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1. Executive Board of AFICS-THAILAND (AFICS-T)

The Executive Board of AFICS-T, elected at the Seventeenth Annual General Assembly on 18 July 2017, comprises the following officers:

1. President	Mr. Yossuwan Anandhwanlert
2. First Vice-President	Mr. Chingchai Likitnukul
3. Second Vice-President	Ms. Pagapunt Aneknidhi
4. Secretary	Mr. Jean-Louis Vignuda
5. Deputy Secretary	Ms. Chitraporn Boonyasit
6. Treasurer	Ms. Suntaree Suwannasing
7. Deputy Treasurer	Ms. Metinee Hunkosol
8. Registrar	Ms. Onanong Panyajaray
9. Communications Officer	Ms. Vena Visaruitawongse
10. Web Master	Mr. Somkhoo Antanai
11. Deputy Web Master	Mr. Somchai Congtavinsutti

Members:

- 12. Mr. Peter Hengenbarth
- 13. Ms. Junpen Jirasavetakul
- 14. Ms. Duangthip Pattraplachai
- 15. Mr. Jan Orsini
- 16. Ms. Sumetee Jongmu
- 17. Ms. Amara Lohvithee
- 18. Mr. Suraphong Chuachamsai

Advisers:

- 19. Mr. Vudhithep Tanghongse
- 20. Mr. Suthat Ungsuthornrungsi
- 21. Mr. Ti Le-Huu

Medical Adviser

- 22. Dr. Surachai Vichankaiyakij

Subsequently, Ms. Amara Lohvithee (member) tendered her resignation and the Board accordingly co-opted Ms. Sirapha Khomson as a replacement.

The Executive Board would like to express its thanks and appreciation to the members of the Association who had assisted the Executive Board in carrying out the functions of Duty Officer, during the reporting period, whose presence at AFICS-T office was required during AFICS-T office hours.

2. Committee and Sub-committees of AFICS-T

To facilitate AFICS-T Executive Board in ensuring the smooth and efficient functioning of AFICS-T toward the provision of effective and timely services to our members, the following Committees and Sub-committees were established at the second meeting of the Executive Board 2017-2019 and their compositions are as follows:

1. Committee on Pension and Group Life Insurance Benefits:

- Co-Chairpersons: Mr. Chingchai Likitnukul
Mr. Suthat Ungsuthornrungsi
- Members: Mr. Yossuwan Anandhwanlert
Ms. Suntaree Suwannasing
Mr. Jean-Louis Vignuda
Mr. Vudhithep Tanghongse
Mr. Chumsilp Na Pattalung
Mr. Benny Widyono

2. Committee on Medical Benefits:

- Chairperson: Mr. Yossuwan Anandhwanlert
- Medical Adviser: Dr. Surachai Vichankaiyakij

(i) Sub-Committee on Worldwide Plan (WWP):

- Co-Chairpersons: Mr. Chingchai Likitnukul
Mr. Suthat Ungsuthornrungsi
- Members: Ms. Pagapunt Aneknidhi
Mr. Jean-Louis Vignuda

(ii) Sub-Committee on MIP:

Chairperson: Ms. Suntaree Suwannasing
Members: Ms. Junpen Jirasavetakul
Ms. Metinee Hunkosol
Mr. Suraphong Chuachamsai

3. Committee on Information and Records:

Co-Chairpersons: Mr. Somkhon Antanai
Mr. Suraphong Chuachamsai
Members: Mr. Somchai Congtavinsutti
Ms. Onanong Panyajaray
Ms. Srivalla Kosin
Ms. Duangthip Pattraplachai

4. Committee on Publicity and Newsletters:

Co-Chairpersons: Mr. Jean-Louis Vignuda (English)
Mr. Somchai Congtavinsutti (Thai)

5. Committee on Benevolent Fund and Funerals:

Chairperson: Ms. Metinee Hunkosol
Members: Ms. Suntaree Suwannasing
Ms. Junpen Jirasavetakul

