

Asst. Prof. Dr. Warayuth Sriwarakuel
St. Bernard Award for Special Merit (First Class)

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Dr. Warayuth Sriwarakuel has served Assumption University since June 1, 1992. He became the dean of the Graduate School of Philosophy and Religion on May 1, 1999. He was appointed Assistant Professor in October 1999. Before serving Assumption University, Dean Warayuth, holding an MA in philosophy from Chulalongkorn University (with GPA 3.92 and very good thesis), worked with the Consortium (under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State) and Save the Children (under the auspices of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) at Phanat Nikhom Indo-Chinese Refugees Holding Center as a teacher and a coordinator respectively for 7 years. After joining Assumption University, he upgraded his qualifications by obtaining a Doctorate in philosophy from Chulalongkorn University in 1996 and a post-doctoral certificate from the Catholic University of America in 2000.

Dr. Warayuth has dedicated himself to serving Assumption University for nearly 17 years. As an instructor, he has always recognized that a good teacher must play at least four roles, namely, a researcher, a communicator, an evaluator, and a good role model. As a researcher, he has written and published more than 40 academic papers in various journals and texts, both in Thailand and abroad, in the name of Assumption University. He wrote two books and edited two books. As a communicator, he has always simplified his explanation and discussion in philosophy for his students in simple English. As an evaluator, he is straightforward, just and kind to his students. As a role model, he has behaved himself in a humble manner in the same way as Socrates did. He usually works from early morning to late evening every day except Friday. He believes in the motto that deeds are louder than words. He has always tried to inspire his students with his competency, character, and care.

As an administrator, he has run his school through participative democratic management style. Teamwork is a practice in the Graduate School of Philosophy and Religion. He believes that a dean is like a coach of a football team who knows his people, loves his people, and encourages them to actualize their given potentials to the fullest for the sake of students, the university, and the society at large. He and his team have revised and updated four curricula, namely MA and Ph.D. in philosophy and MA and Ph.D. in religious studies, twice under his leadership since 1999. So far the Graduate School of Philosophy and Religion has already produced 21 doctors and 53 MA graduates who are serving in various sectors in Thailand and abroad.

As the editor-in-chief of Prajna Vihara he encourages his team to issue the journal of philosophy and religion every six months. He and his team are well aware that it is one of their missions to promote justice, peace and mutual understanding among the peoples of the world. The journal is designed to be the stage for scholars from the country and all over the world to make their contributions in philosophy and religion. As academicians, Dr. Warayuth and his colleagues have provided academic services to the public in different kinds of activities. His school has organized more than ten national/international conferences. He gives special lectures, teaches philosophical subjects, and serves as a thesis/dissertation examiner at different universities and educational institutes in the country. He is a member of the editorial board of the Humanities Journal of Kasetsart University. He is also a member of the editorial board of the Journal of the Philosophy and Religion Society of Thailand. He is an external peer reviewer for these journals. He is a member of the Internal Quality Assurance Committee of Saengtham College. He is an assessor of the Internal Quality Assurance for the CHE and of the External Quality Assurance for the ONESQA.

Dr. Warayuth is selected the President of the Philosophy and Religion Society of Thailand (<http://www.parst.or.th>), the President of the Southeast Asian Philosophical Association (SEAPA), the former President of the Asian Association of Catholic Philosophers (<http://www.asian-philosophers.com>), the Regional Coordinator of the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (<http://www.crvp.org>). Recently, he has been nominated and selected as a committee director (CD) of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP) at the XXII World Congress of Philosophy organized at Seoul National University, Korea (<http://www.fisp.org>). This is the first time that Southeast Asia has two representatives (one from Vietnam) in this highest non-governmental world organization for philosophy which was established in Paris in 1948.

Due to his outstanding services and dedication, Assumption University is pleased to award Dr. Warayuth Sriwarakuel the St. Bernard Award for Special Merit (First Class) on the auspicious date of December 24, 2008.