



Activities of the Royal Society

1. Special lecture project on the uniqueness of the democratic form of government with the King as Head of State to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Royal Society

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Royal Society, the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences organized a special lecture project highlighting the uniqueness of democracy with the King as Head of State. This initiative aimed to honor the benevolent legacy of Thai Kings and raise awareness about the monarchy's role in Thai society. The beneficiaries of royal patronage from Their Majesties have continually experienced the generosity of each Thai king who contributed to the nation's development.

The project comprised three special lectures. The first lecture, titled "The King and Thainess," was held on January 17, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapol Issaragrisil, M.D., President of the Royal Society, inaugurated the event, praising its significance. Adjunct Prof. Anek Laothamatas, Associate Fellow of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, delivered the lecture from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms 501-502, 5th floor, Royal Society Office, as well as via Zoom Cloud Meeting.





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Lecture 2 focused on “The King and Country Development.” Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapol Issaragrisil, M.D., Royal Society President, officiated the opening of this special lecture on February 21, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Visanu Krue-ngam, Royal Society Fellow of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, delivered the lecture between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The lecture was held in Conference Rooms 501–502, 5th floor, Royal Society Office, and also conducted via the Zoom Cloud Meeting system.

On March 13, 2024, Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapol Issaragrisil, M.D., President of the Royal Society, inaugurated the special lecture and recognized the topic of Lecture 3: “The Identity of Thai Democracy in the Global Democratic Trend.” Prof. Emeritus Dr. Borwornsak Uwanno, Royal Society Associate Fellow of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, delivered the lecture from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The lecture was held in Conference Rooms 501–502, 5th floor, Royal Society Office, and also conducted via the Zoom Cloud Meeting system.





2. An academic conference titled “Biopharmaceuticals Research and Development: From Policy to Industry” in the fiscal year 2024 by the Academy of Science, as part of the Mobile Royal Society Lecture Project



The Royal Society’s President, Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapol Issaragrisil, M.D., presided over the inaugural event of the Mobile Royal Society Lecture Project, which was hosted by the Academy of Science on Friday, March 1, 2024. The conference was organized in cooperation with educational institutions offering pharmacy programs, including Silpakorn University, Chulalongkorn University, and the College of Industrial Pharmacy of Thailand, as well as pharmaceutical professional associations such as the Thai Industrial Pharmacist Association. The event took place at the Lecture Hall Honoring H. M. the King, 8th Floor, Silpakorn University, Sanam Chandra Palace Campus, in Nakhon Pathom province.

Prof. Dr. Chayan Picheansoonthon, Chairman of the Academy of Science and a Royal Society Fellow, was among the 350 attendees of this academic conference.

This academic conference aimed to create a cooperation network to promote and develop the biopharmaceutical industry and the competencies of related agencies. It also aimed to educate attendees on the policy and development plans for biopharmaceuticals in Thailand and foster an exchange of knowledge and ideas for their application in the biopharmaceutical industry in the biopharmaceutical industry in Thailand.

3. An activity on the occasion of the 98th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Society, titled “Royal Society’s Five-Year Strategic Plan”



On Friday, April 19, 2024, Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapol Issaragrisil, M.D., President of the Royal Society, led the Royal Society’s Fellows, Associate Fellows, administrators, and officials from the Royal Society Office in organizing activities to commemorate the 98th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Society.

In the morning, ceremonies were conducted to pay homage to the shrine of Thao Kabilphrom and the portraits of His Majesty King Prajadhipok, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej The Great, Her Majesty Queen Sirikit The Queen Mother, and His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua. In addition, the afternoon included a Buddhist ceremony and a presentation of insignia to the new Royal Society Fellows and Associate Fellows. A separate ceremony also honored 37 esteemed Fellows and Associate Fellows over the age of 84. Their names are as follows:



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1. Prof. Chamnong Thongprasert
2. Prof. Kirti Bunchua
3. Prof. Emeritus Sumon Amornvivat
4. Prof. Dr. Jumpol Sawasdiyakorn
5. Prof. Emeritus Petcharee Sumitra
6. Prof. Adisak Thongboon
7. Mr. Anan Anantakul
8. Mrs. Sunan Thaila
9. Mr. Manij Suksojmit
10. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Krisna Chutima
11. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Somchai Bovornkitti, MD
12. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Sutharm Areekul
13. Prof. Dr. Santhad Rojanasoonthon
14. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Nibha Jaronvesama, MD
15. Dr. Chamlong Phengkklai
16. Prof. Arun chaiseri
17. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Visith Sitprijja, MD
18. Mr. Nibondh Saibejra
19. Prof. Dr. Pakorn Adulbhan
20. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Prida Wibulswas
21. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Prasit Futrakul, MD
22. Prof. Sakda Siripant
23. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Manuwadi Hungspreugs
24. Prof. Emeritus Yongyudh Vajaradul, MD
25. Prof. Maneewan Kamonpatana
26. Prof. Khaisaeng Sukhawattana
27. Prof. Emeritus Srisurang Poolthupya
28. Milady Kulasap Ketmaenkit
29. Prof. Emeritus Kanchana Nakasakul
30. Prof. Dr. Pinyo Suwankiri
31. Prof. Dr. Prakong Nimmanhaemin
32. Mr. Wit Pinkangern
33. Dr. Chalitpakorn Virabalin
34. Prof. Emeritus Decha Boonkham
35. Mr. Vinai Phurahong
36. Dr. Jarin Rodprasert
37. Ms. Wanida Phungsoonthorn





