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About the Senior Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Srisakdi Charmonman



Professor Dr. Srisakdi Charmonman is a son of H.E. Phraya Nitisastra Baisalya (Von Charmonman) and a grandson-in-law of HRH Kromlaung Chumporn Ket Udomsak. Phraya Nitisastra Baisalya was a former Deputy Principal Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs to HM the King Rama VII, former Minister of Justice, Acting Prime Minister and Acting Head of the Revolutionary Party when H.E. Phraya Paholpolpayuhasena took a sick leave for about 6 months. **Professor Charmonman has extensive and well-rounded experience in education, research, business, government, and learned societies.**

In education, Prof. Charmonman took 5 years to graduate 6 grades from Debsirin School. He studied Grade 11 and 12 at Triem Udom School (Batch 16). He got a Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering from Chulalongkorn University, granted a full scholarship to study for M. Eng. in Hydraulics Engineering at Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), and graduated as the top of the class. So, he got a full scholarship to study and **earned a Ph.D. in Engineering Computations, which he completed in two and a half years.** He is the first Thai national to earn a Ph.D. in computer-related area and that was from Georgia Institute of Technology in the US in 1964. Then he became an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at McMaster University, and Associate Professor of Computing Science at the University of Alberta in Canada. After that, he became **Director of Graduate Studies in Computer Science at the University of Missouri-Columbia in the US, a Full Professor of Computer Science at the State University of New York in the US at the age of 36**, a Full Professor of Applied Statistics as well as President of the Faculty Council at the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), a Distinguished (C-11) Professor of Computer Engineering at King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMITL) in Thailand (**The first C-11 Professor in Engineering in Thailand**) as well as President of the Faculty Council at Ladkrabang and Acting Chairman of the Council of Chairmen of the Faculty Councils of all government universities in Thailand. At Assumption University where he worked part-time from 6 to 10 pm Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday when he worked full time at NIDA and KMITL, he was Honorary Vice President for Planning and Development, then Vice President for Information Technology, Dean of the Graduate School

of Internet and eCommerce, Chairman of the Board of the Graduate School of Computer Information Systems, Chairman of the Board of the Graduate School of Computer and Engineering Management, Chairman of the Board of the Graduate School of Software Engineering, Chairman of the Board of the Ph.D. Program in Computer Information Systems and Ph.D. Program in Computer and Engineering Management (First Ph.D. Programs in private universities in Thailand). More than 4,000 have graduated from those graduate programs. He is also the Founder and Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the College of Internet Distance Education of Assumption University of Thailand which offers the first and only Ph.D. in eLearning Methodology in the world. **He drafted the first decree and took 3 years to lobby 5 ministers to have the decree published in the Royal Gazette to allow universities in Thailand to offer eLearning.** He was the Program Director of the first eLearning degree program in Thailand (M.S. in Management at Assumption University). From June 2012, he became **President Emeritus for Life**, Serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Academic Committee, Founder and Chairman of Siam Technology Internet Poll Research Center (which releases Poll results every week), Founder and Chairman of Siam Technology Press, and Chairman of the Board and CEO of Srisakdi Charmonman Institute. Prof. Charmonman was a member of the Board of Trustees of King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang, Assumption University, Burapha University, and Asian Institute of Technology. He was Chairman of the Committee to Write Textbooks for the Ministry of Education, and for Sukhothai Open University. He was an author for Thai Junior Encyclopedia Project under the Royal Patronage of HM the King, and for Encyclopedia of Computer Science in the US. He was twice a **member of the University Service Commission Chaired by the Prime Minister** and appointed Chairman of the University Service Sub-commissions to consider promotion to full professorship in Engineering, Architecture, Computer, Telecommunications, Statistics, Mathematics, Business Administration, etc. He was Chairman of the Subcommittees to consider new degree programs in the field of computer and telecommunications for all universities in Thailand. He was Chairman of the Committee to Scrutinize Computer Acquisitions of Government Universities. He was Chairman of the Working Group on Institutional Research, Chairman of the Working Group on Data Definition in Education, and Chairman of the Committee to Investigate Wrong Doing Committed by the President of King Mongkut's Institute of Technology, etc. Prof. Charmonman was named a **Distinguished Alumnus of Depsirin School and elected to the Inaugural Hall of Fame of Asian Institute of Technology.**

In research, Prof. Charmonman has been **Directors of several research projects with grants** from the National Research Council of Canada, the US National Science Foundation (NSF), the US Armed Forces, the National Research Council of Thailand, UNESCO, Ford Foundation, USAID, United Nations Centre for Transnational Corporations, International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada, International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP), and International Centre for International Development (ICID).

