

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sonthya Vanichvatana

Awarded St. Thomas Aquinas Award for Research (First Class)

Citation:

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sonthya Vanichvatana joined Assumption University in 1997 and has been promoted to the Chairperson of the Department of Real Estate since 1998. She received her Bachelor's degree in Architecture from Silpakorn University with the first rank of the class in 1985. She then received her Master's degree in Construction Engineering and Management from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1987 and her Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley in 1993. Her work experiences range from project management, construction management and construction company entrepreneur. For professional affiliates, she has served as a member of the boards in many related real estate associations including the Thai Real Estate Association, the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors Thailand, the Thai Chamber of Commerce in Real Estate Development Sub-Committee, Construction and Real Estate Sub-Committee and Design and Construction Sub-Committee. She has also played a role as a committee member in drafting and amending many Acts and Regulations related to real estate.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sonthya's research areas of interest cover related areas in real estate, project management and construction management, with concentration on real estate development, property cycle, housing behavior, and project management. Her research work has been supported by three strong fundamental backgrounds including comprehensive education, broad work experiences and professional affiliate services. She has put her strength to produce practical research works in an effort to develop the society and the real estate profession.

Some of her research projects that have contributed to the academic and professional circles of real estate are as follows:

1. Vanichvatana, S., Peungchuer, A. (2009) Capital Strategies of for sale Property Development Companies in Thailand during Economic Recession, *Proceedings of the European Real Estate Society 2009 Conference*, Stockholm, Sweden, June 24-27, 2009.
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3. Vanichvatana, S. (2009) Geographical area and Economic Behavior of Potential Buyers for Condominium Units along Mass Rapid Transit Lines: the Case of Bangkok (2004-2008), *Proceedings of the Pacific Rim Real Estate Society (PRRES) 2009 Conference*, Sydney, Australia, January 18-21, 2009.
4. Vanichvatana, S. (2008) Relationship between the Existing, Locations of Potential Buyers for Condominium along Mass Rapid Transit Lines and Oil Prices: the Case of Bangkok (2004-2008), *Proceedings of European Real Estate Society (ERES) 2008 Conference*, Krakow, Poland, June 18-21, 2008.

5. Vanichvatana, S. (2007) Thailand Real Estate Market Cycle: Case Study of 1997 Economic Crisis. *GH Bank Housing Journal*, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 38-47.
6. Vanichvatana, S. (2007) Relationships between Quality of Buildings and Rents in Serviced Apartments *Proceedings of American Real Estate Society (ARES) 2007 Conference*, 11-14 April, San Francisco, California, U.S.A.
7. Vanichvatana, S. and Duriyangkoon, S. (2006) Survey and Analysis of Housing Demand Behavior in Bangkok, 2006”, Project Leader, Research Sponsored by Tararom Enterprise (Public) Company.
8. Vanichvatana, S. (2006) Real Estate Cycle, How And Why?”, an article published on the Government Housing Bank Journal, Year 12, Issue 47, page 44-50.
9. Vanichvatana, S. (2006) Relationships of Locations Vs Building Characteristics on Serviced Apartment Rent: Bangkok CBD Case Studies *AU Journal of Management*, July–December, 2006, Assumption University of Thailand, Vol.4, No. 2.
10. Vanichvatana, S. (2006) Relationship between Building Characteristics and Rental to Support Serviced Apartment Investment: Quality of Amenities Analysis”, Principal Investigator, Granted by the Research Institute of Assumption University, October, 2006.
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12. Vanichvatana, S. (2006) The Different Amenities Provided in Apartments and Serviced Apartments, *AU Journal of Management*, January-June, 2006, Assumption University of Thailand, Vol.4, No. 1.
13. Vanichvatana, S. (2006) Relationship between Building Characteristics and Rental to Support Servicedapartment Investment *Proceedings of 12th Pacific Rim Real Estate Society (PRRES) 2006 Conference*, 22-25 January, Auckland, New Zealand.
14. Vanichvatana, S. (2004) Thailand 2003 Up Trend Real Estate Cycle: Fundamental And Characteristics *Proceedings of Pacific Rim Real Estate Society (PRRES) 2004 Conference*, 25-28 January, Bangkok, Thailand
15. Vanichvatana, S., Neilson, A. and Tongrabil, S. (2003) The Data Survey and Research Consultant-Apartment and Serviced Apartment Project in Bangkok, Head of the Research Team, Department of Real Estate, Assumption University, Submitted to Real Estate Information Center of Thailand, Ministry of Finance, Thailand, Granted by The World Bank Organization
16. Vanichvatana, S. (2003) Risk Factors In Real Estate Development In Thailand During The 1997-2002 Economic Crisis, *The Journal of Risk Management and Insurance*, Vol. 8 (2003), Assumption University (Assumption University), Hua Mak, Bangkok, Thailand, Presented at: 7th Asia-Pacific Risk and Insurance Association Annual (APPRIA) Conference 20-23 July, Bangkok, Thailand

For all her brilliant contributions and distinction in research activities and enhancement of the University’s reputation and prestige, Assumption University is pleased to confer the St. Thomas Aquinas Award for Research (First Class) on Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sonthya Vanichvatana on this auspicious date of December 24, 2009.