outstanding oral presentation award at the RGJ Seminar Series LX I: Innovation and Sustainable Development in Civil Engineering, which was held on September 4, 2008. Ms. Krittiya’s presentation was on “Modified Slump and Slump Loss Prediction Models for Ternary Blended Concrete with Lignosulfonate Based Water Reducers”. The seminar was jointly organized by the Sustainable Infrastructure Research and Development Center, Khon Kaen University, and the Royal Golden Jubilee Ph.D. Program of the Thailand Research Fund.

Ms. Krittiya’s doctoral study at SIIT is under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Somnuk Tangtermsirikul. Her study is supported by a grant from the Royal Golden Jubilee Ph.D. Program of the Thailand Research Fund which was granted to Prof. Dr. Somnuk Tangtermsirikul for supporting a doctoral student.
**The Sippanondha Prize**

The Professor Dr. Sippanondha Ketudat Fund, the National Institute of Educational Testing Service (Public Organization), and the Thai Academy of Science and Technology (TAST) jointly awarded the “Sippanondha Prize” to eight academically outstanding high school students who were ranked first (one student) and second (seven students) based on the O-Net (Ordinary National Education Test) scores of the science subject, academic year 2007. The award presentation ceremony was held on July 26, 2008, and was presided over by His Excellency Anand Panyarachun, the former Prime Minister of Thailand. Ms. Kaelkrittaya Trurktham, a first-year student of SIIT, who graduated from Samsen Wittayalai School (high school), was one of the award recipients (ranked second).

**Scholarships from the Professor Dr. Adul Wichiencharoen and His Former Students’ Foundation**

The Professor Dr. Adul Wichiencharoen and His Former Students’ Foundation annually grants more than 50 scholarships of 7,500 baht/student per year to Thammasat University undergraduate students with good academic performance and good conduct. This scholarship program is one of the foundation’s activities to contribute to society.

The 23rd scholarship awarding ceremony was held on August 25, 2008 at the Boonchu Rojanastien Conference Room, Thammasat University, Thaprachan Campus. Three of the scholarship recipients were from SIIT: Mr. Pheraphat Thepparak (second-year student of the School of Information and Computer Technology), Mr. Photiruk Sangsawang (third-year student of the School of Information and Computer Technology), and Ms. Nutthaya Lueangkamnoet (fourth-year student of the School of Management Technology).

**SIIT Students Receive Academic Excellence Awards from the Professor Dr. Tab Nilanidhi Foundation**

The Professor Dr. Tab Nilanidhi Foundation, Thailand, held the annual presentation of scholarships and academic excellence awards at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, on August 24, 2008. Four of the academic excellence awards for undergraduate students were presented to SIIT students: Mr. Pudith Sirigrivatanawong, Mr. Veratat Thamrongdullapark, Mr. Jira Jindalertudomdee, and Ms. Piyanee Prasongwanna.

Mr. Pudith Sirigrivatanawong and Mr. Veratat Thamrongdullapark are top students among SIIT freshmen, in the class of 2007, studying for the Bachelor of Engineering degree, with a GPA of 4.00. Mr. Jira Jindalertudomdee and Ms. Piyanee Prasongwanna are top students among SIIT freshmen studying for the Bachelor of Science degree, with a GPA of 4.00.

These four students also received the academic excellence awards of academic year 2007 from SIIT, which were presented to them at the SIIT New Student Orientation held on June 7, 2008. The awards were granted for achieving the first rank of the “Freshmen Class”. 
Integrated Science and Technology (TU130) Project Awards

On July 1, 2008, Prof. Dr. Sawasd Tantaratana, the Director of SIIT, presented “Integrated Science and Technology (TU130) Project Awards” to students of the course TU130 Integrated Science and Technology of the second semester, academic year 2007. The project is an activity in the TU130 course, in which students team up to carry out research under the supervision of SIIT faculty members. In the second semester of 2007, there were one group of second place winners and five groups of third place winners.

Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship

Mr. Pongsathorn Asavatheputhai, a graduate of the School of Communications, Instrumentations and Control of SIIT, received a Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship to study in Japan. He was granted admission to the Master’s Program of the Graduate School of Global Information and Telecommunication Studies (GITS), Waseda University. Mr. Pongsathorn received his B.Eng. in Communications from SIIT in early 2008. He began the study at Waseda University in September 2008.

2007 International Leaders Award

Mr. Tonni Agustiono Kurniawan, a master's degree graduate of the Environmental Technology Program of SIIT who is now studying at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, was selected by Future Leaders Fund to receive the 2007 International Leaders Award. The Award is given every fall to a full time student in any educational institution in the world. Future Leaders Fund is an educational international organization which aims at finding students who possess true leadership qualities, are able to make a difference, are not afraid of challenges and are passionate about their ideas.

Honorable Mention Award at the 9th High Strength Concrete Competition

An SIIT Team, comprising Mr. Kitipoom Chansuriyasak, Mr. Napat Srivichit, Mr. Jiranuwat Banjongrat, and Mr. Koraphat Wongpiyachetchai from the School of Civil Engineering and Technology, received an honorable mention award of the Target Strength Design Category at the 9th High Strength Concrete Competition. The competition was jointly organized by the King Mongkut’s University of Technology Thonburi and SCG Cement Co., Ltd., on 28-29 August 2008.

