## **Professor Dr. Graham Kenneth Winley**

Awarded St. Martin de Tours Award for Excellence in Performance (First Class)

## Citation

Professor Dr. Graham Kenneth Winley is the Program Director of the Doctor of Philosophy Program in Information Technology, Vincent Mary School of Science and Technology, who has contributed in a distinctive way to improving the teaching and learning, research and the curriculums of the undergraduate and graduate programs. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Macquarie University, Australia in 1973, Master of Science in Operations Research from the University of New South Wales in 1976, and Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics System Modeling from the University of Wollongong in 1980.

Professor Dr. Graham has served the Vincent Mary School of Science and Technology in various academic capacities: as an administrator, a researcher, a lecturer and an adviser. His academic caliber, persevering spirit, strong sense of teamwork, and leadership have motivated faculty members and students to work harder to improve themselves academically through conducting research and pursuing higher degrees. Because of his strong research track record, he was awarded the St. Thomas Aquinas Award for Research (First Class) by Assumption University in December, 2009 and the St. Martin de Tours Award for Excellence in Performance (Second Class) in December, 2012 for being instrumental in the production of quality dissertations by his two advisees who were awarded the "Outstanding Dissertation Award of the Association of Private Higher Education Institutions of Thailand" in the year 2010 and 2011. In 2013, another advisee of his was awarded once again the "Outstanding Dissertation Award of the Association of Private Higher Education Institutions of Thailand", the reason why he deserves the St. Martin de Tours Award for Excellence in Performance (First Class). The following are the three dissertations he had supervised which earned the "Outstanding Dissertation Award of the Association of Private Higher Education Institutions of Thailand" for the year 2010, 2011 and 2013.

- 2010 Dr. Jittima Wongwuttiwat for her dissertation entitled"Information Systems Knowledge and Skills: A Comparison of Information Systems Provider and User Organizations in Thailand"
- 2011 Dr. Panu Sombutpibool for his dissertation entitled "An Investigation of the Adoption of Online Social Networks in Thailand"
- 2013 Dr. Kumpol Buriyameathagul for his dissertation entitled

"Characteristics of Culture in Thai Society and Virtual Communities"

Professor Dr. Graham's commitment to the education and training of graduate students of the Vincent Mary School of Science and Technology as future members of the research community is worth emulating. His strategy is to establish an academic connection with his advisees to ensure that their work conforms to the standard of scholarly performance within their discipline. He provides a learning environment that is intellectually stimulating and supportive as well as enforces standards of rigor and academic conduct. He sees advising as an opportunity for helping students develop and grow. Thus, students are motivated to do their best because they know that their adviser is concerned with their academic growth and development.

For his valuable contribution and dedication to teaching and learning as well as giving reputation to the University, Assumption University is pleased to confer the St. Martin de Tours Award for Excellence in Performance (First Class) on Prof. Dr. Graham Kenneth Winley on this auspicious date of December 24, 2014.