6. Committee on Recreation and Tours:

Chairperson: Ms. Vena Visaruitawongse
Members: Ms. Sumetee Jongmu
Mr. Vudhithep Tanghongse
Ms. Yupa Wongsuchat
Ms. Siraprapha Khomson
Mr. Suthat Ungsuthornrungsi
Ms. Apinporn Israngkul Na Ayudhya

7. Committee on Charity Activities:

Chairperson: Ms. Sumetee Jongmu
Members: Ms. Vena Visaruitawongse
Mr. Jan Orsini
Ms. Pagapunt Aneknidhi
Ms. Yupa Wonsuchat
Ms. Siraprapha Khomson
Mr. Suthat Ungsuthornrungsi

8. Committee on Foreigners Living in Thailand (FLIT):

Co-Chairpersons: Mr. Peter Hegenbarth
Mr. Jan Orsini
Member: Mr. Ti Le-Huu

9. Ad Hoc Committee on AFICS-T Scholarships:

Co-Chairpersons: Mr. Vudhithep Tanghongse
Ms. Suntaree Suwannasing
Members: Ms. Pagapunt Aneknidhi
Ms. Duangthip Pattraplachai
Mr. Boonkerd Suadsong
Mr. Suthichai Thaveto
Adviser: Mr. Suthat Ungsuthornrungsi

3. Membership in AFICS-T

The AFICS-T membership has grown steadily since the Founding Meeting, held on 26 February 2001, when there were only 87 participants. Number of membership by year (including non paid-up members) is shown below:

<u>AGA</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Membership</u>
First Session	29 May 2001	110
Second Session	18 June 2002	153
Third Session	25 June 2003	225
Fourth Session	17 June 2004	300
Fifth Session	14 July 2005	356
Sixth Session	18 July 2006	420
Seventh Session	17 July 2007	453
Eighth Session	22 July 2008	574
Ninth Session	28 July 2009	607
Tenth Session	29 July 2010	626
Eleventh Session	09 August 2011	646
Twelfth Session	07 August 2012	701
Thirteenth Session	09 July 2013	725
Fourteenth Session	15 July 2014	742
Fifteenth Session	21 July 2015	787
Sixteenth Session	12 July 2016	762
Seventeenth Session	18 July 2017	820

As of 30 April 2018, the paid-up membership stands at 240. However, the total number of members, including those with membership fees in arrears, was 826. Since the introduction of the life membership in 2008, the Association now has 586 life members. It has also 110 members who are 80 years old or over, and are exempted from annual membership fees.

4. Summary of Activities

The Executive Board is pleased to provide the following summary of activities and assistance to members, which were carried out on behalf of the Association during the period. The details are reflected in the report of the respective Committees below:

4.1 Summary of Financial Report

Ms. Panvipa Thammakoranonta, Auditor, will audit all accounts of AFICS-T. The audited financial statement of accounts for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 will be distributed at the Eighteenth Annual General Assembly.

4.2 Report on Memberships in FAFICS

As members may be aware, the Association sought membership in the Federation of the Association of Former International Civil Servants (FAFICS) in 2001, and was accepted in July of that year. Since then, AFICS-Thailand has been paying membership dues to FAFICS, on the basis of number of subscribing members as of 1 January of each year. Since the beginning of 2014, FAFICS has fixed the contribution rate at US\$1.50 per member per year.

4.3 Report of the Committee on Pension and Group Life Insurance Benefits

With effect from April 2018, our pension benefits had been adjusted with an increase of 2.2 per cent for beneficiaries on the US dollar track. For beneficiaries on the local currency (Baht) track, no adjustment was made, as the increase in Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Thailand did not reach the threshold of 2 per cent. For pensioners who separated in 2017 or early 2018 the cost-of-living adjustment for pension benefit on the US dollar track would be prorated. For those receiving the first adjustment of their pension benefit, the increase would be reduced by a 0.5 percentage point.

UNJSPF, represented by Ms. Christine Höfer, Chief, Client Services and Records Management and Distribution Section (CRMDS) and AFICS-T's Team led by Mr. Yossuwan, President, held a Video Teleconference (VTC) on Friday, 19 January 2018. Ms. Höfer made an informative and instructive presentation on the new UNJSPF website which contained new features and functions such as "Contact Forms" whereby members could directly address their queries online in a form of email message; "Urgent Assistance" section which allowed the declaration of demise of retirees/beneficiaries and the problems related to disruption in receipt of monthly payment; "Learning Tools" section which provided information on specific topics through video, booklets and FAQ, etc. Furthermore, a section on "Blank Forms" was also provided for any action required such as change of address, change in payment instructions, etc. The key section was also elaborated by Ms. Höfer on "Access to Member Self-Service (MSS)" which, subject to prior proper registration, would allow members to access and act on their private individual information stored in their database with UNJSPF. The above salient points of the VTC were conveyed to members of AFICS-T, and the Association established a help desk at the Office of AFICS-T to assist and guide members on how to create their MSS accounts and subsequent review features and functions in the new website. To the extent possible, the help desk would also provide services relating to the on-line medical reimbursement claims submitted to Cigna and e-banking of the UNFCU.

The UNJSPF would conduct the first mailing of Certificate of Entitlement (CE) 2018 exercise in June 2018. The second mailing will be in September 2018. As usual, AFICS-T members are welcome to use the collective delivery services provided by the Association for the

return of signed CEs to UNJSPF. Later on in November, upon the UNJSPF's notification of non-receipt of the CEs from pensioners/beneficiaries living in Thailand and those who had worked in the UN system in Thailand prior to their retirement, which was yet to be received, the Executive Board would continue its effort to contact them and report back to the UNJSPF accordingly.

The Executive Board took note that the Pre-Retirement Planning Seminar was recognized by FAFICS and UNJSPF as a means to expedite the process of the initial pension benefit payment of new retirees. Though such a seminar was not organized by the ESCAP Human Resources Management Section (HRMS) in 2017, AFICS-T would assist the HRMS if there was one in 2018.

Staff of the United Nations Federal Credit Union (UNFCU), Mr. Timothy Challen, Manager, Business Development Marketing and Mr. Massimiliano Mei, Office Manager, Rome Representative Office, visited UN Bangkok in August and October, respectively. The Board had a meeting with Mr. Challen who came to Bangkok to explore any possibility to open an UNFCU office here. The Board was informed by Mr. Challen that Bangkok was one of the three locations to be considered by UNFCU for its new office in Asia. The final decision on the location had not yet been made which would take some time for the UNFCU to decide. Regarding Mr. Mei's visit, the main purpose was to meet individual members of the UNFCU to discuss their own matters and issues.

The Executive Board continued in providing assistance to pensioners and their spouses in drafting e-mail messages to UNJSPF regarding their periodic benefits, disabled child benefit, two-track pension adjustment system, change of mailing address and bank accounts for pension deposit, transfer of funds, birth certificates of spouses, etc.

Upon request, the Executive Board assisted spouses of the deceased members in approaching HRMS for the preparing and forwarding of the necessary documents to UNJSPF for the conversion from "pension benefits" to "spousal benefits", as well as group life insurance reimbursement. In this regard, pensioners are requested to check that their personal files kept by the HRMS contained updated information. Further, it is important that the retiree number (R/.....and UID....), which serve as the IDs of retirees and are not of confidentiality in nature, should better be made known to their spouses and family members as well as AFICS-T, for facilitation in dealing with UNJSPF. It should be noted that the procedures of the UN Group Life Insurance require that matters and documentation regarding Group Life Insurance are to be handled by the human resources staff of the respective UN offices from where the retirees had separated their services.

4.4 Report on Committee on Medical Benefits

Cigna still remains the third-party administrator of the United Nations Health Insurance Plan applicable to both internationally and locally recruited staff members as well as retirees and their eligible dependants, as appropriate, under the World Wide Plan (WWP) and the Medical Insurance Plan (MIP).

There were neither changes in the reimbursement rules nor in the entitlements relating to the ceiling reimbursement entitlements of dental treatment, optical lenses and single room accommodation in hospital under both WWP and MIP.

AFICS-T extended an invitation to Cigna to send their representatives to attend and to make a presentation at the 17th AGA Meeting, which was held on 18 July 2017. There were two Cigna representatives, i.e. Dr. S. Kumari and Ms. Kiran Kaur, who came to attend and to make the presentation at the Meeting. The Cigna representatives made a very useful presentation on its coverage for the MIP. There had been extensive discussions on many issues relating to the delay in processing the reimbursement claims; the reimbursable and non-reimbursable of medicines and specific natures of reimbursement of certain expenses as well as the acknowledgement of the receipt of the claims. The Cigna representatives reassured that, due to the fact that, they were very overwhelmed with the claims for processing, they were in the process of training more staff specifically Thai staff to ensure that prompt processing, and detailed clarification would be made on all non-reimbursable expenses.

The Cigna Office in Kuala Lumpur had been continuing sending its representatives, Ms. Preeyanut Wutti-in and Ms. Baljit Kaur to visit Bangkok with regular interval of three months, i.e. during 13 – 14 November 2017 and 19 - 20 March 2018. During each visit of Cigna's representative to Bangkok, AFICS-T had regular meeting with its representative to discuss on many issues relating to the improvement of Cigna services especially the long delay in settlement of the reimbursement to either the participants or the hospital and unclear instructions given to the hospitals. AFICS-T always took the opportunity to also follow-up on a regular basis on the increase of the maximum reimbursement level for MIP and other entitlements to WWP.

In enhancing its services, Cigna had launched the on-line submission of the claims with the user-friendly programmes which could be done through either the computer or the smart phone. Those members who are not familiar with the use of either computer or smart phone can still submit their claims through HRMS/ESCAP or the postal service. With the launching of the on-line submission, we had received a good response from our members expressing their appreciation on the quick response acknowledging the receipt of the claim and fast processing of the payment of the claim.

4.4.1. Report of the Sub-Committee on Worldwide Plan (WWP)

As ASHI WWP members may notice, there was a health insurance premium rate increase/adjustment effective 1 July 2016. According to the Health and Life Insurance Office in New York, after the “data clean up” by the Insurance and Disbursement Service (IDS), errors were found in the data recorded in IMIS, the former system used by the UN, presently changed to the UMOJA, resulting in under- or over-payment of ASHI contributions. The adjustments were reflected in the payment of pension benefits in November 2017.

As mentioned earlier, at each Cigna visit to Bangkok, your AFICS-T Executive Board invariably held discussions with the representatives, stressing issues of common concern to our members. There were no changes in entitlements under the Plan to be reported, except that for reimbursement of dental treatment, the unspent balance of the annual ceiling entitlement, i.e. US\$1,000, could be carried over once to the next year, while the ceiling entitlement for the third year would start again at US\$1,000. Another small change relates to the claim of eye-glass frames, which would be included in the claim for lenses under the overall claim entitlement of \$250 for every two years. Furthermore, the ceiling of stop loss for WWP was established at US\$600 per family subscription and at US\$200 per individual member subscription.

Consequently those members whose out-of-pocket expenses reached the respective stop-loss entitlement, their subsequent medical claims would be reimbursed at 96 instead of 80 percent of the reimbursable medical expenses. There was no “hardship” allowance for ASHI WWP participants. The annual entitlement of US\$250,000 was a flat rate.

The major change in allowing members to submit claims on-line was introduced, and received excellent feedback from users who found the on-line claims user-friendly, and expeditiously reimbursed. However, AFICS-T members, who were not conversant with computer facilities and internet operations could still submit their claims through normal postal mail. In order to assist these members, the Executive Board established a help desk, as mentioned earlier, to assist and guide them and next of kin to submit on-line claims.

4.4.2. Report of the Sub-Committee on MIP

During the reporting period, the Sub-Committee on MIP assisted members in using the online claims at AFICS-T office by assigning a help desk individual to guide members on how to avail of such facility provided by Cigna in order to speed up reimbursement of claims. Members would be encouraged to approach AFICS-T office to be able to submit online claims which were less time consuming and yet more effective.

The Sub-Committee continued to request Cigna to pursue with UN Headquarters, New York, on various issues concerning MIP such as discrepancies of the list of reimbursable vaccinations between WWP and MIP; discrepancies of the reimbursement of annual medical examination between MIP and WWP; increase of the maximum limit for MIP reimbursement from 6 to 7 times, etc. The Sub-Committee regretted to inform that Cigna had neither the budget nor the capabilities to translate the MIP manual and other relevant documents into the Thai language.

The Sub-Committee learned that in cases where members were suffering from chronic diseases which would be costly and in some cases were higher than the normal maximum reimbursement of Baht 1,230,150.00 Cigna could extend the maximum reimbursement on case-by-case basis under hardship scheme. Therefore, if need be, MIP members, who would fall in such unfortunate circumstances, would be encouraged to contact the Sub-Committee for guidance in dealing with such a case.

4.5 Report of the Committee on Information and Records

During the reporting period, the Committee continued to focus on the following main activities:

1. Regular update of the database concerning members of the AFICS-T;
2. Provide data and information to support activities of other Committees and Sub-Committees of the AFICS-T Executive Board;
3. Share a variety of information relevant to benefits and entitlements for retirees/beneficiaries via different media;

In October 2017, the Executive Board endorsed the following additional tasks:

4. Recruit a new web designer to improve AFICS-T’s website;

5. Create a feature to facilitate posting of latest news relevant to retirees/beneficiaries;
6. Determine different levels of website accessibility by AFICS-T members and non-members;
7. Explore different modalities of video teleconference (VTC).

With regard to the AFICS-T's website, the Executive Board learned with concern that certain updates and modifications of information on the website could not be done by AFICS-T itself, but needed to rely on the current web service provider. In order to overcome such limitation and enjoy better features, the Committee explored a number of web service providers and recruited iTopPlus as AFICS-T's new web designer and service provider, immediately after the expiration of service contract with the former service provider, i.e. end of June 2018. In this connection, the URL of AFICS-T's website would be modified from "aficsthailand.in.th" to "aficsthailand.com". The iTopPlus recently kicked-off its process for web-redesigning and creating a new website for AFICS-T during mid-May 2018. The entire process of web-redesigning and creating a new website was expected to take 45-60 days after the kick-off.

With the new web service provider, AFICS-T would now enjoy the freedom of modifying and updating webpages by itself. In addition, a number of new features would be made available, such as: online application for membership, ability to create our own e-mail accounts, ability to regulate different levels of accessibility for members and non-members, and a larger space to accommodate a bigger volume of information.

Finally, the Committee would continue to focus on making the new website more user-friendly and offer more of the useful information relevant to retirees/beneficiaries. Once the new website is in operation, all AFICS-T's members are therefore encouraged to visit the website and familiarize themselves with its features. Moreover, they may also wish to search for and download any interesting information.

4.6 Report of the Committee on Publicity and Newsletters

AFICS-T issued, on a regular basis, a number of "Circulars/Newsletters" with a view to keeping members informed about issues and activities that would be of concern and interest to them. The Board accordingly issued the following circulars during the period under review:

<u>Circulars/Newsletters</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
1/2017-2019	16 August 2017
2/2017-2019	08 September 2017
3/2017-2019	12 October 2017
4/2017-2019	02 November 2017
5/2017-2019	15 December 2017
6/2017-2019	22 December 2017
7/2017-2019	22 December 2017
8/2017-2019	05 January 2018
9/2017-2019	19 February 2018
10/2017-2019	05 March 2018
11/2017-2019	01 June 2018
12/2017-2019	01 June 2018
13/2017-2019	15 June 2018

4.7 Report of the Committee on Benevolent Fund and Funerals

4.7.1 Report of the Sub-committee on Benevolent Fund

During the reporting period, May 2017 to April 2018, the following AFICS-T members have made voluntary financial contributions to the Fund amounting to Baht 7,500.00, as follows:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Amount/Baht</u>
1.	Mr. Suradej Paripunna	3,000.00
2.	Ms. Nonglak Ratagasigorn	1,000.00
3.	Mr. Sunil Thanyachira	500.00
4.	Ms. Prapensri Disyavanich	3,000.00
Total amount		7,500.00

As of 30 April 2018, the Fund had a balance of Baht 185,750.49 of which Baht 483.05 was the interest income from the bank for the period from 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017.

During the reporting period, the Fund had incurred expenditures of Baht 10,000 by providing a grant of emergency medical assistance to Ms. Phaychit Bingoosun.

4.7.2 Report of the Sub-committee on Funerals

During the previous 11 months, from July 2017 to 31 May 2018, 13 members of our Association passed away. AFICS-T presented a wreath and/or provided a token financial contribution Baht 2,000.00 to the families of those former staff members, as follows:

<u>Name of Deceased Members</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. Mr. Phaiboon Chitrukrob	29/07/2017
2. Ms. Sumalee Phanapavudhikul	28/10/2017
3. Mr. Chakkrit Sittimongkol	12/11/2017
4. Mr. Janintr Chalitpathanangune	09/12/2017
5. Ms. Phaychit Bingoosun	11/12/2017
6. Ms. Sopia Thamprida	17/12/2017
7. Ms. Viriyaporn Intreyonk	27/12/2017
8. Ms. Voranut Isah	25/01/2018
9. Ms. Sodchurn Wangsri	23/01/2018
10. Mr. Banchob Dardarananda	12/04/2018
11. Mr. Dhanapol (Pichai) Sairattanee	04/04/2018

12. Ms. Yingpan Isarasakdi Na Ayudhya	21/04/2018
13. Mr. Charn Sunthornvatin	20/05/2018

4.8 Report of the Committee on Recreation and Tours

During the reporting period, the Committee on Recreations and Tours organized two trips as follows:

1. Trip to Kyoto-Takayama-Nikko-Tokyo, Japan, from 9-16 November 2017 for 8 days and 5 nights; and
2. Trip to Prachuap Khiri Khan-Ranong-Chumpon, Thailand, from 2-6 February 2018 for 5 days and 4 nights.

The Committee is pleased to report that it received very encouraging and positive feedback from participating members to the above-mentioned programmes.

4.9 Report of the Committee on Charity Activities

The Committee on Charity Activities arranged a visit to the Siriraj Hospital on Wednesday, 31 January 2018 to donate Baht 478,700 from over 148 generous members of AFICS-T to support the construction of a special new hospital building for those underprivileged and destitute patients to commemorate the Late King Bhumibol Adulyadej Rama IX. The Committee and the Executive Board would like to thank those members for their kind contributions to the above-mentioned cause. The Committee also organized in collaboration with the ESCAP Staff Council, a Songkran celebration on Wednesday, 11 April 2018 on the ground floor of UNCC which was well attended by active staff members and retirees. At the celebration, a group of 14 retirees whose ages were eighty and above were invited to attend a blessing ceremony which had the pouring of water on their palms. This event was touching and memorable.

