

## **Dr. Watana Vinitwatanakhun**

Awarded St. Michael Award for Public Service (Third Class)

### **Citation**

Dr. Watana Vinitwatanakhun earned her B.Ed. in Health Education from Prince of Songkla University, M.Ed. in Higher Education from Chulalongkorn University and Ph.D. in Development Administration from the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA). She joined Assumption University in 1990 and has devoted herself to serving the institution and the public in a professional capacity since then.

As a lecturer, she puts forth a significant amount of time and dedication towards improving and enhancing the educational quality of the Graduate School of Education and in assisting her students to help them move on with their studies and research.

Dr. Watana is widely recognized among Thailand Quality Award (TQA) assessors. TQA was founded in 2002 as part of the 9<sup>th</sup> National Economic and Social Development Plan with the aim of improving the management capability of the productivity and services sectors by adopting the TQA criteria. As a continuous contributor since 2004, Dr. Watana's role as a TQA assessor is to carry out assessments in accordance with Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award criteria assessment specifications and assessment documentation, ensure that the evidence provided by the applicants is sufficient to meet TQA requirements, and provide feedback to the applicants on their performance and achievements. Throughout the years, she has proved herself to be one of the best contributors of the TQA.

In 2008, Dr. Watana was invited to teach at Dominican University of California, USA, as a Fulbright Scholar in Residence. During that time, she was also active in supervising research courses and at the same time conducting her own research. The findings of her research were presented in the 7<sup>th</sup> Hawaii International Conference on Education in 2009.

In 2011, Dr. Watana was invited to participate in the National Assembly for Propelling Education Reform as a civil society researcher. In the same year, she was also invited by the Consortium of Thai Medical Schools to audit a prestigious medical school.

This year, she serves as a member of the editorial board of The Journal of Behavioral Science in Behavioral Science Research Institute, Srinakharinwirot University. She is also invited once again by ONESQA as an auditor. In addition, the Office of the Basic Education Commission invited her as a guest speaker for school administrators' workshop to share her profound experience in the TQA.

In appreciation of her dedicated public service and contribution, Assumption University is pleased to confer the St. Michael Award for Public Service (Third Class) to Dr. Watana Vinitwatanakhun on this auspicious date of December 24, 2012.

