Job Title: Executive Director, AIT Extension

Work Location: Asian Institute of Technology

School/Office: AIT Extension

Department/Work Unit/Project: Office of the Executive Director

Reports to: Vice President Knowledge Transfer

Number of people to supervise: 8 (total payroll: 40-45)

Job Description:

AIT Extension is the Institute-wide center primarily responsible for the Institute's outreach. Its functions include executive education, professional development courses, continuing education courses, capacity-building consultancy, and organizing conferences and workshops. AIT Extension collaborates with a vast network of clients such as government agencies, NGOs, private sector enterprises and other organizations.

AIT Extension also provides support services and staff development programs to AIT Schools and non-academic units.

AIT Extension is led by an Executive Director. In collaboration with the AIT Vice President of Knowledge Transfer (VPKT), to whom he/she reports, the Executive Director is responsible for defining the strategic direction of AIT Extension, and executing its programs.

- Lead the development of a strategic framework consistent with AIT's mission
- Lead the development of a business plan
- Lead the development of innovative teaching with new technology and online or hybrid modes of instruction
- Develop clients for AIT Extension from government, organizations, foundations, and private sector, with special emphasis on increasing the percentage of our enterprise clients
- Organize and manage internal structure
- Lead partnership development
- Represent AIT Extension on Institute-level bodies
- In consultation with administration, formulate and agree an annual operating budget
- Generate income and manage financial resources of the unit for financial sustainability
- Oversee operations and ensuring compliance with Institute level and unit-specific policies and procedures
- Ensure quality of all products and services
- Allocation of AIT Extension resources according to emerging priorities
- Ensure effective coordination with other units at AIT and with Schools specifically working closely with the faculty to complement or cooperate on academic programs and offerings
- Supervise development and conduct of all activities
- Implement policy and procedures on productivity and performance, including making recommendations on appointments, contract renewals and promotions.
- Represent AIT Extension to external clients, and to participants

Job Specifications:

- A graduate level degree in a relevant discipline. A doctorate is preferable.
- Substantive experience in an international working environment, including experience in managing professional development programs
- At least ten years progressively responsible professional experience in teaching professional development courses in a related field
- Sound knowledge of adult learning principles, group facilitation, familiar with new training technologies and approaches, and ability to put them into practice
- Well acquainted with technical and economic development levels of countries in the region

- Excellent communication skills and ability to prepare technical reports and conduct seminar/workshops/training programs
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to establish and maintain effective working relations in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity
- Approachable, responsive, aware and sensitive to cultural, religious and gender differences
- Results oriented, flexible and adaptable.