

Academic Conference in Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Society Theme: “Royal Society: Foresight, Leading Research to Adapt to Global Warming”



To commemorate its centenary, the Royal Society hosted an academic conference under the theme “Royal Society: Foresight, Leading Research to Adapt to Global Warming.” The event took place on Friday, September 6, 2024, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Ballroom of the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center.

The conference provided a platform for distinguished participants to exchange ideas and propose actionable solutions to address the pressing challenges of global warming and PM 2.5 pollution. Its objectives were to offer the most feasible and up-to-date recommendations for mitigating climate change impacts and to guide the formulation of appropriate policies, measures, and mechanisms benefiting the government, private sector, and the general public.





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Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn graciously presided over the opening ceremony and viewed the accompanying exhibition. Later that afternoon, at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, September 6, 2024, members of the Royal Society—including its executives, fellows, associate fellows—as well as speakers and other dignitaries, warmly welcomed His Majesty.



The event was made possible through the support of the Royal Society Office, the Sirivadhanabhakdi Foundation, Thai Beverage Public Company Limited, Ch. Karnchang Public Company Limited, Thailand Science Research and Innovation (TSRI), the International Mangrove Botanical Garden Foundation, and the Thailand Environment Institute.



The conference successfully brought together leading experts and stakeholders to explore strategies for combating the impacts of global warming, climate change, and PM 2.5 pollution. The ad hoc committee on climate change impacts prepared a comprehensive set of recommendations to present to the government, aiming to establish tangible solutions for societal benefit.





On the opening day, two notable keynote lectures were delivered: 1) “The Impact of Global Warming and Thailand’s Readiness to Respond and Adapt” by Professor Dr. Thanawat Jarupongsakul, RSF, and 2) “The Role of the Business Sector in Reducing Global Warming” by Mr. Thapana Sirivadhanabhakdi, Executive of Thai Beverage Public Company Limited.

On Saturday, September 7, 2024, five thematic seminars were held:

- Seminar 1: “Global Warming: Drowning Bangkok, Hot Sea, and Future Adaptation” Moderated by Prof. Emeritus Dr. Piamsak Menasveta (Chairperson) and Prof. Dr. Uthairat Na-Nakorn (Co-Chairperson)
- Seminar 2: “When the World Boils: How Will Society and Communities Cope?” Moderated by Prof. Dr. Pranee Tinakorn (Chairperson) and Prof. Dr. Mingsarn Kaosa-ard (Co-Chairperson)
- Seminar 3: “Thailand’s Policies for Coping with Severe Climate Change” Moderated by Prof. Dr. Sanit Aksornkoe (Chairperson) and Prof. Dr. Sawitri Limthong (Co-Chairperson)
- Seminar 4: “Climate Change and Health Problems: Approaches to Mitigation and Prevention of Impacts” Moderated by Prof. Emeritus Dr. Sasithorn Phukritayakamee (Chairperson) and Prof. Dr. Kesinee Chotivanich (Co-Chairperson)
- Seminar 5: “Global Warming and Food Security, Water, Energy, and Urban Development” Moderated by Prof. Emeritus Dr. Peerasak Srinives (Chairperson) and Prof. Dr. Arnat Tancho (Co-Chairperson)

This landmark event underscored the Royal Society’s unwavering commitment to addressing the multifaceted challenges posed by climate change and advancing collaborative efforts to create a sustainable future for Thailand and the global community.



Academic Seminar on “The 13th Royal Society Scholars and Scholars of the Nation”

Emeritus Professor Dr. Surapol Issaragrisil, President of the Royal Society, presided over the opening ceremony of the academic seminar titled “The 13th Royal Society Scholars and Scholars of the Nation,” held on Friday, December 27, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Ratchadamnoen Room, Royal Princess Larn Luang, Bangkok, and concurrently via Zoom Cloud Meetings.



The seminar was organized to honor three esteemed scholars, posthumously recognized for their significant contributions to the Royal Society, academia, and the nation. The honorees were:

1. Professor Paitoon Pongsabutra, Royal Society Fellow from the Academy of Moral and Political Science,
2. Professor Dr. Vichien Jeerawong, Royal Society Fellow from the Academy of Sciences, and
3. Mr. Chulathat Payakranon, Royal Society Fellow from the Academy of Arts.





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In addition to the commemorative honors, the event featured a ceremony to bestow Royal Society Fellow pins upon newly appointed Fellows and Royal Society Associate Fellow pins upon newly appointed Associate Fellows.

This distinguished event also served as a valuable occasion for Fellows and Associate Fellows from the three academies—Moral and Political Science, Sciences, and Arts—to convene, fostering meaningful interactions and strengthening the bonds within the Royal Society’s scholarly community.



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