

# THAILAND

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Born on 21 September 1940 at Nakon-Rachasima, Thailand  
Married, four children

### Education:

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| 1995 – 2007 | Chairperson of Board of Director of Rachaphat Suan Dusit Institute                                                                                                                  |
| 1985 – 2000 | Member of Board of Director of Computer Software Training Center                                                                                                                    |
| 1986 – 1998 | Member of Board of Director, Assumption Business Administration College                                                                                                             |
| 1982 – 1985 | Member of Academic Committee, Chulalongkorn University                                                                                                                              |
| 1979 – 1980 | Head of Business Computer Department, Assumption Business Administration College                                                                                                    |
| 1970        | High Energy Nuclear Physics, Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London, England<br>Lecture, Physics Department, Faculty of Science, Chulalongkorn University |
| 1965        | B.Sc.Hon., (Physics) Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand                                                                                                                    |

### Royal Orders and Decorations:

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| 2002 | Knights 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 (Third Class, lower grade) of the Most Illustrious Order of Chula Chom Klao     |
| 1978 | King Bhumibol Adulyadej's Royal Cypher Medal (Rama IX)                                 |

**Awards and Honours:**

- 1997                    Honourary Certificate in Promoting Environmental Conservation from Buddhism Promotion Foundation, Thailand
- 1992                    Honourary Plaque in Recognition of Achievement in Environmental Conservation from National Community Service Association Past

**Professional Positions:****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
- 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  
President-Thailand-England Parliamentarians Friendship Group  
Minister of Science and Technology
- 2003                    Member of Board of Director, Democrat Party  
Chairperson of Social Activity Committee, Democrat Party  
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 – 2005 Chairperson of the Working Committee of Science, Technology and Environment, Democrat Party
- 2001 Chairperson of Public Hearing Sub-Committee of Community Forest Act  
Chairperson of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration Committee, Democrat Party

**Present Professional Positions:**

- 1993 – present Member of Committee of Thai Environment Institute
- 1986 – present Founder and Secretary General of Rajapruerk Institute Foundation
- 1978 – present Member of Committee of Thai Junior Encyclopedia Project by the Command of His Majesty the King. Science and Environment: