

MIT Industrial Liaison Program Faculty Knowledgebase Report

2025 MIT Bangkok Symposium

January 21, 2025 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

8:00 AM	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM	Welcome from MIT Industrial Liaison Program Mr. Todd Glickman
9:10 AM	Welcome from True Digital Park Dr. Tarit Nimmanwudipong
9:20 AM	Welcome from the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Chadchart Sittipunt Governor of Bangkok
9:30 AM	Keynote: AI at MIT – A Roadmap for the Future Chancellor for Academic Advancement, Prof. W. Eric L. Grimson Bernard M. Gordon Professor of Medical Engineering MIT

10:15 AM

Startup & VC Lightning Talks

Mr. Yunus Sevimli
Co-Founder & CTO
[Almond FinTech](#)

Almond FinTech is setting the new standard of how money moves across borders. Using Almond's infrastructure, financial institutions around the world send and receive funds with minimal loss and at the speed of the internet. Born out of MIT and Harvard, Almond's proprietary tech optimizes the routing for each transfer through multiple blockchains to identify the best path. The result is reliable, fast and affordable money transfers. The solution is equally applicable for foreign workers who send \$100 to their families and businesses who pay \$1M to a foreign supplier. Almond currently operates in 10+ countries in the Americas and APAC, and supports 40+ forex currency pairs.

Mr. Abhi Yadav
Co-Founder & CEO
[iCustomer](#)

Struggling to take action on your customer data? Marketing and go-to-market teams often face challenges in turning vast data into actionable insights. You know your first-party data is valuable, but unlocking its full potential and enriching it with third-party intelligence can be daunting. Our innovative Decision Intelligence & Orchestration platform seamlessly integrates and enriches your customer data, eliminating the need for a large tech stack or data operations teams. With relevant third-party intelligence and AI-driven workflows, you can enhance customer acquisition rates, improve engagement strategies, and streamline GTM operations. The results? Reduced customer acquisition costs, increased customer lifetime value, and a more optimized tech stack. Imagine achieving up to 10x improvement in your marketing performance with iCustomer's AI Copilot.

Mr. Anuj Bhalla
Founder & CEO
[serviceMob](#)

ServiceMob is pioneering the next generation of AI-powered experiential analytics specifically designed for service and support. Our platform utilizes cutting-edge AI technologies, including Multivalent Ontological Blocks (MOBs) and Large Ontological Models (LOMs), to unify and analyze customer data across all touchpoints, providing deep algorithmic insights into customer behavior and service inefficiencies. By transforming raw data into actionable intelligence, ServiceMob helps businesses predict and prevent service issues, reduce customer effort, and optimize operational costs. Our AI-driven approach goes beyond traditional metrics like CSAT(customer satisfaction) and efficiency metrics, empowering organizations to proactively shape customer experiences and drive sustainable growth in an increasingly competitive, AI-driven world. ServiceMob is perfectly positioned to meet the evolving needs of businesses in the Asian market, where innovation and efficiency are key to staying ahead in a AI global economy.

Mr. Korawad Chearavanont
Executive Chairman & Founder
[Amity Solutions](#)

Amity Solutions is Thailand's industry-leading Platform as a Service (PaaS) specializing in tailored, enterprise-grade AI applications and AI agents. Its offerings include Enterprise and Generative AI Chatbots, pre-built social features for apps, websites, and building blocks for engaging employee experiences.

10:35 AM

The MIT Sloan ASEAN Office Strategy

10:45 AM

Networking Coffee Break with Startup Exhibits

- 11:15 AM Integrating Generative AI Into Your Business Strategy
Dr. George Westerman
- AI moves quickly, but organizations change much more slowly. With new generative AI innovations launching every day, how do you make sense of what to do for your business? We'll engage with recent research on how Generative AI helps (or doesn't help) different types of business task. We'll talk about the organizational capabilities you need to thrive with AI. Finally, we'll examine how to choose the right AI approach for the problem you're trying to solve. If you know the right questions to ask, and the answers to expect, you can make better decisions, regardless of how fast technology changes.
- 12:00 PM Lunch with Startup Exhibits
- 1:15 PM Industry Panel Discussion
- Chancellor for Academic Advancement, Prof. W. Eric L. Grimson
Bernard M. Gordon Professor of Medical Engineering
[MIT](#)
- Mr. Paramate Nisagornsen
Vice President-Corporate Administration
[SCG](#)
- Mr. Athikom Kanchanavibhu
Executive VP of Digital & Technology Transformation, CISO, DPO
[Mitr Phol Group](#)
- Dr. JJ Jiang
- Mr. Charamporn Jotikasthira
Member, Board of Executive Directors
[Bangkok Bank](#)
- 2:15 PM How Businesses are Using AI
- Dr. Ben Armstrong
- MIT's [working group on Generative AI and the Work of the Future](#) is studying how dozens of large companies are adopting generative AI to improve productivity, decision-making, and innovation. This presentation, from one of the working group's co-leads, will summarize early research findings, including how generative AI has been augmenting jobs in human resources, marketing, customer support, and engineering. Although there has been justified enthusiasm about the potential for generative AI to deliver productivity and improved job quality, there are large gaps in our knowledge. One open question is how generative AI tools may negatively affect skill development and collaboration among teams. The research presented will propose ways that generative AI can be deployed to minimize skill atrophy and organizational silos.
- 3:00 PM Networking Coffee Break with Startup Exhibits
- 3:15 PM Human-AI Interaction
- Dr. Pat Pataranutaporn
- Creating AI systems that augment human capabilities and promote personal and societal flourishing demands expertise in multiple research fields. My research takes an interdisciplinary, human-centered approach to the development of personal AI systems and the understanding of the complexity of human-AI interaction. For example, the "Wearable Reasoner" seeks to enhance human rationality, "Personalized Virtual Characters" aims to support learning motivation, and "Future You" is designed to encourage long-term oriented thinking and behavior. The ultimate goal is to empower the development of AI systems that foster human flourishing by nurturing intellectual growth, cultivating motivation, stimulating critical thinking, and preserving individual autonomy in decision-making.

4:00 PM Industry – Academia – Government Panel Discussion
Dr. Kobsak Pootrakool

Mr. Natwut Amornvivat
Chancellor for Academic Advancement, Prof. W. Eric L. Grimson

Dr. Arak Sutivong
Mr. Chatchai Khunpitoluck

5:00 PM Closing Remarks
Chancellor for Academic Advancement, Prof. W. Eric L. Grimson
Mr. Todd Glickman

5:10 PM Networking Reception