

# THAILAND

## Minister of Education

Ministry of Education  
100/159 Soi 23/2 Chonlada Village,  
Bangkruey – Sainoi Rd.,  
Bangbuathong, Nonthaburi

## Mr. Somchai WONGSAWAT

Born on 1 August 1947  
Married

### Education Background

2002	Master of Public Administration (Public and Private Management (MPPM)), National Institute of Development Administration
1996	National Defence College of Thailand
1973	Barrister-at-Law, the Thai Bar
1970	Bachelor of Laws, Thammasat University

### Work Experiences

Feb. 08 – Present	Minister of Education
2008	Committee Member of the Thai Bar under the patronage of His Majesty the King
2007	Member of the House of Representatives (Party List) Deputy Leader of People Power Party
March – Sept. 06	Permanent Secretary, Minister of Labour
Nov. 99 - March 06	Permanent Secretary, Minister of Justice
1998 - 1999	Deputy Permanent Secretary, Minister of Labour
1997	Chief Justice, Court of Appeal Region II
1993	Justice, Court of Appeal Region III
1990	Chief Justice, Thonburi Criminal Court
1989	Chief Justice, Nonthaburi Court
1988	Chief Justice, Chonburi Court
1987	Chief Justice, Rayong Juvenile Court
1986	Chief Justice, Pang-nga Court
1983	Judge, Chiangrai Court

1977 Judge, Chiangmai, Court  
1976 Judge, Chiangmai-Kwaeng Court  
1975 Judge, Ministry of Justice  
1974 Assistant Judge, Ministry of Justice

#### **Other experience (1999 – 2006)**

- Chairman of Committee (Laws field), National Research Council of Thailand
- Member of Board, Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand
- Member of Board, Electricity Generating Public Company Limited
- Member of Board, Krung Thai Bank Public Company Limited
- Member of Board, PTT Public Company Limited
- Member of Board Airport of Thailand Company Limited
- Member of Board, Thai Oil Public Company Limited
- Member of Committee, Office of the Narcotics Control Board
- Member of Committee, Anti Money Laundering Board
- Member of Committee, the Council of State
- Member of Committee, Board of Royal Thai Police
- Member of Committee, the Civil Service Commission
- Member of Committee,, Attorney Commission
- Member of Committee, Judiciary Commission
- Member of Committee, the Government Lottery Office

#### **Decorations**

1999 Chakrabarti Mala Medal  
1997 Knight Grand Cordon (Special Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant  
1992 Knight Grand Cordon (Special Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand  
1989 Knight Grand Cordon (First Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant  
1986 Knight Grand Cordon (First Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand  
1984 Knight Commander (Second Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant  
1980 Knight Commander (Second Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand