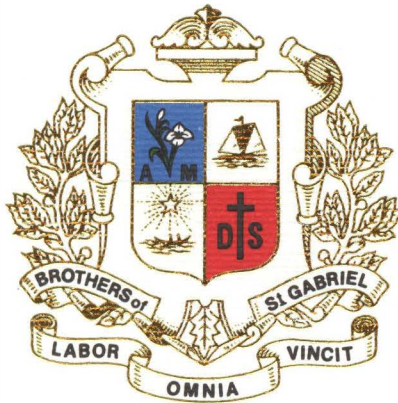


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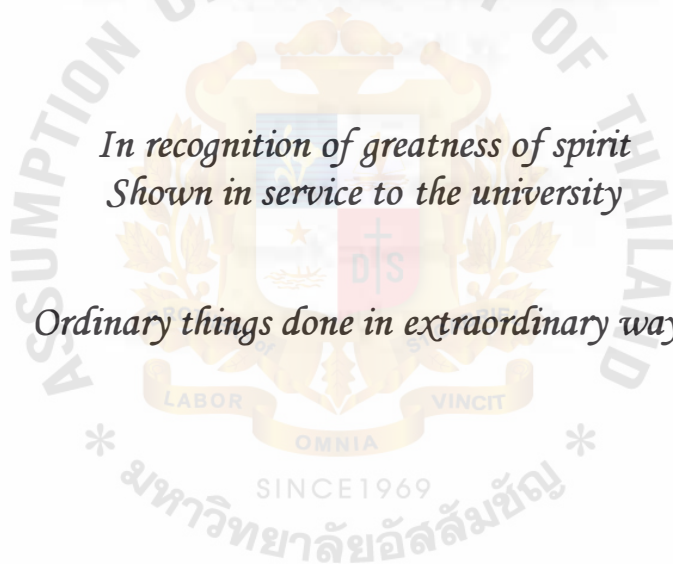


*Induction of  
Professor of the Order of St. Gabriel  
and Presentation of  
Au Awards for Excellence  
December 24, 2008*

**Professor of the Order of St. Gabriel  
&  
Au Awards for Excellence**

*In recognition of greatness of spirit  
Shown in service to the university*

*Ordinary things done in extraordinary ways*



## AU Awards for Excellence

*St. Montfort Award*

*St. Michael Award*

*St. Hilaire Award*

*St. Martin de Tours Award*

*St. Bernard Award*

*St. Thomas Aquinas Award*



## PROFESSOR OF THE ORDER OF ST. GABRIEL

Assumption University deems it appropriate to acknowledge the contributions of everyone within the university community, especially individuals who have contributed immensely to the success and attainment of academic goals of the university. Acknowledgement of such sacrifice, commitment and dedication to teaching is a graceful act. Individuals who have shown such dedication and hard work are worthy of recognition and reward. This is also an opportunity to signal that other members of the university community, dedicated to teaching can be rewarded similarly. Therefore, the President of Assumption University decrees the inception of the “Professor of the Order of St. Gabriel” as part of the annual awards ceremony for the year 2008 onwards.



# AU AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

## Philosophy and Objectives

“Those who have sacrificed their lives and time by their creative loyalty and positive contributions to the institution must be recognized, promoted and rewarded.” So wrote Rev. Prathip Martin Komolmas in the *Faculty and Staff Development Policies*, July 22, 1993.

The philosophical underpinnings of the AU Academic Awards were simply that good deeds and achievements must be recognized and awarded. The President had often expressed his wish to establish academic awards as incentives for the academic community. Evaluation of job performance for this purpose was undertaken. After a considerable length of time, the administrators decided to introduce the awards. These awards aim to both reward for past performances and encourage future efforts. As a reward, it demonstrates our belief that those selected have met and surpassed the standards of excellence for the award given. The awards are also meant to encourage future efforts of not only the reward recipients but others who may take note that they, too, will be recognized for superior performance. The AU Academic Awards are granted periodically to those who met the selection criteria.

## Historical Background

One of philosophies of Assumption University is that good deeds and achievements done by any member must be recognized and awarded. The first conferment of awards was initiated in **1997** under the name **AU Academic Awards**. Only lecturers were nominated for these awards under six categories. Then, three-tier system of achievements (first, second, and third class with the first as the highest in each category) was announced in 1999 to take effect in 2000 (Au Academic Awards, December 24, 1999, p. 12). In the year 2000, the name of the awards was changed to **Au Awards for Excellence**. The purpose is to reward not only teaching staff but also the non-teaching staff who daily facilitate in the management and operation of the institution.

So far the awards committee is chaired by the President with Brothers in the University administration serving on the committee (Au Academic Awards, December 24, 1999, p. 12). The sole right and prerogative on selection of the awardees reside in the committee.

## THE SIX AU AWARDS

Each award was named after an illustrious person found in Catholic Church history and also in memory of our predecessors who had worked long and hard to carry out their teaching mission. The general policies governing each award were laid down by the AU Academic Awards Committee in 1997. These policies are subject to review, re-interpretation and modification as may be called for. Except for the St. Montfort Award, the awards are given in three classes. The second and third class awards are meant to recognize mid-level and junior AU faculty and staff who have performed well above the norm as compared to their peer group. The awards are as follows:

### **St. Montfort Award Illustrious Service Award**

The St. Montfort Award was named after St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort (1673-1716), the founder of the Brothers of St. Gabriel. He is our spiritual master who walked before us toward the Living God. Following in his footprints, we can proceed on a path to union with God. The Brothers of St. Gabriel in Thailand consider him to be a model for a religious life and for their educative mission.

This award is given for faithful, dedicated and outstanding services rendered to the University by senior administrators whose career spans more than 25 years.

### **St. Michael Award Public Service Award (First, Second, and Third Class)**

The award was named after St. Michael the Archangel, the protector of the people of God.

This award also honors the name of Brother Michael, one of the 13 French Brothers who moved from Thailand to India during World War II. He was appointed master of novices at Eachinkadu, Yercaud, South India, tasked with the training of a number of senior Brothers of the Province of Thailand.

The award comes in three classes and is given to University members who have provided academic and/or other significant services to society, and who have represented the University in academic and supporting activities that are acknowledged by the public. In so doing, they uphold and promote the University's reputation and stature.



**St. Hilaire Award  
Distinction in Writing Award  
(First, Second, and Third Class)**

This award was named after St. Hilaire who was born at the beginning of the fourth century at Poitiers in France. He was a bishop and Doctor of the Universal Church.

Brother Hilaire was one of the first five pioneering Brothers to arrive in Thailand in 1901. He was a well-known educator at Assumption College, Bangkok. He mastered the Thai language so well that he became an unparalleled Siamese Linguist. He wrote Thai language manuals, the first of which, Darun Suksa, was considered by all as the very best source for the learning of the Thai language.

The award comes in three classes and is designated for those who achieved distinction through academic writings in the form of articles and books.

**St. Martin de Tours Award  
Excellence in Performance Award  
(First, Second, and Third Class)**

St. Martin de Tours, for whom St. Martin de Tours Award is named, was a Roman soldier raised in Italy. Finding God, he converted to Christ and became an unwilling soldier. Later he was a disciple of Hilaire of Poitiers and, still later, became the Bishop of Tours. The award was also named in memory of Brother Martin de Tours, one of the five Brothers who first entered Siam on October 20, 1901.

This award is designated for lecturers and administrators: who discharged their duties and responsibilities conscientiously and superbly: who exhibited high standards of efficiency, excellence and quality in teaching, counseling, and duties such as composition of test materials, framing of examination papers and other academic related factors.

The award is also for non-teaching staff who add to the University learning process.

**St. Bernard Award  
Special Merit Award  
(First, Second, and Third Class)**

The award was named after St. Bernard (1090-1153), an abbot and later named Doctor of the Church. He was a Cistercian monk. He wrote profusely and movingly concerning the Lord Jesus, spirituality, the Scriptures, and the Blessed Mother.

The award also recognized Brother Bernard Mary whose idea of adding a degree program to the existing Assumption Commercial College (ACC) program that eventually led to the establishment of ABAC and hence Assumption University.

This award is intended for University members: who exhibited special managerial skills; and who performed their tasks and assignments beyond the normal calls of duty such as initiating, restructuring or reengineering of programs for an office or department, or providing voluntary services for improving, upgrading systems and procedures, and participating in other artistic or scientific activities for the welfare of society.

**St. Thomas Aquinas Award  
Research Award  
(First, Second, and Third Class)**

The award was named after St. Thomas Aquinas in respect for his special talents that he devoted in full measure to the search for the Eternal Truth.

St. Thomas Aquinas was a great Dominican teacher (1225-1274). He traveled and wrote extensively. His two *Summas* should not obscure his other biblical, theological and philosophical writings. He dedicated his brilliant talents to the investigation of the sublime truth of God in the light of faith and the human intellect. He is the patron saint of all Catholic schools. This award is given to those who contribute through their research to the promotion, enhancement or the reputation and prestige of the University. Their research should result in publications, patents and/or other innovative materials or feature.





**Induction of Professor of the Order of St. Gabriel  
Presentation of Au Awards for Excellence  
Felicitation on the President Emeritus' Birthday  
and  
Christmas Greeting  
December 24, 2008**

***Programme***

- 10.00-10.30 hrs.**                      **Assemblage at the Chapel of St. Louis Marie de Montfort,  
Suvarnabhumi Campus**  
*MC takes the floor*
- 10.30 hrs.**                              **Arrival of the President and the President Emeritus**  
- *Song: Assumption University Anthem*
- 10.35-11.30 hrs.**                      **Report by the Vice President for Academic Affairs**  
**Induction of Professor of the Order of St. Gabriel**  
- Reading of Citation by the President  
- Induction by the President  
**Presentation of Au Awards for Excellence**  
- Reading of Citations by the Deputy Vice President for  
Academic Affairs  
- Awards Presentation by the President  
***Song: God Will Make A Way***  
**Celebration of Christmas Festival**  
***Song: We Wish You a Merry Christmas***  
- Garlands Presentation by Au representatives  
- Speech of Appreciation by the President  
**Celebration of the President Emeritus' Birthday**  
***Song: Bouquet of Hearts***  
- Speech and Poems to felicitate the President Emeritus by Au  
representatives  
- Bouquet Presentation to the President Emeritus by the President  
***Song: Happy Birthday***  
- Speech of Appreciation by the President Emeritus  
***Song: You Are the Light of My Soul***  
**Group Photograph Taking**
- 11.30-12.30 hrs.**                      **Cocktail Reception at John XXIII Conference Center**

***End of the Programme***

## Report

Brother President Emeritus  
Brother President  
Faculty Members and Distinguished Guests

It is an honour that the President graces the conferral ceremony for Professor of the Order of St. Gabriel and Au Awards for Excellence 2008.

To enable you to have an insight into the significance of the awards for Assumption University's community, prior to the awards conferral, I would like to present you the philosophy and objectives of the Professor of the Order of St. Gabriel as well as Au Awards for Excellence.

Since its conception, Assumption University has always deemed it appropriate to acknowledge the contributions of everyone within the university community, especially individuals who have contributed immensely to the success and attainment of academic goals of the university. Acknowledgement of such sacrifice, commitment and dedication to teaching, research, administration and service is a graceful act. Individuals who have shown such dedication and hard work are worthy of recognition and award.

This is also an opportunity to signal that other members of the university community, dedicated to teaching and providing service through other avenues within the university, can be rewarded similarly. Therefore, commencing this year, the President of Assumption University decrees the inception of the **"Professor of the Order of St. Gabriel"** as part of the annual awards ceremony from the year 2008 onwards.

This year, with his unwavering commitment and selfless dedication to administrative as well as teaching duties that have served as a momentous inspiration to all young administrators and lecturers over the past 51 years, the University unanimously confers the "Professor of the Order of St. Gabriel" to

**Rev. Bro. Simeon Anupatt Petchara-Yuttachai**

As for the Au Awards for Excellence, it was officially initiated on 22 July 1993. Rev. Bro. Prathip Martin Komolmas initiated the policy which he wrote: "Those who have sacrificed their lives and time by their creative loyalty and positive contributions to the institution must be recognized, promoted and rewarded."

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also meant to encourage future efforts of not only the reward recipients but others who may take note that they, too, will be recognized for superior performance.

For the year 2008's Au Awards for Excellence, the University takes great pleasure in conferring

St. Bernard Award for Special Merit, First Class  
to Asst. Prof. Dr. Warayuth Sriwarakuel Graduate School of Philosophy and Religion

St. Bernard Award for Special Merit, Third Class  
to Mr. Kanjanasit Chinnapha School of Management  
Mr. Chinnagrit Udomlappaisan School of Communication Arts

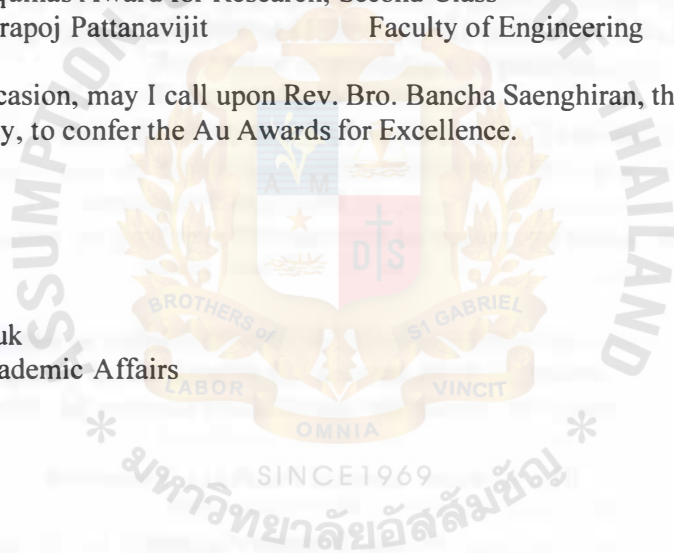
St. Michael Award for Public Service, Second Class  
to Dr. Poom Moolsilpa Faculty of Law

St. Hilaire Award for Distinction in Writing, Second Class  
to Dr. John Thomas Giordano Graduate School of Philosophy and Religion

St. Thomas Aquinas Award for Research, Second Class  
to Dr. Vorapoj Pattanavijit Faculty of Engineering

On this auspicious occasion, may I call upon Rev. Bro. Bancha Saenghiran, the President of Assumption University, to confer the Au Awards for Excellence.

