

## EGBE 693 Research Seminar for Biomedical Engineering II

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Department of Biomedical Engineering (Room R-114)

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### “Medicopolis”



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- The Institute for the Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology (IPST)

**Abstract** : TCELS has thrown its full support for the Medicopolis project, which aims to enhance people's access to health services. TCELS Deputy Director Kamchorn Balangura said the project was an initiative of Prof Dr Montri who saw that Thailand is going to spend more money on the medical and healthcare services for its people, as it has to depend on expensive medical equipments and supplies from overseas. Also, many attempts by Thai researchers and industrialists on life sciences research and development, as well as integration into the national health system are still facing many problems, which TCELS is responsible to solve. “Medicopolis” provides an answer to those problems. Prof Montri said the concept of medicopolis has three main objectives namely, to set up an efficient health service zone for the public; to create health service economy; to integrate research and development on medical supplies and equipments into the health services system. To achieve these 3 objective, TCELS has indentified three categories of medicopolis that are suitable for Thailand.

“Medicopolis is different from existing industrial estates already existing in Thailand. Medicopolis is a designated area providing medical and healthcare services and developing life sciences knowledge and technology at local and international levels. Medicopolis will make use of inventions of researchers under the Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Industry, education institutions, and other research institutes. This idea also can lead to national policy to develop Thailand as the health center of ASEAN.”

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