

Dr. Sompit Porsutyaruk

St. Montfort Award for Illustrious Service

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Dr. Sompit Porsutyaruk began her teaching career as a dedicated and meticulous lecturer in the Department of English in 1977 after obtaining her Master's degree in English from Chulalongkorn University. In 1991 she secured her Doctoral degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the same university, thereby solidly enhancing her education and training in the field of pedagogy.

During the 1980s and 1990s the university had grown rapidly both in terms of reputation and enrolment and there was need for reorganisation as well as for employment of able, and qualified leaders and Dr. Sompit Porsutyaruk was appointed as Chairperson, Associate Dean and Dean respectively to suit the changing structure of the institution. Alongside her teaching and administrative tasks, Dr. Sompit served on several University committees overseeing arrangements for Royal visits, the academic and curricula development, conferences and seminars. She currently chairs one of the University Internal Audit and Assessment Committees and when the university embarked on its Quality Assurance development program in 1996, Dr. Sompit supported it enthusiastically and prepared her faculty to undergo the first-ever pilot audit by the MUA in November 2003. She has also been a resource speaker at a few seminars on English language teaching and curriculum development in Thailand. In June 2003 Dr. Sompit Porsutyaruk was promoted as Deputy Vice Rector for Academic Affairs and Acting Director of Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Over the past couple of years she has coordinated four international conferences held under the aegis of the University. In recognition of her teaching service and dedication to Assumption University, she was awarded two Royal decorations, the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant (5th class) in 1992 and the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Benjaporn Mongkut Thai (6th class) in 1998.

To her students Dr. Sompit is a mentor figure, gentle but firm in her ideals of teaching and fair evaluation. To her colleagues and junior staff, she is a constant source of reaffirmation and confidence building. To Assumption University, she is a versatile administrator-teacher who through her 26 years of dedicated and loyal service, has helped concretize the teaching and learning legacy of this institution, thus extending the prime educative zeal and example of our founding fathers. The administrators of Assumption University are therefore pleased to confer on her the St. Montfort Award for Illustrious Service on December 24, 2003.

