

October 29, 1984

Dear President North,

I am most grateful to you for your letter of 17th October informing me that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of your Institute have unanimously approved the conferment of an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Technology upon me. I thank you and the Board of Trustees for electing me to this honor. I shall be very happy to accept the Honorary Degree.

A suitable date will be 19th April 1985.

With my best regards.

Yours sincerely,

M.S. Swaminathan
Director General

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Dr. Monkombu Sambasivan Swaminathan
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Dear Dr. Swaminathan,

I am very pleased to inform you that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Asian Institute of Technology, at its meeting held on 15 October 1984, unanimously approved (subject to homologation by the Full Board in January) a nomination that the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Technology be conferred upon you.

I am now writing to inform you of this action and to express my very sincere hope that you will be able to accept this highest honour our Institute can award.

The following two criteria have been established by the Institute:

- That the person has made substantial contribution to the economic, social or technological development of the region, or
- That the person has provided outstanding services to the Institute.

In the past, our Institute has conferred honorary doctorates on the following persons:

1975	H.M. The King of Thailand	
1976	Professor Kankuro Kaneshige	(Japan)
1978	Dr. Milton E. Bender, Jr.	(U.S.A.)
1978	Sir Robert Blackwood	(Australia)
1979	Professor Maurice L. Albertson	(U.S.A.)
1979	H.E. General Carlos P. Romulo	(Philippines)
1979	H.E. Mr. Pote Sarasin	(Thailand)
1979	Professor W. Fisher Cassie	(U.K.)
1980	Dr. Utai Voodhigula	(Thailand)
1981	Dr. Soedjatmoko	(Indonesia)
1982	H.E. General Prem Tinsulanonda	(Thailand)
1983	Professor Aroon Sorathesn	(Thailand)
1984	H.E. Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al Hadj	(Malaysia)
1984	Dr. Robert B. Banks	(U.S.A.)
1984	Mr. Kasame Chatikavanij	(Thailand)



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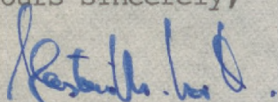
I am certain you will understand that a long-established policy of the Institute is that the conferment of honorary degrees can be made only at the Institute. That is, it is not possible to award honorary degree in absentia. If you are able to accept, we have Graduation Ceremonies on 19th April, 16th August, and 13th December. At each of these ceremonies we will confer degrees and diplomas on approximately 90 of our regular post-graduate students coming from nearly 20 countries of Asia. We would also ask that you be our graduation speaker and thus present a 10- or 15- minute message to the audience at the ceremony.

I look forward to hearing from you whether you can accept this honour, and if so whether any of the three dates above would be inconvenient for you.

I thank you for your kind consideration and would very much appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Alastair M. North
President

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cc: Dr. Thanat Khoman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees