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Dear Dr. Doetsch,

## **GREETINGS FROM SUT!!**

Prof. Dr. Witchit Srisa-an, President of Suranaree University of Technology requested me to acknowledge receipt of your very warm letter of appreciation for the role played by our University in the recently concluded ISU Summer Program 99. It was really also a great honor and pleasure for SUT to host the event. It will be one of the milestones in the history of our University. The Rector has also requested me to send copies to persons concerned and to report about your letter to the University Council and Senate during their next meeting.

Regarding the follow-up activities, we have discussed the proposed Seminar Workshop on Flood Management based on the project prepared by the students. I communicated with Dr. Vern Singhroy regarding his participation and assistance in the planning of the program as this was our agreement in SUT. However, I have not received any reply from him. If he participates in the coming ISU Planning meeting, I would appreciate it highly if you could kindly remind him of his promise to send me his suggestions on the contents of the program. I will also be most grateful if you could send me some suggestions regarding the possible participation of ISU specially that of the presentation of the former students of the 99 Session who were involved in the writing of the project. I will really have to start working on it next month as July is only round the corner.

You must also be busy with the planning meeting for the 2000 ISUSP in Chile. I am in contact with Edgardo and Pin has expressed interest in helping if her services would be needed, i.e. if our University will allow her and there will be some budgetary assistance from ISU It will of course be a great honor and pleasure for me to be involved (only if really necessary). It will also depend upon the need, including

the possibility of giving a lecture with the Biology section in collaboration with Inesa. Regarding the latter, I will simply rely on Inesa's evaluation and suggestion.

I look forward to our continuing collaboration and I wish the planning committee great success in the deliberations. Kindly extend my regards to people I know most specially to Francois, Inesa and Stefano.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

for Dr.Umaly



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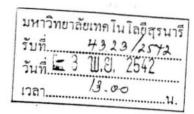
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Prof. Dr. Wichit Srisa-an Rector Suranaree University of Technology 111 University Avenue Muang District 30000 Nakhon Ratchasima THAILAND

Dear Prof. Dr. Wichit Srisa-an,

ISU successfully completed its 12th Summer Session Program (SSP'99) held on the campus of Suranaree University of Technology in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand. As you are aware, a great deal of effort goes into carrying out a successful Summer Session. This includes recruiting and recommending students who can take advantage of this unique experience, the selection of the faculty and lecturers - many of whom come to teach at the SSP as part of in-kind contributions made by companies and agencies from all around the world, and the preparation of the program to reflect the current trends and opportunities to the ever evolving space sector.

Many resources are required to achieve ISU's academic mission of offering an interdisciplinary, intercultural and international education to the world's future leaders in space. The support and dedication by the host site is key to the success of the SSP. Your role was vital to the accomplishment of this mission and is much appreciated by all of us at ISU. Thank you for the strong support you provided to ISU and the ISU staff for the Summer Session Program. You and your staff members worked hard to assist ISU prior to and especially during the daily workings of the SSP. Only with your support were the 88 students from 24 countries able to learn and work together.

I would like to thank you for the support provided by Dr. Tanongsak Bisarnsin, Sorapat Dhaparungsri, and Amarit Tiengdah. The telecommunications and computer personnel with whom we worked during the SSP were great. Upon our arrival, the computer and telephone personnel worked long hours to install, prepare, and establish an operational system to meet our needs. Throughout the session, these individuals and their teams were responsive to our many issues and questions and were dedicated to providing outstanding support to all SSP participants.

Thank you, too, for the support provided to ISU in the area of housing and meals. Mr. Tirachai Yenjai and his management staff, including Sayan Yongyut, Prapan Chummanas, and Khajornsak Worawong, were highly responsive, willing to meet with our staff, and eager to provide solutions to the many challenges given to them by the ISU group. We appreciate the time, energy, and dedication of these people and their staff at Surasammanakhan. We thank Sonchart Meermarueng for his hard work in the restaurant and willingness to provide his assistance in all matters. We appreciate the support and hard work of Mongkol Chankam and Anonglak Kanghae with all matters associated with the workings of Surasammanakhan. We thank Yuthakiat Nonthasin for leading the group of friendly and helpful people behind the front desk of the hotel, including

receptionists Saruta Chantaros and Chancan Channuan. We appreciate, too, all of the support in the area of audio-visual equipment and thank Mr. Sununchai and his staff for their support in helping to make all of our presentations a success. All of the staff provided help and demonstrated much patience with our demanding group. We are very grateful to Khun Tirachai and his staff for their successful effort in making us feel welcome during our stay at Surasammankhan.

