

**27 September - Asian University****Education & Lectures**

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?A decade from the top of the hill?

Asian University celebrates its first ten years. Last Saturday evening, 27 September, at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, there was a party to celebrate the first ten years of Asian university. Hosted by the University President Dr. Viphandh Roengpithya with the students and staff of the University, and attended by shareholders, parents and friends, the party was a multi faceted celebration. Lord Ronald Oxburgh was there and gave an interesting and entertaining talk entitled ?A decade from the top of the hill? making reference to the location of Asian University, on a hill overlooking the cassava fields and Jomtien. Many alumni of the University and present day students were there to catch up with friends and compare their experiences. Dr. Woravut Khunsin was given the outstanding Asian U Alumni Award and Khun Rut (Anontawong Marukpitak) was presented with the Asian U Spirit award. Both are engineering graduates from the first batch in 2002, who have continued their support for the University. An academic collaboration agreement was signed by Asian university and the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) for a "Unified Asian U-AIT Bachelor-Master Programme?. This combines a four year Asian University bachelor degree (BEng) with a one and a half to two year Master programme at AIT into one continuous 5-year (Engineering) programme. Students who successfully complete the programme will earn two degrees, BEng and then MEng. The study programme will be available in the next academic year, starting August 2009. Professor Said Irandoust, President of AIT and Dr. Vip of Asian University signed the agreement and looked forward to successful collaboration. DJ Champ, from Channel 3 TV helped everyone to enjoy the celebrations and the reunion to the full.