

Mr. John F. Simmons.

St. Michael's Award (Public Service Award)

Citation:

Mr. John F. Simmons has been with the Assumption University since June 1, 1976 and all these years he has rendered loyal, dedicated and outstanding service and in addition he has been a wonderful prop to the students and a tower of strength to the administrators.

As Director of the International Affairs Department it is Mr. Simmons' primary duty to establish links with universities abroad. To date, agreements have been concluded with some 29 institutions located on four continents. These agreements cover a variety of activities, including student and instructor exchanges and joint academic programs at both the masters and doctoral levels.

It is also Mr. Simmons duty to assist in recruiting full time and visiting faculty from other nations to ensure maintenance of a high quality academic program. Numerous visiting professors have joined up in response to current agreements and are scheduled to teach in its various faculties and their ranks will be further strengthened.

The other major area of his responsibility and where he has done exceptionally is in assisting students and staff in their quest for higher education. He also looks after the needs and welfare of foreign students studying here and it is a measure of his foresight and managerial wisdom that the chorus of complaints has declined and instead appreciation and applause abound and more and more overseas students are interested in seeking admission to ABAC.

In the performance of his duties and discharge of his responsibilities which require great sensitivity, delicacy and acuity he has been superb and in recognition of such valuable services Mr. John Simmons is nominated for St. Michael's Awards.