The support to ISU came from many areas of Suranaree University of Technology. We thank Dr. Banjert Chongapiratanakul for her support in the area of public relations. In addition, we thank Oranut Awirutpiaboon and Jantima Boonmarg for their support with public relations and photography. We appreciate very much the work done by Dr. Prapavadee to provide library support. Tipapron Sangchaiya, of Siam Commercial Bank, was highly supportive and helpful for our banking needs. Peter Chaiyaoma was helpful in many areas, especially in serving as a host and providing advice to many members of our group. We thank you, too, for the hard work and efforts made by Sart Sukprasert and Rangsan Wongsan for the Alumni Conference and Weekend, departmental visits, and sporting events. These two SUT staff members, who also are ISU alumni, greatly assisted us throughout the SSP.

As yourknow, many of our participants required medical attention during their time in Thailand. We thank you very much for the open access to the SUT Health Center and for the attention given by the caring doctors and nurses. Special thanks go to Noengni and Na Lampang for their hard work and support of our group.

We thank you, too, for the special arrangements made by Weerawat Tongyoddee to modify the schedule for the move to the new Fitness Center facilities. His willingness to change the schedule to accommodate ISU greatly enhanced the experience at SUT for the staff, students, and faculty of ISU. The extraordinary effort made by SUT to allow ISU participants continuous access to exercise facilities throughout the entire summer was greatly appreciated by all. We thank Khun Weerawat and his entire staff for their support to ISU.

Thank you, too, for providing lecturers and faculty to the academic program of the SSP. Mr. Manu Omakupt provided great assistance to the Satellite Applications Department, serving as faculty. Only with his work was Departmental Activity Day a success, and we truly appreciate his help. The lectures given by Mr. Suriya Smutkupt, both to the entire student body and as part of the Specialized Lecture Series for the Space and Society Department were invaluable to our group. ISU appreciates these members of SUT faculty sharing their expertise with the SSP students.

We appreciate very much your providing the use of a van and drivers to us throughout the SSP. Both of our drivers, Choengchai Komut and Monkol Kantaku, were always ready and willing to take SSP participants to the various destinations, often at early hours of the day. Thank you for their contributions to the success of the SSP.

Thank you, too, for the outstanding support given by the entire team of Technopolis. We appreciate the support from Dr. Narong Akkarapattanagoon and his team in meeting all of our room, furniture, and water needs. One person on the staff of Technopolis was especially outstanding. Miss Prapaporn Pansuntia worked very hard and met our every need. We were very

lucky to have her with us all summer as a receptionist. She served as an integral, outstanding member of the SSP staff. We thank you very much for all the support from Technopolis.

Many additional people from SUT were involved in vital roles in the planning and organizing of the SSP. I would like to thank Dr. Krieh Suebsonthi, Dr. Pongchan Na Lampang, Dr. Chancai Intaraprawat, Dr. Vithoon Osathanond, Dr. Tavee Lertpanyavit, Dr. Vorapot Khompis, Dr. Prasart Suebkha, and Dr. Weerapong Pairsuwan for their efforts in leading the SUT planning committees who worked to support SSP'99. I appreciate the fine work of these leaders of the SUT and of the members of their committees. Their efforts and support helped to make SSP'99 so successful and are much appreciated by all of us at ISU.

I would like to thank you especially for the outstanding contributions made by Dr. Ruben Umaly and the superb staff of the Center for International Affairs. Without the support of Dr. Umaly, dating back several years, the ISU Summer Session Program would not have been held in Thailand. During the SSP, Dr. Umaly provided much support by giving advice and also lectured for the Life Sciences Department. We thank him for his hard work and support to ISU. We appreciate, especially, the many members of his organization who served as staff to the SSP. Thank you for providing the excellent support of Sommai Champucha, Supaporn Kingnok, and Urawan Panyang as receptionists to the SSP. Each of these three worked very hard as members of the SSP staff, and we appreciate very much their dedication. We thank Dr. Umaly and his staff for making SSP'99 the best Summer Session ever.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the exceptional work of Mantana "Pin" Thammachoti. The success of the Summer Session is due, in large part, to the work done by Ms. Thammachoti prior to and during the SSP. She not only served as Travel and Visitor Coordinator during SSP'99, taking on two key SSP staff positions, but she also served as advisor, chauffeur (along with much support and friendship of her husband, Eckart Shultz), friend, and guide. She served as an outstanding representative of SUT. All of us at ISU appreciate Pin's hard work, resourcefulness, dedication and support.

Thank you for the major role you played personally in making the session a success. Only through your strong commitment to providing resources to support this vital international educational program was SSP'99 successful. Thank you for your hospitality earlier this month during the closing activities of SSP'99 and for the opportunity to sign the Memorandum of Understanding, which represents a new beginning between SUT and ISU. I look forward to a continued strong relationship.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Karl Doetsch

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