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**Olympus Endoscope Training Center to Open in Thailand**  
**Contributing to Raising Awareness of Gastrointestinal and Surgical Endoscopes and**  
**the Standard of Diagnosis and Treatment Techniques in Southeast Asia**

Olympus Corporation (Head office: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, President: Hiroyuki Sasa) today announced the opening of its Thai - Training and Education Center (T-TEC) in Bangkok, Thailand. T-TEC will open for full operation from July 28, 2016, with its primary purpose being to provide a venue for delivering endoscopy and surgical training and education to medical practitioners in Southeast Asia.

### Background to Opening of Training Center

Emerging nations enjoying rapid economic development are demanding improvements to patient quality of life (QoL). Endoscopy and minimally invasive surgery are recognized for their role in reducing patient stress by enabling early diagnosis and return to normal activities, and for their contribution to healthcare economics. Despite this, a number of challenges remain that affect much of Southeast Asia, including a shortage of endoscopists and laparoscopic surgeons and scope for improvement in medical practices.

T-TEC is established as a venue for delivering endoscopy training and education to medical practitioners to help strengthen medical practice associated with gastrointestinal and surgical endoscopes in the nations of Southeast Asia, including awareness of endoscopes and diagnosis and treatment techniques. Being easily accessible from elsewhere in Southeast Asia, the site in Thailand was chosen with the aim of encouraging use by a greater number of medical practitioners. In addition to training for nurses and technicians as well as surgeons, T-TEC is also intended as a venue for Olympus staff training.



Thai - Training and Education Center (T-TEC)

The design of the T-TEC building was inspired by Mount Olympus from which the company took its name. The aim is for it to serve as a “base camp” that will provide both venue and opportunities for high-quality training to medical practitioners as they seek to continually improve their skills.

## Overview

Name	Thai - Training and Education Center (T-TEC)
Address	27 Soi Sukhapiban 2 Soi 31, Dokmai Pravet, Bangkok 10250, Thailand
Site area	4,800 m <sup>2</sup>
Total floor area	4,900 m <sup>2</sup>
No. of floors	4 floors (only first three floors are used)
Date of completion	Completed on 1 April, 2016. Full operation commences on July 28, 2016.
Manager	Peter Thong
Total cost	1,680,000,000 yen
Facilities	Gastrointestinal endoscopes, ultrasound endoscopes, endoscopy devices, 4K and 3D surgical endoscopes, surgical energy devices, endoscope cleaning and sterilization equipment, auditorium, training rooms, meeting rooms (with videoconferencing), etc.

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