



Royal Kathin Robe Ceremony

His Majesty the King graciously granted the Kathin robe to the Royal Society Office to present to monks retiring for the first quarter of the Buddhist Lent at Wat Pitulatiratrangsarit, Mueang Chachoengsao District, Chachoengsao Province on Friday, November 17, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony was presided over by Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapol Issaragrisil, M.D., RS(T) President, along with the FRSs(T), AFRSs(T), administrators, civil servants, and officials of the Royal Society Office. The amount donated to the Royal Kathin Robe Ceremony totals 2,025,448.42 baht.





A memorial lecture honoring Prof. Emeritus Dr. Athasit Vejjajiva, M.D., FRS(T)



A lecture was held by the RS(T) in remembrance of Prof. Emeritus. Dr. Athasit Vejjajiva, to express appreciation and share the glory and efforts of Prof. Emeritus Dr. Athasit Vejjajiva, an FRS(T) of the Academic Discipline of Medicine and Dentistry, Branch of Internal Medicine, Academy of Sciences and the former RS(T) President on Friday, November 3, 2023, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the First Floor Hall, RS Office Building, Suea Pa Stadium.

On this occasion, Prof. Emeritus Dr. Prawase Wasi, M.D., Honorary FRS(T), who is familiar with and worked closely with Prof. Emeritus. Dr. Athasit Vejjajiva, spoke on the topic of “True Friend in My Memory.” Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva and Miss Ngarpun Vejjajiva, heirs, along with Mr. Chuan Leekpai, FRS(T), and distinguished guests attended the event. To continue the spirit of Prof. Emeritus Dr. Athasit Vejjajiva, Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva and Ms. Ngarpun Vejjajiva, heirs, donated financial support for the RS’s operations for 1,000,000.00 baht to the Royal Society.

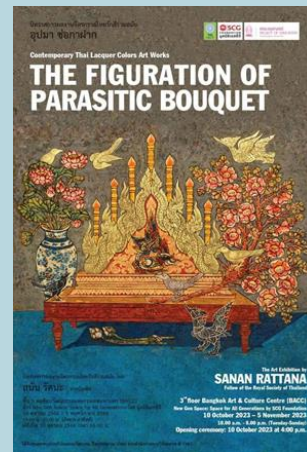
International workshop participation



Assoc. Prof. Sukumarl Sarakasetrin, AFRS(T), Academic Discipline of Applied Arts, Branch of Traditional Handicraft, received an invitation to participate in the 10th Mehmet Nuri Gocen Foundation International Ceramic Workshop in Kuşadası, Turkey. Her exhibition and lecture showcasing her work were on 2-12 October 2023.



Painting exhibition



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Mr. Sanun Rattana, FRS(T), Academic Discipline of Fine Arts, Branch of Painting, exhibited his work in the exhibition of contemporary Thai color-loving paintings entitled “The Figuration of Parasitic Bouquet” at the New Gen Space for all Generation Room, on the 3rd floor of the Bangkok Art & Culture Centre (BACC) from October 10 to November 5, 2023. This exhibition was supported by the SCG Foundation.

Musical performances

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nora-ath Chanklum, AFRS(T), Academic Discipline of Fine Arts, Branch of Music, performed a concert of the song entitled “Siam Folk Tunes - Isan” played by the Chula String Quartet at the Chulalongkorn University Music Hall on October 19, 2023, and at Buriram Rajabhat University on October 25, 2023. A concert in honor of Her Royal Highness Princess Galyani Vadhana Krom Luang Naradhiwas Rajanagarindra was performed on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chulalongkorn University Auditorium, playing the song “Pledge to HRH Princess Galyani Vadhana” composed by Prof. Dr. Narongrit Dhamabutra and “Symphony No. 1” composed by Gustav Mahler, played by the Chulalongkorn University Symphony Band, and conducted by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nora-ath Chanklum.



“Perspective on Air Pollution Problem” public lecture

A public lecture on “Perspective on Air Pollution Problem” was organized by the Academy of Sciences, RS(T), on Friday, December 15, 2023, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai’s Nana Room, located on the fourth level. Among the fascinating subjects are:

- “Overview of the Environmental Issues” by Prof. Emeritus Dr. Piamsak Menasveta, FRS(T)
- “Adverse Effect of Climate Change on PM2.5 Air Pollution Problem in Bangkok and Perimeter Area: Mechanism and Solution” by Prof. Emeritus Dr. Thanawat Jarupongsakul, FRS(T)
- “Air Pollution and Brain Health” by Prof. Dr. Kongkiat Kulkantrakorn, M.D., FRS(T)
- “Air Pollution from Asbestos” by Prof. Emeritus Dr. Somchai Bovornkitti, M.D., Ph.D., FRS(T)



Awards/Honors received

1) Phraphromvajirapanyajarn (Thongdee Suratecho, Ph.D. Pali Grade 9, FRS(T)) received the “Buddhist Contribution Award” on the occasion of the 101st Birth Anniversary of Phra Upalikhunupamajarn (Panya Intapanyo Thipmontha), former abbot of Wat Rai Khing and advisor to the Ecclesiastical Regional Governor 14. Phraphromvajirapanyajarn (Thongdee Suratecho) is a senior monk who is knowledgeable of Dhamma and moral precepts and is respected by Buddhists. He has made significant contributions to society, the country, and Buddhism as a leading authority on education.

2) Special Prof. Dr. Prakong Nimmanahaeminda, FRS(T), Academic Discipline of Literary Arts, Branch of Folk Literature, received the Narathip Pongpraphan Award of the year 2023 from the Thai Writer Association.

3) Prof. Emeritus Pishnu Supanimit, AFRS(T), Academic Discipline of Fine Arts, Branch of Graphic Arts (Printmaking) was honored as a National Artist for the year 2022 in the Visual Arts (Printmaking) field by the Ministry of Culture.

4) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Santi Pakdeekam, Academic Discipline of Literary Arts, Branch of Eastern Languages and Literatures, was selected to receive the 2023 Silpakorn University Outstanding Alumni Award.

5) Prof. Watcharee Sawamiwat, Academic Discipline of Architecture Arts, Branch of Traditional Thai Architecture, received the Honor Award from the Faculty of Architecture, School of Architecture, Art, and Design, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang.

Departure of a dearly cherished FRS(T)

Prof. Emeritus Krirkkiat Phipatseritham, FRS(T), passed away on Thursday, November 16, 2023. His Majesty graciously granted Royal water to embalm the corpse on Sunday, November 19, 2023, at Wat Phra Sri Mahathat Woramahawihan, the RS(T) co-hosted the prayer Abhidhamma funeral on Thursday, November 23, 2023, and a royal cremation ceremony on Sunday, November 26, 2023.

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