

Mrs. Mika Tanasarnsanee

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

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Mrs. Mika Tanasarnsanee earned a Bachelor's degree in English Literature and a Master's degree in English Language Teaching in 1987 and 2002 respectively. She started her teaching career in Business Japanese Department at Assumption University in 1996. During her early years with the department, she designed the courses of Japanese for Hotels and Japanese for Tourism in response to the increasing demand for personnel who can speak Japanese in the travel industry.

Her outstanding achievements include designing major requirement courses such as Japanese IV, Business Communication, and Report Writing which are task and project-based curriculum because she believes in active and student-centered learning. In addition, she conducted two research projects in 2002 and 2005 to confirm her philosophy of learning by doing and collaborative learning for students to gain competence in Business Communication. She has been in charge of JA 4790: Seminar in summer at Ryukoku University in Japan since 2003. The students who took this course were exposed to language and culture of Japan through interaction with the host families and host university students.

Through her hard work and inexhaustible dedication to effective teaching and learning, Assumption University granted her St. Martin de Tours Award for Excellence in Performance on December 24, 1998. In addition, she recently earned fame to Assumption University by winning the Association of Southeast Asian Institutions of Higher Learning (ASAIHL) Best Lecturer Award in 2009. She was highly praised for her emphasis on equipping students with knowledge and skills of the Japanese language and cultural values.

For all her brilliant contributions and dedication to teaching and learning and enhancement of the University's reputation and prestige, Assumption University is pleased to confer the St. Martin de Tours Award for Excellence in Performance (First Class) on Mrs. Mika Tanasarnsanee on this auspicious date of December 24, 2010.