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PROTECTION OF THE OPERATION OF THE ASIAN INSTITUE OF TECHNOLOGY ACT, B.E. 2510 (1967)

BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, REX; Given on the 15th Day of November B.E. 2510 (1967); Being the 22nd Year of the Present Reign.

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej is graciously pleased to proclaim that: Whereas it is expedient to have a law on the protection of the operation of the Asian Institute of Technology (Thailand) Act;

Be it, therefore, enacted by the King, by and with the advice and consent of Constituent Assembly, acting as the Parliament, as follows:

Section 1. This Act is called the "Protection of the Operation of the Asian Institute of Technology Act, B.E. 2510 (1967)".

Section 2. This Act shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Section 3. In this Act:

"Institute" means the Asian Institute of Technology, established by the consent of the contracting parties of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) in accordance with the charter of Asian Institute of Technology.

Section 4. In order to ensure that the operation of the Institute achieve its purposes:

- (1) The Institute shall be recognized as a juristic person and be deemed to have a domicile in Thailand;
- (2) The Institute shall be exempted from complying with the law on private schools and the law on the National Office of the Education Council (ONEC).

Section 5. The Institute is exempted from:

- (1) Stamp duty charged under the Revenue Code for the financial contribution which the Institute received from donation and tuition fees.
- (2) Duty charged under the law on customs tariff and trade tax under the Revenue Code for the imported equipment and materials into the Kingdom for educational and research purposes, which form the general operations of the Institute, and only in the case that the Institute has received official permission for importation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- (3) Building and land tax in accordance with the law on building and land tax and local maintenance tax in accordance with the law on local maintenance tax for the Institute's properties used for educational purposes, or residential properties for both students and employees of the Institute that are located within the area of the Institute,

Section 6. Under the immigration law, only as far as this Act does not otherwise specify, foreigners, in the following categories, who are entering into the Kingdom, shall be exempted from the limitations under the Immigration law on the number of people entering the Kingdom and the period of stay in the Kingdom during which they are authorized:

- (1) Members of the Board of Trustees:
- (2) Members of the Executive Committee;
- (3) The Institute's employees;
- (4) Spouses, children, relatives under their responsibility and who are part of their household, and servants travelling from abroad of the persons in categories (1), (2) and (3) above;
- (5) Students, their spouses and their children under their responsibility and who are part of their household, only for those who have been granted the permission of exemption from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Section 7. The Minister of Foreign Affairs shall have charge and control of the execution of this Act.

Countersigned by: Field Marshal Thanom Kittikajorn Prime Minister

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