

## **Asst. Prof. Dr. Sureepong Phothongsunan**

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

### **Citation:**

Asst. Prof. Dr. Sureepong Phothongsunan joined Assumption University in 1998. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Business English from Assumption University in 1996, Graduate Diploma in Teaching English as a Second Language from the University of Central Missouri, USA. in 1997, Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language from the University of Central Missouri, USA. in 1998, and Doctor of Education in Teaching English as a Foreign Language from the University of Exeter, UK. in 2005. Receiving a full scholarship from Assumption University for his doctoral studies in the UK, he undertook several comprehensive modules on research in education and English language teaching and presented his research work at various well-recognized UK universities.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Sureepong's research interests embrace educational research, teaching English to speakers of other languages, English language training, English for specific purposes, applied linguistics, and research issues related to native and non-native speakers of languages. He has been producing research and academic articles and has had his research papers published in journals and international proceedings. Highlights of his research papers are as follows:

1. Phothongsunan, S. (2006). "Examining and Exploiting English Learning Strategies of Successful Thai University Student: The Role of the Social Context." *ABAC Journal* 26.2: 31-47.
2. Phothongsunan, S. (2007). "Exploring Liaison: An Investigation into Roles of Relationship Building and Management between English Teaching Colleagues in a Thai Educational Institution." *Proceedings of 7<sup>th</sup> Annual South East Asian Association for Institutional Research (SEAIR) Conference*. Assumption University, Samutprakarn, Thailand. 315-328.

3. Phothongsunan, S. (2009) "Teacher Professional Development in Thai Universities: EFL Teachers' Perceptions." Proceedings of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual South East Asian Association for Institutional Research (SEAAIR) Conference. Penang, Malaysia. 303-314.
4. Phothongsunan, S. (2010) "Communication Strategies by Thai University Students in English Language Learning." Proceedings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Language and Communication (ICLC 2010) "Dynamism of Language and Communication in Society. National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), Bangkok, Thailand. 217-227.
5. Phothongsunan, S. and Suwannarak, K. (2008). "Native and Non-native Dichotomy: Distinctive Stances of Thai Teachers of English." ABAC Journal 28.2: 10-30.
6. Phothongsunan, S. and Suwannarak, K. (2008). "Attributions of High Achieving Thai University Students Perceiving Themselves as Failures in English Usage." Proceedings of 8<sup>th</sup> Annual South East Asian Association for Institutional Research (SEAAIR) Conference. 8: 587-599.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Sureepong has also written textbooks on English for specific purposes as approved by the University Editorial Board and many chapters in co-authored texts for Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University Press as follows:

1. Phothongsunan, S., Thongsri, N. and Maiklad, C. (2005). E-learning. In N. Thongsri & A. Wanichdee (Eds.) English for Computer Users (Revised Edition) (pp. 7.1-7.88). Nonthaburi: Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University Press.
2. Phothongsunan, S. (2006). Intermediate to Advanced English for Hotel Business. Bangkok: Assumption University Press.
3. Phothongsunan, S. and Thongsri, N. (2006). Business Communications. In A. Sitthiamnuay, J. Trairat & T. King (Eds.) English for Business (1<sup>st</sup> Revised Edition) (pp. 9.1-9.76). Nonthaburi: Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University Press.
4. Phothongsunan, S. and Kongpolphrom, N. (2007). Practical English for Tourism Insights Vol. 1. Bangkok: Assumption University Press.

5. Phothongsunan, S. (2008). Unit 14: Let Me Illustrate. In *Interaction: Effective Communication in English in Real Situations (2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Edition)* (pp. 215-230). Nonthaburi: Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University Press.
6. Phothongsunan, S. (2008). Unit 15: Have You Heard the News? In *Interaction: Effective Communication in English in Real Situations (2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Edition)* (pp. 231-251). Nonthaburi: Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University Press.
7. Phothongsunan, S., Cleesuntorn, A., Achwarin A. N., and Preedeedilok, K. (2008). *Thai Language, Culture and Professional Code of Ethics (Eds.)* Bangkok: Assumption University Press.
8. Phothongsunan, S. and Kongpolphrom, N. (2008). *Practical English for Tourism Insights Vol. 2*. Bangkok: Assumption University Press.
9. Phothongsunan, S. (2011). *Practical English for Tourism Insights (Revised Edition)* Bangkok: Assumption University Press.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Sureepong has also made contribution to research and academic services at institutional, national and international levels. He has served as international journal reviewer of *Foreign Language Learning and Teaching Journal of Language Institute, Thammasat University*, paper reviewer of *Panyapiwat Institute of Management*, and external thesis advisor of Master of Arts Programs in Applied Linguistics and Teaching English as a Foreign Language of *Kasetsart University* and *Srinakharinwirot University* respectively. He has also been invited by *Saint Gabriel's College* to conduct oral English proficiency assessment for all *Saint Gabriel's* students every academic semester.

For all his 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 (Second Class)* on Asst. Prof. Dr. Sureepong Phothongsunan on this auspicious date of December 24, 2011.