

## **Assistant Professor Dr. Linchong Chorrojprasert**

Awarded St. Montfort Award for Illustrious Service

### **Citation:**

Assistant Professor Dr. Linchong Chorrojprasert distinguished herself in the devotion to academic excellence and the conduct of exceptionally meritorious service at Assumption University in multiple important roles spanning a 25-year period.

With a Bachelor's Degree in Arts from Chulalongkorn University and a Master of Arts from Pittsburg State University in the US, Assistant Professor Dr. Linchong joined the university as a part-time lecturer in the Intensive English Program in summer 1989 and became a full-time member of the English Department at the beginning of that academic year. Upon the discovery of her passion in teaching, she decided to take the scholarship granted by Pittsburg State University to work on her Specialist's Degree in Education – Higher Education and Community College. When she reported back to duty early in 1992, she was appointed the Deputy Chairperson of the English Department.

In 1993, she was promoted as the Chairperson of the English Department. Under her direction and guidance, the Department went through significant changes in its organization structure, operation systems, management strategies and most importantly the curriculum design and pedagogical approach of all English courses. The Department became the largest unit of its kind with over 130 full-time members and began its own in-house production of textbooks with the core curriculum divided into a series of academic English skills and delivered through integrated instructional approaches. Other development initiatives included the introduction of vigorous international faculty recruitment system, induction, mentoring and training programs for new recruits. Her exemplary leadership created and fostered an organization culture of professionalism and teamwork.

In recognition of the courage, dedication and compassion to perform her roles and fulfill all responsibilities beyond the call of duty, Assistant Professor Dr. Linchong was presented the Assumption University St. Bernard's Award in 1996. She was promoted as the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Humanities in 1997 and the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts in 1999. She continued to make substantial contributions in the development of the Faculty Quality Assurance system and the revision of the curriculum of both core courses and English major courses, particularly in the area of assessment and faculty training.

She was granted the scholarships from Assumption University for her postgraduate studies at KU Leuven in Belgium in the Educational Science program and later a PhD program in Education at the University of Wollongong in Australia. After

her graduation in 2005, she was appointed the Dean of the Faculty of Arts. Over the years of her administration, the quality of her character and the caliber of her accomplishments were evident, proven by the magnitude of the tasks confronting her and the long-standing problems unraveled and resolved under her supervision. With the aims to heighten the synergy of the diverse talents from various majors and disciplines, her management approaches epitomized the strengths of appreciative inquiry, collaboration and collegiality. During this period, she concurrently served as the Deputy Director of the Center for Excellence where she made remarkable contributions in the development of the University Quality Assurance systems.

In 2009, she became the Dean of the Institute for English Language Education (IELE), where she persists in striving for quality education services for AU students and stakeholders and the academic excellence to enhance the University reputation as the first International University of Thailand where English competency is a renowned facet of the students' identity.

In appreciation for her loyal and dedicated service, noteworthy contributions and incomparable performance over the past twenty-five years, Assumption University is pleased to confer the St. Montfort Award for Illustrious Service on Assistant Professor Dr. Linchong Chorrojprasert on this auspicious date of December 24, 2014.