Dr. Sompit Porsutyaruk  
Vice President for Academic Affairs





## **Professor of the Order of St. Gabriel**

### **Citation**

#### **Rev. Brother Simeon Anupatt Petchara-Yuttachai**

#### **Citation for Rev. Brother Simeon Anupatt Petchara-Yuttachai as Professor of the Order of St. Gabriel at Assumption University of Thailand**

In the winter of 1939, responding to a call from God, the nine-year old Claude Petiteau wrote down his commitment to join the Montfortian Brothers of St. Gabriel and to travel overseas to teach in any of their schools. Following his scholastic, juniorate and novitiate years in France, as a young Gabrielite, Rev. Brother Simeon began his teaching career on October 7, 1950 in France. In 1953 with some experience as a teacher, he moved to London where he taught for three years.

Rev. Brother Simeon, at the request of his superiors, arrived in Thailand on January 3, 1957 to begin his mission as a teacher in various primary and secondary schools of the Gabrielite Brothers. He also founded a few institutions at secondary level. Intermittently Rev. Brother Simeon was educated in the Philippines (1969-1972 and 1987-1989) and in the USA at Santa Clara University, California (1976-1977) respectively. Even while he attended degree programs as a student, Rev. Brother Simeon lectured in Finance courses in the Philippines and at California.

Rev. Brother Simeon's first assignment to the newly established Assumption Business Administration College was in 1972, where he arrived to teach Accounting and Marketing. In the subsequent years of his teaching at ABAC, Rev. Brother Simeon taught courses in General Management. In 1978 following his return from the USA, Rev. Brother Simeon was appointed as the first-ever Chairperson of the newly created Department of Finance and Banking. Between the years 1979 and 1987, Rev. Brother Simeon served as Vice President for Academic Affairs at ABAC, concurrently teaching courses with Finance specialization ranging from Corporate Finance to Financial Management. In 1994 Rev. Brother Simeon was appointed to his current positions as Vice President for Financial Affairs and Senior Lecturer in the Department of Finance and Banking, and continues in these roles even to the present time.

Rev. Brother Simeon is a consummate and dedicated teacher. Through the many years of his encountering the youth of the world and here in Thailand, he has exuded self-discipline in preparing his lectures, his innovative assignments, projects and training for the students, and as his Thai first name, Anupatt, implies, he is and has been a mentor and advisor to many generations of students. Rev. Brother Simeon's punctuality to class, and the fact that in his 58 years of teaching, he has cancelled fewer than 10 classes, is testament to his self discipline and to his total value as a teacher to his students. Quite a good number of Rev. Brother Simeon's students have been admitted to top universities the world over for further studies.

Rev. Brother Simeon represents the ideal example of a transformative teacher in his philosophy, which I quote from his own words: "The way I regard my duty as lecturer is to look at what I have to do, and that is, to change the student as 'raw material' into a 'beautiful finished

product.’ In teaching I do not just consider the material, but also the deportment of my students. I believe that when students graduate, they should be fit and better formed as educated individuals.” To the purpose of melding in his students academic qualifications and personal ethics, Rev. Brother Simeon has for over a good many years held his own “Last Orientation” for graduating students in the very last class session, every semester. Graduates acclaim the advice given by Rev. Brother Simeon as enriching and extremely valuable to them in their lives beyond university.

It is indeed appropriate for us to therefore conclude that Rev. Brother Simeon’s role as a transforming teacher is to lead by setting personal higher dispositional and knowledge acquisition examples.

More significant however, is the fact that Rev. Brother Simeon has kept faithful to his religious vows by balancing his teaching and administrative careers with two golden religious practices. The first of these is prayer. Rev. Brother Simeon spends at least two hours everyday in prayer and in contemplation. The second practice is to wear the Crucifix of Christ on the lapel of his shirt or coat. “I point out to my students, that the cross symbolizes my belief in someone, someone who never fails me. I therefore love the one, Jesus who never fails me.” The internalization of Christ-centered values, and the externalization of religious credo, to Rev. Brother Simeon, is representative of the personal background and education that he has received. Furthermore, “it also means asking, what shall we do with our lives? Our actions in life will be guaranteed of success, for success is not a destiny, it is a way of living. It also means being fulfilled in what I have done. Looking back, my life has a meaning.”

It is only fitting at a time like this for Assumption University of Thailand to genuinely appreciate and honor the life and the work of a dedicated and committed Gabrielite, serving the cause of education and forming the lives of young learners, spanning three continents and accruing to over 58 years. Assumption University of Thailand is pleased to induct Rev. Brother Simeon Anupatt Petchara-Yuttachai as Professor of the Order of St. Gabriel. on the auspicious date of December 24, 2008.



# AU Awards for Excellence

## 1. St. Bernard Award for Special Merit

**Asst. Prof. Dr. Warayuth Sriwarakuel**

Awarded St. Bernard Award for Special Merit (First Class)

### Citation:

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 *Prajñā Vihāra* 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 Sriwarakul the St. Bernard Award for Special Merit (First Class) on the auspicious date of December 24, 2008.

