

## Asian Institute of Technology (<https://www.ait.ac.th/>)

### Introduction

Established in Bangkok in 1959, the Asian Institute of Technology has become a leading regional postgraduate institution that promotes technological change and sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region through higher education, research, and outreach. AIT is actively working with public and private sector partners throughout the region and with some of the top universities in the world.



It also hosted the first Yunus Center outside Bangladesh in August 2009. The Yunus Center at AIT provides an action-learning platform that fosters the development, implementation, and valuation of sustainable social business models driven by research, technology, and partnerships that effectively solve social problems, with a particular focus on gender equality.

### Objectives for Bangladesh Challenge

Bangladesh Challenge team will visit Yunus Center at AIT between January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be a good opportunity to do a case study regarding the cooperation between a university and social businesses by building an ecosystem centered around the Yunus Center at AIT. We will also make study visits to social businesses in Bangkok as well as AIT solutions (<http://solutions.ait.ac.th/>) – a consultation service using AIT's resources.

AIT also has a very strong international network across Belt and Road countries. We also expect to discuss directions for further development of the Global Engagement Project and TESD through the international network of AIT.