

Curriculum Vitae




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Personal Information :

- Born: September 21, 1940 at Nakon-Rachasima, Thailand
- Status: Married to Mr.Chote Sophonpanich with four children.

Education :

- 1970 High Energy Nuclear Physics, Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London, England.
- 1965 B.Sc.Hon., (Physics) Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok Thailand.

Royal Orders and Decorations :

- 2002 Knight Grand Cross (First Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand.
- 2001 Knight Commander (Second Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant.
- 1987 Companion (Third Class, lower grade) of the Most Illustrious Order of Chula Chom Klao.
- 1984 Member (Fourth Class) of the Most Illustrious Order of Chula Chom Klao.
- 1978 King Bhumibol Adulyadej's Royal Cypher Medal (Rama IX)

Awards and Honours :

- 1997 Honorary Certificate in Promoting Environmental Conservation from Buddhism Promotion Foundation, Thailand.

1992 Honorary Plague in Recognition of Achievement in Environmental Conservation from National Community Service Association.

Past Professional Positions :

Education :

1995 - 2007 Chairperson of Board of Director of Rachaphat Suan Dusit Institute.
1986 - 1998 Member of Board of Director, Assumption Business Administration College.
1985 - 2000 Member of Board of Director of Computer Software Training Center.
1982 - 1985 Member of Academic Committee, Chulalongkorn University.
1979 - 1980 Head of Business Computer Department, Assumption Business Administration College.
1970 Lecturer, Physics Department, Faculty of Science, Chulalongkorn University.

Science and Environment :

1992 - 1997 Member of Board of Director of Environmental Policy and Planning (mining section).
1990 - 1992 Chairperson of Air Pollution Prevention Club, Bangkok.
1980 - 1984 Founder and Member of Board of Director of National Electronic and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC).
1979 - 1986 Advisor to the Minister of Science, Technology and Environment.
1978 - 1982 Member of the Executive Council of the Foundation for Education and Research in Computer Science.

Society :

1998 - 2001 Member of Committee, Plan International Foundation, Thailand.
1997 - 1999 Chairperson of Triam Udom School's Alumni Society.
1996 - 2000 Chairperson of Managing and Promoting Blood Donation Committee, Thai Red Cross.

Politics :

2003 Member of Board of Director, Democrat Party.
2003 Chairperson of Social Activity Committee, Democrat Party.
2003 Deputy Leader of the Democrat Party.
2002 - 2003 Advisor to Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Committee, Democrat Party.
2002 Member of Standing Committee Concerning National Education Reform Act.

- 2001 Chairperson of Public Hearing Sub-Committee of Community Forest Act.
- 2001 Chairperson of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Committee, Democrat Party.
- 2001 - 2005 Chairperson of the Working Committee of Science, Technology and Environment, Democrat party.

Present Professional Positions :

1978 - present Member of Committee of Thai Junior Encyclopedia Project by the Command of His Majesty the King.

Science and Environment :

- 1993-present Member of Committee of Thai Environment Institute.
- 1986-present Founder and Secretary General of Rajapruerk Institute Foundation.

Society :

- 1987-present Vice-Chairperson of Board of Director of Christian Children Fund Foundation (CCF), Thailand.
- 1982-present Founder and Vice-Chairperson of the Lighthouse Project for the Mentally Retarded.

Politics :

- 2008 Member of the Parliament, Democrat Party.
- 2008 President-Thailand-England Parliamentarians Friendship Group.
- 2008 Minister of Science and Technology