**Mr. Kanjanasit Chinnapha**

Awarded St. Bernard Award for Special Merit (Third Class)

**Citation:**

Mr. Kanjanasit Chinnapha earned his B.A. (Business English) from Assumption University in 1994 and M.S. in International Hotel Management from the University of Buckingham, UK in 1998. Currently, he is a Ph.D. candidate at the Southern Cross University, Australia. He has been the Chairperson of the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management, School of Management since June, 2006.

Mr. Kanjanasit Chinnapha teaches Kitchen Operation and Food and Beverage Service. He has provided his students vast and practical experiences in hotel management and related activities; hence, he has received positive feedback from both students and colleagues.

The following are some of his notable contributions and special assignments:

- 2008 : Appointed as a committee member by the Commission on Higher Education to establish the Center of Excellence in Hospitality and Tourism sector.
- 2007 : Integrated in-house training for students and Kitchen Operation and Food Service classes by initiating the construction of a new kitchen facility at the Suvannabhumi campus. The project is aimed at enhancing the teaching and learning of culinary art and food services. The new kitchen facility is at par with other leading hotel schools and can bring recognition to the university both locally and internationally.



- 2006 : Revised the Hospitality and Tourism curriculum to meet the demand of the tourism industry and to meet the requirements set by the Tourism Authority of Thailand. Students who take this course benefit not only from the course itself but also will receive a “Tour-Guide” certificate upon completion of the program.
- 2006-present : Has been appointed committee member of numerous university’s activities on a national as well as an international level.
- 2000 : Established a 100-hour in-house training program for students to gain first-hand experience in their hospitality courses. This helps students develop their service skills and prepare students for their future career. This program has been offered for ten years now and is considered a success. This also has brought recognition to the Department and the School of Management.

For his dedication to work and services rendered to the University, Assumption University is pleased to award Mr. Kanjanasit Chinnapha the St. Bernard Award for Special Merit (Third Class) on the auspicious date of December 24, 2008.

**Mr. Chinnagrit Udomlappaisan**

Awarded St. Bernard Award for Special Merit (Third Class)

**Citation:**

Mr. Chinnagrit Udomlappaisan earned his B.Ed. (First Class Hons.) in Educational Technology from Prince of Songkla University in 2000. He was given a full scholarship by Assumption University to further his studies at Chulalongkorn University where he earned his M.A. degree in Mass Communication in 2007. While working as a staff of the Audio Visual Center, Assumption University, he was awarded “Staff of the Year” in 2003. At present, Mr. Chinnagrit is a full-time lecturer of the Faculty of Communication Arts.

Mr. Chinnagrit played a crucial role in the installation of equipment in the Communication Arts Studio during its construction from January to September, 2008. He oversaw all the work and facilities required for the completion of the studio before the opening of the second semester, 2008.

Much of his accomplishments in the last eight years are in the field of video production and broadcasting.

- 2003 : Mr. Chinnagrit contributed to the production of video clips of the 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday celebration of Rev. Brother Martin Komolmas. He made the video very special which showed interviews of special guests giving their impression of Brother Martin and a special footage of all the Brothers of St. Gabriel.
- 2003 : In the same year, Mr. Chinnagrit was entrusted again the responsibility of producing video clips of Rev. Brother Banchara’s 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration which he also made very special.

For his dedication to the enhancement of video production and broadcasting in the Faculty of Communication Arts, Assumption University is pleased to award Mr. Chinnagrit Udomlappaisan the St. Bernard Award for Special Merit (Third Class) on the auspicious date of December 24, 2008.

## 2. St. Michael Award for Public Service

### **Dr. Poom Moolsilpa**

Awarded St. Michael Award for Public Service (Second Class)

#### **Citation:**

Dr. Poom Moolsilpa was awarded the LL.B. degree at Chulalongkorn University in 1996. In 1999, he completed M.C.L. in Comparative Law at Indiana University, USA. He then pursued S.J.D. in Judicial Science at the same university in 2005 under Assumption University's scholarship.

Dr. Poom is the present chairperson of the Master of Laws Program in Business Law, Faculty of Law, Assumption University. He has provided public services in the following areas:

1. Editor, Basic Knowledge of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand B.E. 2550, Chulalongkorn University Press
2. Film Act Revision Committee, The Federation of National Film Associations of Thailand
3. Sub-Commissioner, Tourism Commission, The House of Senators
4. Sub-Commissioner, Religion and Cultural Commission, The House of Senators
5. Sub-Commissioner, Anti-Corruption Laws Sub-Commission, The National Legislative Assembly
6. Academic Supporter, The Constituent Assembly
7. Committee Member, Advanced National Education Test (A-NET), B.E. 2549
8. Committee Member, Advanced National Education Test (A-NET), B.E. 2550
9. Thesis Defense Committee, Analysis of the Origin and Development of the Monk Act in Rattanakosin Era, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University
10. Thesis Defense Committee, A Study on Intention in Buddhism as an Integration of Intention under Thailand's Law, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University
11. Thesis Advisor, Home Stay Business and Community's Participation, Ramkhamhaeng University
12. Guest Speaker
  - "New Direction of the Thai Constitution," Southeast Asia University, 10 February 2007
  - "Understand the Draft Constitution B.E. 2550," Thailand Securities Depository Co., Ltd., 16 August 2007
  - "Independence Council," Thai Politics Forum 2007 by King Prajadhipok's Institute, 4 December 2007
  - "Law for Public," Sukhothai Thammathirat University, 4 August 2008

For all his contributions to the society in terms of legal assistance and dissemination of legal knowledge to the Thai Society, Assumption University is pleased to award Dr. Poom Moolsilpa the St. Michael Award for Public Service (Second Class) on the auspicious date of December 24, 2008.

### 3. St. Hilaire Award for Distinction in Writing

**Dr. John Thomas Giordano**

Awarded St. Hilaire Award for Distinction in Writing (Second Class)

#### Citation:

Dr. John Thomas Giordano earned his M.A. degree in Philosophy from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, USA in 1988 and his Ph.D. in Philosophy from the same university in 1995. He is a full-time lecturer at the Graduate School of Philosophy and Religion, Assumption University.

Dr. Giordano has authored a number of articles and research which have been published in conference proceedings and well-known Philosophy journals. The following are his papers and articles:

1. Giordano, John Thomas (Translator). Phra Phirab. Bangkok: National Library of Thailand, 2008.
2. Giordano, John Thomas. "Friday Offerings: On the Uses of Political Theology." Religion and Democracy in Thailand. Eds. Imtiyaz Yusuf and Canan Atilgan. Bangkok: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, 2008.169-185.
3. Giordano, John Thomas. "Kinnari: on the Space between Traditional and Corporate Myth." Prajna Vihara Journal of Philosophy and Religion 6.1 (January – June 2006): 90-107.
4. Giordano, John Thomas. "Garuda Indonesia, Registered Trademark." Prajna Vihara Journal of Philosophy and Religion 7.2 (July – December 2006): 87-109.
5. Giordano, John Thomas. "Seams and Flows in Metro Manila." Budhi: A Journal of Ideas and Culture 9.1 (2005): 75-90.
6. Giordano, John Thomas. "Service Station Spirit House." Budhi: A Journal of Ideas and Culture 9.1 (2005): 90-103.
7. Giordano, John Thomas. "The True Gods of Sound and Stone." Proceedings of the COMIUCAP 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress on Philosophy, Religions and Transcendence. Manila, Phillipnes, September 2008.
8. Giordano, John Thomas. "The Circulation of Sacred Images." Proceedings of the 8<sup>th</sup> Socio-Cultural Congress on Cambodia. Phnom Penh, Cambodia, November 2005.
9. Giordano, John Thomas. "Sacred Commodities." Proceedings of the 8<sup>th</sup> Socio-



Cultural Congress on Cambodia. Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 2005.

10. Giordano, John Thomas. "Ta Prohm: Scattered Thought on Snakes, Symbols and the Risk and Decline of Civilizations." Proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> Socio-Cultural Congress on Cambodia. Phnom Penh, Cambodia, November 2004.
11. Giordano, John Thomas. "This Flowing Exchange." Proceedings of the International Conference on Measuring the Effect of Iranian Mysticism on Southeast Asia. Bangkok, Thailand, February 2004.

Due to his writing contributions to Philosophy, Assumption University is pleased to award Dr. John Thomas Giordano the St. Hilare Award for Distinction in Writing (Second Class) on the auspicious date of December 24, 2008.

#### **4. St. Thomas Aquinas Award for Research**

**Dr. Vorapoj Patanavijit**

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

##### **Citation:**

Dr. Vorapoj Patanavijit received his B.Eng., M.Eng., and Ph.D. degrees from the Department of Electrical Engineering, Chulalongkorn University in 1994, 1997 and 2007 respectively. He has served as a full-time lecturer at the Department of Computer and Network Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Assumption University since 1998. He works in the field of signal processing and multidimensional signal processing, specializing in particular on Image/Video Reconstruction, Super-Resolution Reconstruction, Enhancement, Fusion, Denoising, Inverse Problems, Motion Estimation and Registration.

Dr. Vorapoj Patanavijit has published numerous articles in international proceedings and IEEE Xplore journals. Moreover, he has served as a technical reviewer in many IEEE conferences, IEEE transactions, IET transactions and international journals.

