

Ajarn Palei San

Awarded St. Martin de Tours Award for Excellence in Performance (Third Class)

#### Citation

Ajarn Palei San joined Assumption University as a full-time lecturer in 2010. However, her journey with Assumption University actually began as a student. She finished her Bachelors' Degree in Arts (Business English) in 2008 and Master Degree in English Language Teaching in 2010 at Assumption University.

Growing up in a family of teachers, teaching had always been an aspiration for her since childhood. She had her first taste of teaching while working temporarily in a small international school called International Montessori Center while still studying for her Master Degree. Teaching English to young kindergarten and primary school children, she discovered the joys of working in a classroom environment and being actively involved in young learners' development. However, the desire to assist and work with English learners at higher levels prompted her to apply for a teaching post in the IELE Department of Assumption University upon her graduation.

Her love of Creative Arts is evident in her style of teaching. She is known to incorporate activities that encourage imagination and inventiveness in her classes. It is her belief that incorporating drama and creativity into English lessons is one of the best ways to motivate students to verbalize their ideas in English.

Putting this belief into practice, she has also written a novel directed towards young adult learners of English. Titled "Cast Nine Shadows", it was co-authored with her younger sister and published in 2007. Written back when its two authors were both still teenagers, it started as a pet project for the two sisters. She hopes this will serve as a motivation to young language learners that if they set their hearts on something, they can absolutely accomplish it. The novel is available in the university library on both campuses.

Due to her outstanding services and dedication, Assumption University is pleased to confer the St. Martin de Tours Award for Excellence in Performance (Third Class) on Ajarn Palei San on the auspicious date of December 24, 2020.