

**Mr. Tapanan Yeophantong**

Awarded St. Bernard Award for Special Merit (Third Class)

**Citation**

Mr. Tapanan Yeophantong received his Bachelor Degree of Science in Computer Science from Assumption University in 2001. He completed his Master Degree of Science in Computer Science, also from Assumption University, in 2005. He has worked in Assumption University for 14 years, starting in November 2002. In addition to his full-time lecturer duties, he is currently the director of Intelligent Systems Research Laboratory, or ISL, where he has published a number of research works in artificial intelligence and machine learning. He was previously awarded St. Thomas Aquinas Award (Third Class) for his research endeavour in 2006.

Thereafter in 2012, following the university's focus towards re-structuring the process to improve teaching and learning, as well as to improve the university's public recognition, Mr. Tapanan had then been engaged in projects and activities that emphasise hands-on experience in student learning, place students' works onto real-world stages, and encourage collaborative activities among faculties and students on innovative projects. He initiated a re-structuring of BSCS senior project system for better management and exposure of the students' works, and initiated Proactive Academic Advising Protocol for better handling of student's cases by academic advisors. As an ISL director, he also initiated a industry research program to provide graduate scholarships to prospective MSCS and MSIT students.

The following list contains some of his activities aimed to improve the learning process of students as well as to raise public recognition of the department, faculty, and Assumption University:

1. Founded Jammies in 2012. Jammies is a series of training programs on design thinking, UI/UX, and presentation skills for secondary school students countrywide. Since its founding, Jammies is held annually at Suvarnabhumi Campus, with 15 student volunteers.
2. Mentored 3 teams of students to participate in "Angel in the City" in 2014, a startup incubation by SiPA. One team reached Top-10, and 2 teams reached Top-25. All teams received seed funding for their startup ideas, and their works were showcased in Software Expo Asia held at Queen Sirikit's Convention Center.
3. Mentored 9 teams of faculties and students to participate in "Angel in the City" in 2015, a startup incubation by SiPA. One team won 2nd prize, 4 teams reached Top-10, and 4 teams in Top-25. All teams received seed funding for their startup ideas, and their works were showcased in Digital Lifestyle 2015 held at Siam Paragon Exhibition Hall.
4. Co-organised CS Festival, an annual event that comprise of workshops, contests and competitions on topics relating to Computer Science, for Thai secondary school students countrywide. CS Festival has been organised annually from 2013 – 2016.

5. Co-organised CodePlusPlus Challenge from 2012 – 2014. CodePlusPlus Challenge is a series of Olympic-like programming competitions for Thai secondary school students countrywide.
6. Co-organised a startup incubation program called “Angel in the City” with Software Industry Promotion Agency, or SiPA for AU public recognition in startup innovations. The event spanned entire years and were held at ABAC City Campus during 2013 – 2015.

For his dedications towards the development of values and reputation of the university, Assumption University is pleased to award Mr. Tapanan Yeophantong the St. Bernard Award for Special Merit (Third Class) on December 24, 2016.

