

CURRICULUM VITAE

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BORN

1944, BANGKOK, THAILAND

EDUCATION

- ST. JOSEPH’S CONVENT, BANGKOK
- RAVENSWOOD SCHOOL, SYDNEY, N. S. W. AUSTRALIA
- UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, B. A. (Econ.)
- NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE ALUMNI CLASS 377
- THAMMASART UNIVERSITY, CERTIFICATE, PUBLIC LAW (CLASS 14)
- THAI INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS (IOD),
 - ROLE OF THE CHAIRMAN PROGRAM (RCP) CLASS 17/2007
 - DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM DCP 98/2008
- CAPITAL MARKET ACADEMY CLASS 15
- INSTITUTE OF METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT - NAVAMINDRADHIRAJ UNIVERSITY MAHANAKORN CLASS 3
- CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY -BHUMIPALUNG PHANDIN CLASS 4
- THAILAND ENERGY ACADEMY - TEA CLASS 8
- CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY -RE-CU CEO-PREMIUM CLASS 4
- TAT ACADEMY TOURISM AUTHORITY OF THAILAND TOURISM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM OF EXECUTIVE : TME 3
- MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY ASEAN INSTIUTE FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT WELLNESS & HEALTHCARE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FOR EXECUTIVE (WHB1)

HONORARY DEGREES

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| JANUARY 24, 1991 | DOCTOR OF ARTS (HONORARY), UNIVERSITY OF CHIANGMAI, THAILAND |
| DECEMBER 20, 1991 | DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (HONORARY), RAMKHAMHAENG UNIVERSITY, BANGKOK, THAILAND |

ROYAL DECORATIONS

- 1986 KNIGHT COMMANDER (SECOND CLASS) OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE CROWN OF THAILAND
- 1991 FOURTH CLASS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF CHULA CHOM KLAO (KHUNYING)
- 1996 COMPANION (THIRD CLASS, LOWER GRADE) OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF CHULA CHOM KLAO
- 2000 KNIGHT COMMANDER (Second Class) OF THE MOST EXALTED ORDER OF THE WHITE ELEPHANT
- 2001 KNIGHT GRAND CROSS (FIRST CLASS) OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE CROWN OF THAILAND
- 2003 KNIGHT GRAND CROSS (FIRST CLASS) OF THE MOST EXALTED ORDER OF THE WHITE ELEPHANT
- 2006 KNIGHT GRAND CORDON (SPECIAL CLASS) OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE CROWN OF THAILAND

INTERNATIONAL AWARD

- JUNE 5, 1987 “GLOBAL 500” ROLL OF HONOUR FOR OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT BY UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (UNEP)

FAMILY

3 SONS, 1 DAUGHTER, 4 GRANDCHILDREN

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1966 - 1969 – PUBLIC RELATIONS AND SALES MANAGER, HOTEL SIAM INTER-CONTINENTAL
- 1969** – **MANAGING DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER DINERS CLUB (THAILAND) LIMITED, (INTRODUCED THE FIRST CREDIT CARD TO THAILAND)**
- **DIRECTOR FROM 1969 - 1987**
- 1975 - 1977 – VICE PRESIDENT & MANAGER, SECURITIES TRADING DEPART., UNION FINANCE CO., LTD.
- 1984 to present** – **PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER, THAI ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (MAGIC EYES)**
- 2000 - 2006** – **ELECTED SENATOR (BANGKOK), THAI PARLIAMENT**

PRESENT ACTIVITIES

- 1983 to present – DIRECTOR AND MANAGER, CHIN SHPHONPANICH FOUNDATION
- 1993 to present – MEMBER OF THE BOARD, BANGKOK BANK FOUNDATION
- 2003 to present – MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE QUEEN'S GALLERY, BANGKOK
- 2003 to present – CHAIRPERSON AND FOUNDER, THAI SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE (A CHIN SOPHONPANICH FOUNDATION PROJECT)
- 1984 - 1994, }
1997 - 2000, } – PRESIDENT, CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE OF THAILAND (CBLT)
2011 - 2015 }
- 2010 to present – BOARD, AMNUAY SILPA SCHOOL FOUNDATION
- 2012 to present – CHAIRPERSON, JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENTS THAILAND FOUNDATION
- 2016 to present – HONORARY PRESIDENT CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE OF THAILAND (CBLT)

INTERNATIONAL

- 1989 to present – PRESIDENT, ASIA PACIFIC BRIDGE FEDERATION
- 1994 - 2000 – MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CONCEPT FOUNDATION
- 2014 to present – MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENTS ASIA PACIFIC
- 2021 to present – EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

HOBBY

- 1976 to present – BRIDGE, REPRESENTED THAILAND IN MANY INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 2011 – GOLD MEDAL, THAILAND MIXED TEAM, SOUTH EAST ASIA GAMES 2011
- 2018 -SILVER MEDAL, THAILAND MIXED TEAM, ASIAN GAMES 2018

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS (BRIEF) FROM

- 1995 - 2000 – MEMBER, SOCIAL SCIENCE COMMITTEE, NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL
- 1997 - 1999 – MEMBER, NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE
- 1992 - 1997 – MEMBER, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY COMMITTEE (INDUSTRY), MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- 1996 - 1997 – MEMBER, PUBLIC HEARING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
- 1998 - 1999 – MEMBER, ELECTION COMMISSION – BANGKOK
- 2007 - 2008 – CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, THAILAND KNOWLEDGE PARK, OFFICE OF KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
- 2009 – MEMBER MODERN ART DEVELOPMENT BOARD
- ADVISOR TO THE GOVERNOR, BANGKOK METROPOLITAN ADMINISTRATION
- 1991 -2000 – ADVISORY BOARD, THE THAI WOMEN ASSOCIATION OF THAILAND UNDER THE ROYAL PATRONAGE OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
- 1995 - 2000 – ADVISOR, ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF THAILAND
- 1997 - 2000 – PRESIDENT, THAI AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION
- 1990 - 1996 – MEMBER, SILPAKORN UNIVERSITY COUNCIL