

Dr. Noppadon Kannika

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

Citation:

Dr. Noppadon Kannika has served Assumption University as lecturer and researcher since 1991 and has been the Director of ABAC Poll Research Center since 1996. Having received his Ph.D. from Assumption University in 2003, Dr. Noppadon continued his quest for research expertise and earned his M.A. in Survey Methodology from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 2004. Dr. Noppadon has been diligent and forthcoming with his talents, finding time to be an active advisor to several governmental and non-governmental agencies. Dr. Noppadon has provided Thailand a great service and has utilized his analytical skills to conduct highly involved and important research to assist the country with ways to improve the lives of all Thai citizens. Some of his most specialized works are as follows:

1. Research Advisor to the Commander in Chief, the Royal Thai Army.
2. Research Advisor to the Permanent General of the Ministry of Justice.
3. Advisor to the Secretary General of Public Sector Anti-Corruption Commission.
4. Advisor to the Police Commissioner-General (Police Chief), Royal Thai Police.
5. Advisor to the Immigration Police Bureau.
6. Research Project Director and Advisor to the Office of Narcotics Control Board, the Ministry of Justice.
7. Research Project Director of the Thai Health Promotion Office.
8. Research Project Director and Member of the Government's Working Group for Solving the H1N1 Flu Epidemic Problems in Thailand.
9. Research Advisor the Thai Consultant Database Center, the Ministry of Finance.

The highlight of Dr. Noppadon's research endeavours is his research project entitled "Investigating the Gross Domestic Happiness (GDH) in Thailand." The research was presented at the World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR), Switzerland and won the 2009 Elizabeth Nelson Prize for the Best Paper from a Society in Transition. In addition, due to his extensive research experience with both governmental and non-governmental agencies, he received awards on conducting research and supporting the government's public policies from the Prime Minister General Surayud Chulanont and the Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej.

Some of his research projects that have acclaimed high standing throughout Thailand and many countries are as follows:

1. The Thai People's Political Sentiments, presented to the Political Division at the Embassy of Japan in Bangkok.
2. The Political Development in Thailand, presented to the National Democratic Institute (NDI), Washington D.C., U.S.A.
3. In-Camp Research on Refugees' and Illegal Immigrants' Human Rights and Risk Factors of Being Victims of Human and Illegal Drugs Trafficking: A Case Study of Sampled North Koreans, Laotians and Burmeses.
4. A Nationwide Deliberative Survey on Health System in Thailand, presented to the Office of National Health Commission Office of Thailand, Bangkok.
5. H1N1 Epidemic Survey, presented to the Thai Government's working group and the Office of Thai Promotion Foundation.

6. A Research Evaluation with CIPP Model on Integration Management for Solving Drug Abuse in Thailand, presented to the Office of Narcotics Control Board, Bangkok.
7. A Nationwide Evaluation Survey (Waves One up to Tenth) on the Government Drug Policy and Implementation, presented to the Office of Narcotics Control Board, the Ministry of Justice.
8. Area-Based Household Survey in Islamic Southern Thailand on People's Attitude towards Human Rights, Terrorism, Culture, Gender, and Democracy.
9. A Nationwide Evaluation Survey (Waves One up to Tenth) on the Government Drug Policy and Implementation, presented to the Office of Narcotics Control Board, the Ministry of Justice.
10. A Nationwide Survey on Police Reform, presented to the Royal Thai Government.
11. A Nationwide Household Survey on Estimate of Illegal Drug Users and Criminal Victims in Thailand, presented to the Office of Narcotics Control Board, the Royal Thai Police.
12. Evaluation Research on Corruption Problems in Thailand, presented to the Office of Public Sector Anti-Corruption Commission.

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 (First Class) on Dr. Noppadon Kannika on this auspicious date of December 24, 2009.