Accolades received by the Royal Society Fellows and Associate Fellows

Academy of Moral and Political Sciences

1. On February 2, 2024, Prof. Emeritus Dr. Pasuk Phongpaichit, Royal Society Fellow specializing in Social Sciences with a focus on Economics, was honored with a certificate for her outstanding research efforts. Her project, “Land Governance in Thailand in 20 Years,” earned her an audience with Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. A condensed version of her research is available in the book “Getting Land Right,” published for wider accessibility.

2. In recognition of his exceptional preservation of Thai heritage, Assoc. Prof. Wuttichai Moolsin, Royal Society Fellow in History specializing in pre-modern Thai history, received an award for the year 2024. He was granted the Royal Medal of Honor on National Cultural Heritage Day, March 27, 2024, at the Bangkok National Museum, following an audience with Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.

3. Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn honored Prof. Dr. Sakchai Saisingh, Royal Society Associate Fellow, for his remarkable contribution to literature. He received the 2024 Outstanding Book Award for his work “Guide to 33 Royal Temples of Krung Rattanakosin” in the non-fiction category, focusing on travel, cuisine, and more.



Accolades received by the Royal Society Fellows and Associate Fellows

Academy of Science

1. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Visut Baimai, Royal Society Fellow in the Academic Discipline of Natural Sciences with a focus on Genetics, received an honorary award at the Asia Pacific Conference on Mosquito and Vector Control – 2023. He was recognized for his enduring commitment to scientific excellence in the field of vector and mosquito management. The conference, held at the Empress Hotel in Chiang Mai province from November 27 to 30, 2023, was organized by the Department of Disease Control, the Ministry of Public Health, the Thailand Pest Management Association (TPMA), and Kasetsart University.

2. Prof. Dr. Alissara Reungsang, Royal Society Associate Fellow in the Academic Discipline of Technology specializing in Environmental Technology, was honored with the ASAIHL Thailand Outstanding Achievement Award 2023 for her research contributions. The award was presented by the Association of Southeast Asian Institutions of Higher Learning - Thailand (ASAIHL Thailand).

3. Prof. Dr. Theeraphap Chareonviriyaphap, Royal Society Associate Fellow in the Academic Discipline of Agricultural and Veterinary Science with a focus on Entomology, received the honorary award “SOMA Lifetime Achievement Awards” at the 16th International Conference of Medical Arthropodology. The conference took place at the University of Calicut in Kerala, India, from December 13 to 15, 2023.

4. Prof. Dr. Roongroj Bhidayasiri, M.D., Royal Society Associate Fellow, was awarded the National Research Award: Invention Award for his study on innovative assistive walking devices with an arm weight support system for Parkinson’s patients. The award was presented by the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) on February 2, 2024, by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.



Accolades received by the Royal Society Fellows and Associate Fellows

5. Prof. Dr. Sirirerk Songsiwilai, M.D., Royal Society Associate Fellow specializing in Molecular Biology, was awarded the “Ordre des Palmes Académiques” by France for his exceptional work as a researcher and research administrator fostering collaboration between France and Thailand. The award ceremony took place at the French Ambassador’s residence in Thailand on Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

Academy of Arts

1. The Thai Women’s Development Monitoring Association, also known as Thai Women Watch, awarded the Thai Women Achievement Award 2023 for Thai language promotion to Prof. Emeritus Dr. Kanchana Naksakul, Royal Society Fellow specializing in Literary Arts with a focus on the Thai Language.

2. On Saturday, February 24, 2024, at the Thailand Cultural Center, Prof. Emeritus Dr. Pishnu Supanimit, Royal Society Associate Fellow specializing in Fine Arts with a focus on Printmaking, was honored as a National Artist for the year 2022 at the National Artist Day event. The event was organized by the Department of Cultural Promotion, Ministry of Culture.

3. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Santi Leksukhum, Royal Society Fellow specializing in Architectural Arts with a focus on the History of Architecture, was awarded the 21st Busarakhamanee Sri Rajabhat Award in 2024 in the category of Person of Honor Award. This award recognized his contributions to education and the improvement of living quality.

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