



Assumption University of Thailand

*Conferral of the Honorary Degree of Doctor of International Law
on H.E. Ioan Voicu, Ambassador of Romania*

Citation

Introduction

H.E. Ioan Voicu is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania and he has been accredited to the Kingdom of Thailand since November 1994. He is also the Permanent Observer of Romania to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific which is a specialised organ of the United Nations. His Excellency holds the coveted degree of Doctor of Political Sciences-International Law from the Graduate Institute of International Studies of Geneva University. He is steeped in jurisprudence and his legal skills were honed further while serving as Minister Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Romania to the U.N. and as a member of the Romanian delegations to 18 regular sessions of the General Assembly from 1970 to 1993 without interruption.

Dr. Ioan Voicu has been an associate professor of international law in the Academy of Economic Sciences in Bucharest and a visiting lecturer on international relations in Romanian universities and cultural establishments. He is a member of the Romanian Association of International Law and International Relations, the International Law Association, the Scientific Board of the Romanian Institute for International Studies etc.

*Mr. Voicu has many publications to his credit including *De Interpretation authentique des traites internationaux*-1989 (Paris Pedone), *Romania in the United Nations System*-1974 (co-author); *Theories of International Relations*-1981 (Editor); *Peaceful Settlement of Disputes*-1985 (co-author); and *Basic Principles of International Law*-1986 (co-author). He has contributed to scientific journals with many articles and studies on United Nations political, legal and humanitarian activities, the role of the Security Council and of the Secretary General in world affairs, regionalism, international security, non-use of force, arbitration, judicial settlement of disputes, crimes against the peace and security of mankind, the codification and the progressive development of international law, the law of treaties, diplomacy and diplomatic law, good governance, national identity etc.*

Activities

There have been a number of highly positive developments during his Excellency's tour of duty in Thailand and the following are a few highlights:

Political field

Promoting political dialogue between the Romanian and Thai governments which culminated in the official visits of H.E. Dr. Annuay Viravan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand in July 1996 and H.E. Sukhavit Rangsitpol, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education of Thailand in 1996 and 1997 respectively.