In business, Prof. Srisakdi Charmonman was Chairman of Computer Professional Services Co., Ltd. providing consulting services to many organizations such as Booze, Allen and Hamilton International (BAHINT), Siam Commercial Bank, North Star Company, and Sanyo Company. He was Chairman of ASK (Anuch, Srisakdi, and Kalaya Sophonpanich) consulting group

providing consulting to major customers of Bangkok Bank. He was Chairman of International Technology Transfer Inc. (ITTI) providing training services. He was the **Thai Representative to the International Bureau of Informatics (IBI) in Rome, Italy**. He was advisor to the Supreme Command advising on accounting systems. He was Founder of ABAC-KSC Internet Poll Research Center (ABAC Poll) providing marketing surveys to businesses in Thailand. He is the Chairman of CharmingMall group of companies which includes ABAC-KSC Internet Education Co., Ltd. **He was Founder and Chairman of KSC which was the first and largest ISP (Internet Service Provider) in Thailand, once valued at one billion US\$, and he was elected Chairman of eASEAN Business Council.**

In government, Prof. Srisakdi Charmonman was one of the few **highest-ranking civil servants**, i.e. C-11 (the same rank as the highest-ranking Permanent Secretary in any Ministry, the same rank as Field Marshal in the armed forces, one rank higher than the Provincial Governors) and stayed in that rank for 10 years (longer than most other civil servants). He was Chairman of the Computer Working Groups at the Office of the Prime Minister, Chairman of the Committee to Use the Internet to Display Traffic Conditions at the Office of the Prime Minister, Member of the University Service Commission chaired by the Prime Minister, **IT Expert in the Committee to Integrate and Revolutionize the National Records (eGovernment Committee) chaired by the Prime Minister, Deputy Chairman of the Extraordinary Commission on Copyrights of the House of Representatives**, Chairman of five Subcommittees on National Professional Standards at the Ministry of Labor, Director of eCommerce Pilot Project and Chairman of the Committee on Specifications of eRegistration Project at the Ministry of Commerce, Expert Member of the National Copyright Committee, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Software Copyright in the National Copyright Committee, **Owner of the Copyright for 3 of the 13 National Thai Fonts, President of the Club of the Associate Judges of the Central Intellectual Properties and International Trade Court** (where he has been an Associate Judge for about 15 years), etc.

In learned societies, Prof.Dr. Srisakdi Charmonman was Founder and President of Thailand Chapter of the **ACM** which is the largest and oldest Computer Science association in the world, Founder and President of Thailand Joint Chapter of the Computer Society and the Engineering Management Society of the **IEEE** (IEEE Computer Society is the largest and oldest Computer Engineering society in the world), Founder and President of Thailand Chapter of the Internet Society (**ISOC**) and the Representative of an Organization Founding Member of ISOC. He was the **President of the Computer Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of HM the King** in the years 2000-2002, 2002-2004, 2006-2008 and 2008-2010, and Honorary President for the year 2010-2014. He was also elected **one of the 5 Directors of Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC), one of the 15 members of the Board of Trustees of ISOC, and one of the 10 members of the Board of Trustees of the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP)**. He has served as Chairman of the Organizing Committees of the International Conference on eLearning for Knowledge-Based Societies for 10 consecutive years, as well as Chairman of the Organizing Committees of many other international conferences.

Prof.Dr. Srisakdi Charmonman was named *Asian Computer Man of the Year 1981* and appeared on the front cover of Computer-Asia Magazine published in Hong Kong. He was named *Father of the Internet in Thailand* by Bangkok Post and several other publications. He was named **Man of the Year** in 1996 and 1997 by GM Magazine, Person of the Year 2004 by EconNews (Vol. 15, No. 449, September 2004), and **Man of the Year 2004** by the American Biographical Institute. In 2006, the International Biographical Centre of Cambridge in England called him the **Father of Thai E-Learning**. He was named **Fellow of the Royal Institution of Great Britain**, with certificate signed by HRH the Duke of Kent, a cousin of HM the Queen of UK. In 2012, the Senate of Thailand honored him with a Certificate of Excellence in eLearning. He was also given Certificate of Excellence in eLearning by World Education Congress in Mumbai, India in 2013.

Assumption University of Thailand honored him by constructing a 15 US\$ million building named "*Srisakdi Charmonman IT Center (www.scBuilding.info)*" declared "Center of Excellence in IT Education" by the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology of Thailand. Siam Technology built an office for him with 130 Roman columns and visitors said it is **one of the most beautiful professor offices anywhere in the world**.

HM the King graciously bestowed upon Prof.Dr. Srisakdi Charmonman **all four Royal Sashes for civil servants**. They are Knight Grand Cross (First Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand in 1987, Knight Grand Cross (First Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant in 1990, Knight Grand Cordon (Special Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand in 1993, and **Knight Grand Cordon (Special Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant in 1996**. HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn graciously granted an audience for him to be blessed on his 72nd birthday in the year 2009.

Prof.Dr. Srisakdi Charmonman has **written over 4,000 articles and books** on the subject of IT and **lectured in more than 30 countries**. He has also served as the Announcer of the **radio program** "Internet IT with Srisakdi Charmonman", on Radio Thailand AM 819, every Sunday at 11.00-12.00 am, and **television program** "Internet IT with Srisakdi Charmonman" on UBC DLTV9, DSTV89, and CATV56 every Sunday 12.00 noon – 1.00 pm. He is also the Founder and the Editor-in-Chief of the **International Journal of the Computer, the Internet, and Management** (www.ijcim.th.org) which has the **Impact Factor of 5.46 in IndexCopernicus Journal Master List and is listed in the database of Thai Citation Index**.

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