

## **MESSAGE OF THE PRIME MINISTER**

It is indeed a great pleasure and honor for me to welcome to Thailand the participants, the distinguished lecturers and resource persons as well as the officials and staff of the International Space University of Strasbourg, France during the International Space University Summer School Program which will be hosted by Suranaree University of Technology at Nakhon Ratchasima from 26 June to 4 September 1999.

I would like to join the academic and scientific community of Thailand in congratulating the Founders of the International Space University for their vision of a peaceful, prosperous and boundless future through the study, exploration and development of Space for the benefit of all humanity. It is a rare privilege for Thailand to be the first country in Southeast Asia to host this very prestigious Summer School.

I hope your stay in Thailand, although short would be most fruitful, enjoyable as well as enriching and that you would leave with fond memories and a desire to revisit the many scenic places of Thailand and share the aspirations of the Thai people.. May the Summer School serve as a bridge of long lasting friendship between Thailand and the rest of the world.

## **MESSAGE OF THE MINISTER OF UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS**

The Ministry of University Affairs of Thailand joins the government and people of Thailand in extending a very warm welcome to the participants, the guest lecturers and resource persons as well as the officials and staff of the International Space University. It is indeed a great privilege for one of the Universities of Thailand, Suranaree University of Technology, to host the International Space University Summer School Program 99 from 26 June to 4 September.

The co-organization of this distinguished Summer School by a Thai university provides the Ministry of University Affairs another opportunity to strengthen its program of internationalization of higher education in the country. The Summer School would provide an international forum for borderless cooperation in the exploration of outer space all for the betterment of life of all peoples of the world.

I commend Suranaree University of Technology for developing this collaboration with the International Space University and I hope this will only be the first of many other joint activities in this precious partnership.

I wish all the participants and staff a very pleasant and productive sojourn in Nakhon Ratchasima and that in spite the heavy schedule you would find some time to enjoy the other attractions of Thailand.

## **MESSAGE OF THE RECTOR**

On behalf of the officials, faculty members and students of Suranaree University of Technology as well as on my own behalf, may I extend a very sincere and warm welcome to the officials and staff of the International Space University as well as the participants, lecturers and resource persons of the ISU Summer School Program 99. It is indeed with great pride and joy that Suranaree University of Technology is able to host the renowned ISU Summer School Program 99.

As a young academic Institution for Science and Technology, SUT would like to be able to bring not only to Thailand but also the region the expertise in this very important equally young and very specialized field of space technology. SUT shares with ISU the recognition of the importance of international, interdisciplinary and intercultural study, exploration and development of space for the benefit of humankind.

Suranaree University of Technology will endeavor to foster even closer cooperation between governments, the academia and industries in the promotion of space science and technology through continued and even stronger cooperation with the International Space University and its partners. SUT would like to thank the support of the Thai government in this endeavor.