

Curriculum Vitae

Name : Dr. Somsak Chunharas

Academic Qualification :

MD from Ramathibodi Medical School, Mahidol University
MPH, Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam
Thai Board on Preventive Medicine
Certificate in Medical Education, Ramathibodi Medical School
Certificate in Health Care Financing, Boston University, USA
Certificate in Health Economics, London School of Hygiene and Tropical
Medicine

Present Position :

Senior Advisor to the Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
Secretary General, National Health Foundation, Thailand
Secretary General, Sodsri-Saridwongsa Foundation, Thailand
Secretary General, Foundation of Thai Gerontology Research and Development
Institute

Related Professional Functions at present :

- Chairman, Medical Research Cluster, National Science and Technology
Development Agency (NSTDA)
- Vice-Chairman, Health Research Committee, National Health Committee

Working Experiences/Position Held :

- Directors of Community Hospitals, northeastern region of Thailand
- Director of Health Statistic Division, Ministry of Public Health
- Director of Health System Research Institutes
- Director of National Institute of Health, Department of Medical Sciences
- Director of Bureau of Health Policy and Planning
- Assistant Permanent Secretary
- Secretary General, Medical Council
- Member of the Medical Sciences Committee, Prince Anandha Mahidol Award
Foundation
- Member of Executive Committee of the Office for National Education Standards
and Quality Assessment

International Working Experiences :

- Evaluation team of SIDA MCH programme in Laos PDR
- Consultant to Health System Trust, South Africa
- WHO/SEARO consultant to Myanmar on Health System Research
- WHO evaluation team on Thai ARV programme

- Members of the Consultative Committee for Programme Development, WHO-SEARO
- Chair, Working Group on National Health Research System Development (COHRED)
- Member of the Commission the Background Paper on “Problem-solving in Public Health: Improving Connectivity between Health System and Public Health Education” for Public Health Foundation of India

Presently Active International Work :

- Member of the Board of the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED)
- Member of Advisory Committee on Health Research of WHO-SEARO
- Member of Advisory Committee on Health Research of WHO-EMRO
- Member of the EU Regional Research Proposal Evaluation Panel
- Member of the Board of the Council on Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research (AHPSR)
- Member of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST, UNESCO)

Field of Expertise and Interest :

- Health system research
- Research to policy
- Health Research System Development
- Health Research Development
- Health System Development
- Research management
- Research ethics
- Health Care Financing
- Health programme evaluation
- Human resources development for health
- Community development and health
- Health information system