President Ehrlich Honors Distinguished Asian Alumni

From June 28 to July 8, President Thomas Ehrlich and IU Alumni Association Executive Director Jerry Tardy visited Japan, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia to meet with local IU alumni clubs and university officials. During this tour of East and Southeast Asia, President Ehrlich presented the John W. Ryan Award for Excellence in International Endeavors to four distinguished educators and IU alumni: Mr. Kaoru Ando of Japan, a 1936 graduate of the School of Business who has played a pioneering role in the development of the Japanese computer industry; Dr. Amara Raksasataya, a 1960 doctoral graduate in government and former Rector of Thailand’s National Institute of Development Administration; Dr. Lim Chong Yah, Emeritus Professor of the National University of Singapore; and Dr. Mohamed Taib Osman, a 1967 doctoral graduate in folklore and Vice Chancellor of the Universiti Malaya, for his widely respected publications on Malay culture.

While in Japan, President Ehrlich and Jerry Tardy also met with Caroline A. Mantano Yang, Executive Director of Fulbright’s Japan-United States Educational Commission. In Bangkok, President Ehrlich conferred with officials of Chulalongkorn University and Thailand’s National Institute of Development Administration. During their stay in Singapore, President Ehrlich and Tardy met with the Vice Chancellors of the National University of Singapore and Nanyang University. The trip to Malaysia included a visit to the ITM/MUCIA Cooperative Program Centre—a joint venture of the Institut Teknologi MARA (ITM) and the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities (MUCIA), in which IU offers a two-year undergraduate curriculum in Malaysia for students who will transfer to U.S. universities and colleges to complete their bachelor’s degrees.