

2015 Opening Ceremony Speech

Prof. Dr. Akinori Nishihara, Chairman, Steering Committee for TAIST-Tokyo Tech, Prof. Hiroaki Morimura, Director of Tokyo Tech Thailand Office, Program Directors, Professors, Distinguished guests, Ladies and gentlemen,

Good Morning. I am delighted to welcome you today to the Thailand Advanced Institution of Science and Technology and Tokyo Institute of Technology or TAIST-Tokyo Tech for the Opening and Orientation Ceremony of the TAIST-Tokyo Tech 2015. It is a great honour to deliver welcoming remarks for this special and important occasion today.

Before I go any further, I would like to thank distinguished guests, program directors, professors, researchers, all new students and everyone for attending this ceremony. Most importantly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you on behalf of TAIST-Tokyo Tech. And I do hope that you will enjoy your time here.

The Thailand Advanced Institute of Science and Technology or TAIST, is a successful partnership involving NSTDA, Tokyo Tech, KMITL, KMUTT, Kasetsart University and SIIT, Thammasat University. TAIST-Tokyo Tech was launched in 2007. Currently, there are 3 programs. The first one is the Automotive Engineering (AE) program. The second one is the Information and Communication Technology for Embedded Systems (ICTES) program and the third one, which was just launched in 2012, is the Advanced and Sustainable Environmental Engineering (EnvE) program. There are more than 100 Students graduated from TAIST-Tokyo Tech. This program aims to establish an institution for human resource development to produce world-class researchers and support high-level engineers. It is a joint effort with all partners contributing resources and expertise.

NSTDA provides scholarships, excellent research facilities and the supervision of experienced researchers. Tokyo Tech dispatches professors to Thailand to provide guidance on distance learning which is an important teaching component of TAIST-Tokyo Tech. And last, but not least, Thai

universities, namely KMITL, KMUTT, Kasetsart University and SIIT, Thammasat University provide support to each program and help students in the various programs identify suitable research topics. To the students who are here today, I would like to extend my congratulations on your acceptance into the Master of Engineering Program at TAIST-Tokyo Tech. It is a pleasure to have you join the TAIST-Tokyo Tech family. Being part of this program is an important step towards your academic excellence. The secret of success lies in your attentiveness. You have to stay focused, keep yourself informed and dedicate to your study and research. All professors and staff are ready to support and help you to achieve your academic goal.

I hope that you will gain all the benefits of an excellent education at the TAIST-Tokyo Tech and I wish you a happy and successful future.

Thank you.

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