TU Outstanding Student Awards

Thammasat University (TU) awarded 18 outstanding student awards of the academic year 2007 to individual students and student clubs at the TU New Student Orientation held on May 19, 2008, at TU Thaprachan Campus. Mr. Amnart Thamrongmas, a doctoral student of the School of Communications, Instrumentations and Control of SIIT, received an honorable mention of the Outstanding Academic Excellence Award.

The Community Development and Virtue Act Group of SIIT also received an honorable mention of the Outstanding Community Development Club Award. Mr. Tun Leangpaiboon represented the group to receive the award.

SIIT Exchange Student to Hokkaido University, Japan

Mr. Nachanok Sanguanrachasub, a fourth-year student from the School of Communications, Instrumentation and Control of SIIT, received a scholarship from the Japan Student Service Organization (JASSO) to study in the Hokkaido University Short Term Exchange Program (HUSTEP) as an exchange student. Mr. Nachanok will study at the Hokkaido University, Japan, for one year, from October 2008 to September 2009.
Graduate Students from the National University of Laos Visit SIIT

Mr. Santiphab Meunmany, Mr. Sopha Soulineyadeth, Mr. Kongher Herjalearn, and Mr. Syvang Xayyavong, who are master’s degree students of the National University of Laos, visited Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology (SIIT) during 4 August - 30 September, 2008, to work on their theses under the supervision of two faculty members of SIIT – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sandhya Babel and Asst. Prof. Dr. Alice Sharp. These four students were admitted as the first batch for the Master’s Degree Program in Environmental Engineering and Management, with financial support from the Asia-Euro Link Programme of the European Commission. This project is participated in by four partner universities – University of Siegen (Germany), University of Science and Technology (Krakow, Poland), National University of Laos, and Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology (SIIT) of Thammasat University.

Cultural Trip

The SIIT International Office arranged a cultural trip for nine exchange students from France, Germany and Japan, who enrolled to study at SIIT in the 1st /2008 semester, and six students from Kochi University of Technology, Japan, to visit the Ancient City in Samut Prakan province on September 7, 2008. This cultural trip was intended to provide information on interesting places and Thai culture to foreign students.

Students from Kochi University of Technology, Japan, Visit SIIT

Under the academic collaboration between Kochi University of Technology (KUT), Japan, and the Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology (SIIT), 6 students from KUT, accompanied by two officers from the International Relations Center of KUT, visited SIIT during September 5-9, 2008.

During the visit, KUT students participated in various activities at SIIT including joining an English class with SIIT first-year students, visiting Ayudhaya historical places with SIIT second-year students, and visiting the Ancient City with SIIT Exchange students, which encouraged students from both institutions to exchange experience and cultures of their countries.

SIIT Student Receives Good Conduct Award

Ms. Suchaya Ananwattanaporn, a second-year student of the School of Information and Computer Technology (ICT), received a good conduct award from Thammasat University (TU), which was presented to her by the Rector of TU, Professor Dr. Surapon Nitikraipot, in the “Wai Kru” ceremony held at Thammasat University, Rangsit Center, on July 3, 2008.

Flower Chain for Beloved Mother

On August 11, 2008, a group of first-year students organized the activity “Flower Chain for Beloved Mother” to celebrate Mother’s Day. During the activity of making flower chains from fresh flowers and natural materials, some students played Thai classical songs. These Thai arts, culture, and nature conservation activities were an inspiration for the SIIT students, faculty and staff members.
“Davepao” Concerts

On August 4, 2008, the “Davepao: Let’s Dress TU Wall” art and music exhibition was organized at the Interzone ground, TU Rangsit Center, by the Music & Chorus Club of SIIT, led by Mr. Visaet Sirisopha, a second-year student of the School of Information and Computer Technology. The exhibition was aimed at campaigning among SIIT and TU students to appreciate the art of photography through the LOMO Wall exhibition and musical arts through concerts by student bands from five faculties of Thammasat University (SIIT (host), Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Commerce and Accountancy, Faculty of Law, and Faculty of Liberal Arts), Bangkok University, Kasetsart University, and the Department of Non-Formal Education. A total of 8,674.25 baht collected from this activity was donated to the Bankrundoi Foundation for supporting disadvantaged children.

The second concert “Davepao: Back to School#2008” was organized on September 2, 2008, at the SIIT Main Building (Rangsit) by the Music & Chorus Club of SIIT, led by Ms. Pannida Punthuna, a second-year student of School of Manufacturing Systems and Mechanical Engineering. In this concert, many bands joined in the music shows, such as SIIT Bands, bands from ETC Club of Thammasat University and a special band mixed from SIIT faculty members and students. The LOMO Wall was again displayed for the audiences. This time, the Davepao organizing team focused not only on the music shows, but also on encouraging SIIT students to raise funds for student activities by operating game booths, and selling snacks, food, beverages, and souvenirs. In addition, dressing in the “Old School Uniform” and joining several activities of the event promoted the development of warm friendships among students, faculty and staff members of SIIT.

TU Freshy Games 2008

The “TU Freshy Games 2008” were held during August 18-28, 2008, by the Student Union of Thammasat University (TU) to enhance the unity of TU students. First-year students from all faculties of TU participated in this event and were grouped into 8 teams – pink, orange, yellow, purple, light blue, green, dark blue, and red. SIIT students joined with students of the Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication (JC) in the “Green” team.

The Green team, with a number of foreign exchange students, impressed the audience with a lively and colorful “Forest & Fairy Tales” parade and cheering stand. Although the green team did not win in any competition, the students were filled with good memories.