4.10 Report of the Committee on Foreigners Living in Thailand (FLIT)

The Committee assisted active and retired UN staff in- and outside of Thailand regarding retirement in the country. This included consultations in person, by phone and via email, covering the following issues:

1. The application procedures and documentation for new retirees to obtain permits to stay in and re-enter the country, such as proof of monthly income, coverage of medical expenses etc. Normally, permits to stay for retirees are granted for one year. However, in November 2016 the Government of Thailand approved a new set of 5 and 10 year long-term permits for retirees aged 50 years or over, entitled the “Non-O-X” Visa, for nationals from 14 American, Asian and European countries. The new scheme has become operational in early 2018 and is now available for application from in- and outside the country.

2. The procedures for “extension of stay based on retirement” and re-entry permits were updated in November 2017, along with a “Check List” of all the necessary documents and circulated to AFICS members on 22 November in form of an Info Letter.
3. The online option for the 90-Day Reporting Procedures is now operational despite some temporary interruption since its introduction in 2016.
4. In order to obtain some more clarifications on the above issues, a meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAF) was arranged in December 2017. Since most of the concerns raised actually concerned immigration matters, it was suggested to get in direct touch with the Immigration Bureau. The matter is still under review.

4.11 Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on AFICS-T Scholarships

As reported at the 17th Annual General Assembly on Tuesday, 18 July 2017, regarding the need to select two new scholarship awardees to replace the two awardees who had left the Wat Makutkasat School, the Ad Hoc Committee on AFICS-T Scholarships conducted its evaluation exercises on Thursday, 2 November 2017 on additional 8 new candidates submitted by the School along with the candidature of 6 old unsuccessful candidates reviewed and evaluated at the first evaluation round in 2016.

On the evaluation of the candidates for the remaining two scholarship awards, after careful review and lengthy discussions, the meeting unanimously decided to confer the scholarship awards to the following two successful candidates:

- (1) Mr. Anirut Arunsarn (นาย อนิรุฒน์ อรุณสาร)
- (2) Ms. Kochaporn Anantana (น.ส. กชพร อานันทนะ)

In conclusion, the four scholarship awardees in the 2017 academic year are:

- (1) Mr. Anirut Arunsarn (นาย อนิรุฒน์ อรุณสาร)
- (2) Ms. Kochaporn Anantana (น.ส. กชพร อานันทนะ)
- (3) Ms. Pranadda Srinath (น.ส. ประนิดดา ศรีนาท)
- (4) Ms. Yakeeta Sopol (น.ส. ยาศีตะ โสภณ)

The second-year scholarship awards were accordingly conferred to the four awardees on behalf of AFICS-T by Mr. Suthat Ungsuthornrungsi in a brief award presentation ceremony at the national flag-pole lawn of the School on Thursday, 23 November 2017. The school teacher representative also surrendered two bank passbooks and unencumbered balances in respect of Ms. Jarasrawee Phungoen (น.ส. จรัสระวี ภูเงิน) and Mr. Krittayot Sombouchuen (นาย กฤตยชญ์ สมบัวชื่น)

who had left the School after the first scholarship year. As approved earlier by the Executive Board, the unencumbered balance of Baht 22,395.74 would be surrendered to the AFICS-T Charity Account after the end of the third and final year of the scholarship awards project.

On Thursday, 26 April 2018, the Ad Hoc Committee conducted an evaluation and review of the academic and behavioural performances of each of the four awardees. A teacher representative from the School also attended the evaluation and review exercise. The Ad Hoc Committee was satisfied with their academic performances and positive participation in the non-curriculum activities of the School. The Ad Hoc Committee unanimously decided to continue the third and final year scholarship awards to the four awardees. Since the 2018 academic year would be the final national university entrance examination year for the four awardees, the School's teacher representative committed to focus full attention in and support to the four awardees in their endeavours for a seat in their respective desired national universities. The Ad Hoc Committee would conduct necessary follow-up evaluation and review and report the final scholarship project's outcome to a future Annual General Assembly accordingly.
