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**Thaicom supports Thai students to participate in the World's competition -
Student Design/Build/Fly Competition.**

Thaicom PLC, Thailand's leading satellite operator led by **Mr. Ekachai Phakdurong, Senior Vice President-Corporate Affairs** (Second from right) continue to support Thailand's Aerospace Engineering by becoming the supporter of Design, Build, and Fly (D/B/F) club, Aerospace Engineering, Chulalongkorn University led by **Assist. Prof. Natcha Thawesaengskulthai, Ph.D., Associate Dean and International School of Engineering (ISE) Director** (Forth from right) to participate the Cessna Aircraft Company/Raytheon Missile System – Student Design/Build/Fly Competition 2014/15 which is the world's biggest competition providing a real-world aircraft design experience for engineering students by giving them the opportunity to validate their analytic studies. The completion will be held in USA on this April.

As one of the sponsors. The supporting of project is one of Thaicom's missions on social responsibility series to create a better communication opportunity, together with improving knowledge and education especially for engineering and innovative communication technologies development,

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including the development in knowledge and engineering profession under the cooperation between education sectors and professionals engineers. This project is not the only one project to improve the educational opportunities in Thailand in the belief that a strong education system leads to a strong nation but it will also improving Thai student capabilities and continually enhancing the engineering professionals.

About Cessna Aircraft Company/Raytheon Missile System – Student Design/Build/Fly Competition 2014/15

The world's biggest competition of the design, fabricate, and demonstrate the flight capabilities of an unmanned, electric powered, radio controlled aircraft. There are students from over 100 top university around the world participate the competition each year. The competition was held under the cooperation between American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), Cessna Aircraft Company, and Raytheon Missile System

The team of D/B/F club from Engineering Faculty, Chulalongkorn has been participating this competition for 4 years consecutively since 2010/2011, they was ranked 44th in 2010/2011, 24th in 2012/13, and 12th in 2013/14 respectively.

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About Thaicom

Thaicom Public Company Limited, a leading Asian satellite operator, was established in 1991 with unique proposition in providing integrated solutions for satellite broadcast and broadband. The Company houses high profiled engineering teams to provide leading-edge innovative solutions on telecommunication and satellite that answer every need with a full spectrum of services. Until now, Thaicom has launched six satellites into the orbit; three satellites are in operations. THAICOM-5 and THAICOM-6 are a "Hot Bird" broadcasting satellite for Thailand and SE Asia, boarding more than 600 TV channels, coverage over Thailand, SE Asia and Africa (by the name "Africom-1"). THAICOM-4 (IPSTAR) is the world's first broadband satellite and is providing broadband services to 14 countries across Asia-Pacific region. With the unique performance and technology of THAICOM-4, the Company has provided its solutions to many countries in the region to enable the broadband connectivity everywhere, also to recover communication networks at the time of disasters.

In September 2014, THAICOM-7 was launched in addition to existing satellite while THAICOM-8 has been under the production process which will finally also be launched to the "Hot Bird", 78.5 degrees EAST around the first half of 2016. The new bird will increase more transponders that serve the countries in Asia and Africa.

Thaicom PLC is listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) under the trade symbol "THCOM".

About THAICOM-8

THAICOM-8 will have a total of 24 Ku-Band transponders, covering Thailand, South Asia and Africa. THAICOM-8 will serve customers' needs for increased Ku-band capacity and also strengthen THAICOM's Hot Bird platform at 78.5 Degrees East. Orbital Sciences Corporation will be the manufacturer of the satellite and Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SPACE X) will be the launcher of the satellite.

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