Dr. Vorapoj Patanavijit received the best paper award from two conferences as follows:

- Best Paper Award: Voraoj Patanavijit. "A Robust Iterative Multiframe SRR using Stochastic Regularization Technique Based on German & McClure Estimation," The National Conference on Information Technology, 2008 (NCIT, 2008), Bangkok, Thailand, November, 2008.
- Best Paper Award: V. Patanavijit and S. Jitapunkul. "A Lorentzian Bayesian Approach for Robust Iterative Multiframe Super-Resolution Reconstruction with Lorentzian-Tikhonov Regularization," co-authored with S. Jitapunkul. IEEE International Symposium on Communications and Information Technologies 2006 (ISCT 2006), Bangkok, Thailand, pp. 1-6 (F3A-4), October, 2006, IEEE Xplore.

A number of his publications issued while employed as a faculty member of Assumption University are as follows:

1. Vorapoj Patanavijit. "Geman&McClure Stochastic Estimation for a Robust Iterative Multiframe SRR with Geman&McClure-Tikhonov Regularization." Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Computer and Electrical Engineering (ICCEE 2008), Phuket Island, Thailand, December 2008. (IEEE Xplore)
2. Vorapoj Patanavijit. "A Robust Iterative Multiframe SRR based on Andrew's Sine Stochastic Estimation with Andrew's Sine-Tikhonov Regularization." Proceedings of the IEEE International Symposium on Intelligent Signal Processing and Communication Systems (ISPACS 2008), Bangkok, Thailand, December 2008. (IEEE Xplore)
3. Vorapoj Patanavijit and Somchai Jitapunkul. "General Observation Model for an Iterative Multiframe Regularized Super-Resolution Reconstruction for Video Enhancement." Proceedings of the IEEE International Symposium on Intelligent Signal Processing and Communication Systems (ISPACS 2008), Bangkok, Thailand, December 2008. (IEEE Xplore)
4. Vorapoj Patanavijit. "A Robust Iterative Multiframe SRR based on Hampel Stochastic Estimation with Hampel-Tikhonov Regularization." Proceedings of the IEEE 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR 2008), Florida, USA, December 2008. (IEEE Xplore)
5. Vorapoj Patanavijit. "A Robust Iterative Multiframe SRR using Stochastic Regularization Technique Based on Geman & McClure Estimation." Proceedings of the National Conference on Information Technology 2008 (NCIT 2008), Bangkok, Thailand, November 2008.
6. Vorapoj Patanavijit. "Andrew's Sine Estimation for a Robust Iterative Multiframe Super-Resolution Reconstruction using Stochastic Regularization Technique." Proceedings of the IEEE Northeast Workshop on Circuits And Systems (IEEE-NEWCAS-TAISA'08), Montreal, Canada, June 2008. (IEEE Xplore)
7. Vorapoj Patanavijit. "A Robust Iterative Multiframe SRR using Stochastic Regularization Technique based on Hampel Estimation." Proceedings of the Fifth Annual International Conference of Electrical Engineering/Electronics, Computer, Telecommunications and Information Technology (ECTI-CON 2008), ECTI Association Thailand, Krabi, Thailand, pp. 473–476, May 2008. (IEEE Xplore)
8. V. Patanavijit and S. Jitapunkul. "Video Enhancement Using An Iterative Multiframe SRR Based On A Robust Stochastic Estimation With An Improved Observation Model." Proceedings of the 33rd IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP 2008), Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, pp. 1285–1288, March 2008. (IEEE Xplore)
9. V. Patanavijit and S. Jitapunkul. "A Tukey's Biweight Bayesian Approach for A Robust Iterative SRR of Image Sequences." Proceedings of the Annual International Technical Conference of IEEE Region 10 (IEEE TENCON 2007), Taipei, Taiwan, November 2007. (IEEE Xplore)



10. V. Patanavijit, S. Tae-O-Sot and S. Jitapunkul. "A Robust Iterative Super-Resolution Reconstruction of Image Sequences using a Lorentzian Bayesian Approach with Fast Affine Block-Based Registration." Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP 2007), San Antonio, Texas, USA, pp. V393-V396, September 2007. (IEEE Xplore)
11. V. Patanavijit, P. Sermwuthisarn and S. Jitapunkul. "A Robust Iterative Super-Resolution Reconstruction of Image Sequences using a Tukey's Biweight Bayesian Approach with Fast Affine Block-Based Registration." Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Multimedia & Expo (ICME 2007), Beijing, China, pp. 480-483, July 2007. (IEEE Xplore)
12. V. Patanavijit and S. Jitapunkul. "A Lorentzian Stochastic Estimation for A Robust Iterative Multiframe Super-Resolution Reconstruction with Lorentzian-Tikhonov Regularization." Proceedings of the EURASIP Journal on Applied Signal Processing (EURASIP JASP) : Special Issue on Super-Resolution Enhancement of Digital Video, Hindawi Publishing Corporation, Article ID 34821, May 2007, pp. 1-21. (ISI Impact Factor=0.463 according to 2006 Journal Citation Reports released by Thomson Scientific (ISI) in 2006)
13. V. Patanavijit and S. Jitapunkul. "A Lorentzian Stochastic Estimation for an Robust and Iterative Multiframe Super-Resolution Reconstruction." Proceedings of the Annual International Technical Conference of IEEE Region 10 (IEEE TENCON 2006), Wan Chai, Hong Kong, November 2006. (IEEE Xplore)
14. V. Patanavijit and S. Jitapunkul. "An Iterative Super-Resolution Reconstruction of Image Sequences using a Bayesian Approach with BTV Prior and Affine Block-Based Registration." Proceedings of the IEEE Canadian Conference on Computer and Robot Vision 2006 (CRV 2006), Quebec City, Canada, June 2006. (IEEE Xplore)

While employed as a full-time faculty member at Assumption University, Dr. Vorapoj Patanavijit served as a technical reviewer as follows:

#### Technical Reviews of International Transactions or Journals

November 2008	Journals of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) in Image Processing (IEEE Xplore)
October 2008	Journals of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) in Image Processing (IEEE Xplore)
June 2008	Journals of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) in Image Processing (IEEE Xplore)
February 2008	IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (IEEE Xplore) (ISI Impact Factor=2.428 in 2006)
September 2006	EURASIP Journal on Applied Signal Processing (EURASIP JASP), Hindawi Publishing Corporation. (ISI Impact Factor=0.463 in 2006)
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## Technical Reviewer of International Conferences

September 2008	The National Conference on Information Technology 2008 (NCIT 2008), Bangkok, Thailand.
August 2008	IEEE International Symposium on Intelligent Signal Processing and Communication System (ISPACS 2008), Bangkok, Thailand, December 2006. (IEEE Xplore)
June 2008	The 14th Asia-Pacific Conference on Communications (APCC 2008), Tokyo, Japan, October 2008. (IEEE Xplore)
February 2008	The Fifth Annual International Electrical Engineering/ Electronics, Computer, Telecommunications and Information Technology Conference (ECTI-CON 2008), ECTI Association, Thailand, May 2008. (IEEE Xplore)

Dr. Vorapoj Patanavijit received the Research Grant from TRF while employed as faculty member of Assumption University as given below:

Title: Video Enhancement Using an Iterative SRR Based on a Robust Stochastic Estimation with an Improved Observation Model

Role:	Project Director & Researcher
Spent time:	1 man-month/year
Date and duration:	2008 – 2010 (24 months)
Total Budget:	360,000 Bath
Agency:	Thailand Research Fund (TRF) and Commission on Higher Education (CHE): Research Grant for New Scholar

With all his distinguished research and contributions to the field of engineering and enhancement of the reputation of the University, Assumption University is pleased to award Dr. Vorapoj Patanavijit the St. Thomas Aquinas Award for Research (Second Class) on the auspicious date of December 24, 2008.

## ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY ANTHEM

Lyrics by : Thomas Khng  
Music by : Lian Sek Lin  
Arranged by : Capt. Veeraphan Vawklang

From every corner of the land,  
We come to pursuit truth.  
For integrity, and progress we stand  
And learning's sterling worth  
Up lifting virtue of mind and hand  
With the glory of our youth.

We are the salt of the glorious earth  
No task is too hard to do.  
For Assumption and the land of our birth  
We remain ever loyal and true  
For excellence in all realms of effort  
We give Assumption its due.

Assumption is  
the light that leads  
Our youth to knowledge sure  
Ever mind full of all our needs  
It brings us to learning shore  
Ennobling our academic deeds  
Making our  
future secure!

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# GOD WILL MAKE A WAY

Words and Music by Don Moen

God will make a way where there seems to be no way.

He works in ways we cannot see.

He will make a way for me.

He will be my guide, hold me closely to his side, with love and strength for each new day.

He will make a way.

He will make a way.

By a road way in the wilderness, he'll lead me, and rivers in the desert will I see heaven and earth will fade but his word will still remain.

He will do something new today.

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## WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year...

Good tidings to you and whenever you are.

Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New year. *(repeat all)*

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# BOUQUET OF HEARTS

Composed by: Siripong Santiyothin  
ABAC Alumnus ID 3913763

Songs of bliss from the heart of our hearts sung in your memory on your rapturous welcome birthday. We wish you full of happiness.

May the Lord of joy bless you, bless you His special child.  
*Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you. (repeat all)*

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday,  
happy birthday, happy birthday to you.

Happy is the man who loves the Lord. Happy is the man who  
walks in his way. Happy is the man who loves the Lord.  
Happy is the man who walks in his way.

Happy Birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday,  
happy birthday, happy birthday to you.

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## YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF MY SOUL

You are the light of my soul, O Lord. You are the candle in my life.  
You are the light of my soul, O Lord. You keep the flame burning bright.  
You are the One who lights my path. You lead me in the way of truth.  
You are the Rock on which I stand. For ever more, I'll trust in you.  
For ever more, I'll trust in you.

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