



Said Irandoust

Job Title: President

Organization: Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)

Professor Said Irandoust, a Swedish national, currently serves as President of the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), which is based in Thailand with affiliated Centers in Vietnam and Indonesia. Professor Irandoust was born in 1960 in Tabriz in the province of Azerbaijan in north-west Iran. He moved to Sweden in 1979 as an exchange student. Professor Said Irandoust gained a M.Sc. in Eng. degree in chemical engineering at Chalmers in 1984 and a PhD in 1989 with a thesis on monolith reactors.

Prior to joining AIT he was the Vice Chancellor of the University College of Borås, Sweden from 2001–2005. Development of strong research environments, internationalization, partnership with stakeholders and development of a new university concept “The first Swedish University of Professions” were among the key projects during his presidency. Before that he worked with one of Sweden’s leading universities Chalmers from 1990 to 2000, with his last position being that of Vice President.

As the Vice President at Chalmers, he initiated and supervised a number of development projects within higher learning, further education for professionals, and internationalization. He was Chair of the Swedish Government's Committee for promoting mathematics and member of the Swedish Government's Committee for widening recruitment to universities. He also served as a Member of the Board of Engineers Without Borders and of the Board of the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT).

Professor Irandoust received the Medal of Progress from the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. He is also the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate from the Plekhanov Russian Academy of Economics in Moscow.