

The 84th Birthday Anniversary of the Rector Emeritus



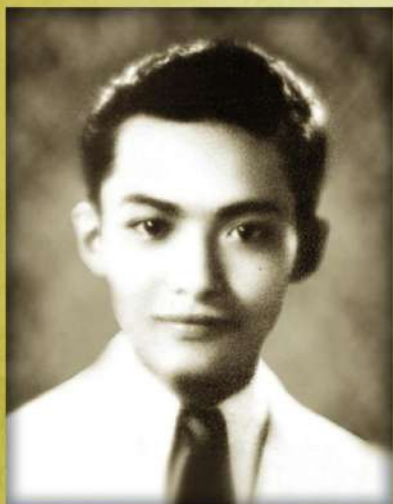
*Rev. Bro. Prathip Martin Komolmas, I.S.S., Ph.D.
A Man of Faith and Intuition*



December 22, 1933



He was born in Bangkok and spent his earliest years at his mother's village, but later returned to Bangkok to study and to be near the church. His early education was in the hands of the Catholic sisters with the support of priests.



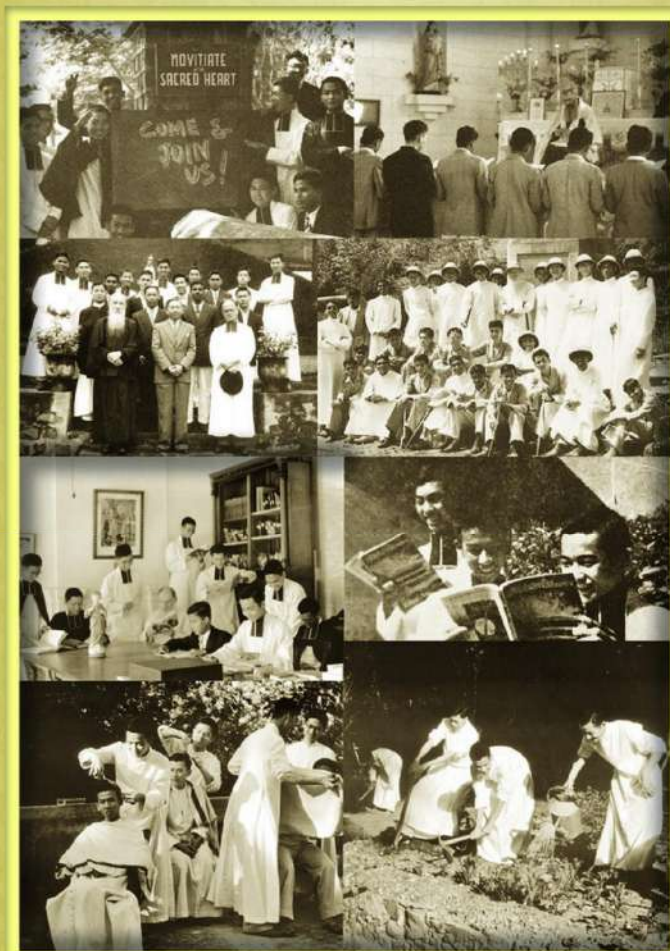
1951

His Religious Life



During his student days at St. Gabriel's College, he had witnessed the loving care and thoughtful supervision of the St. Gabriel Brothers which had a strong influence on him. After finishing school, he then decided to devote his life to the service of his fellow humans following the footsteps of St. Louis Marie de Montfort. His determination to enter religious life was encouraged and supported by Rev. Bro. Michel Leduc, the pioneer of the Novitiate of the Sacred Heart, India.

*His Various Activities at Novitiate of
the Sacred Heart, India*



1958

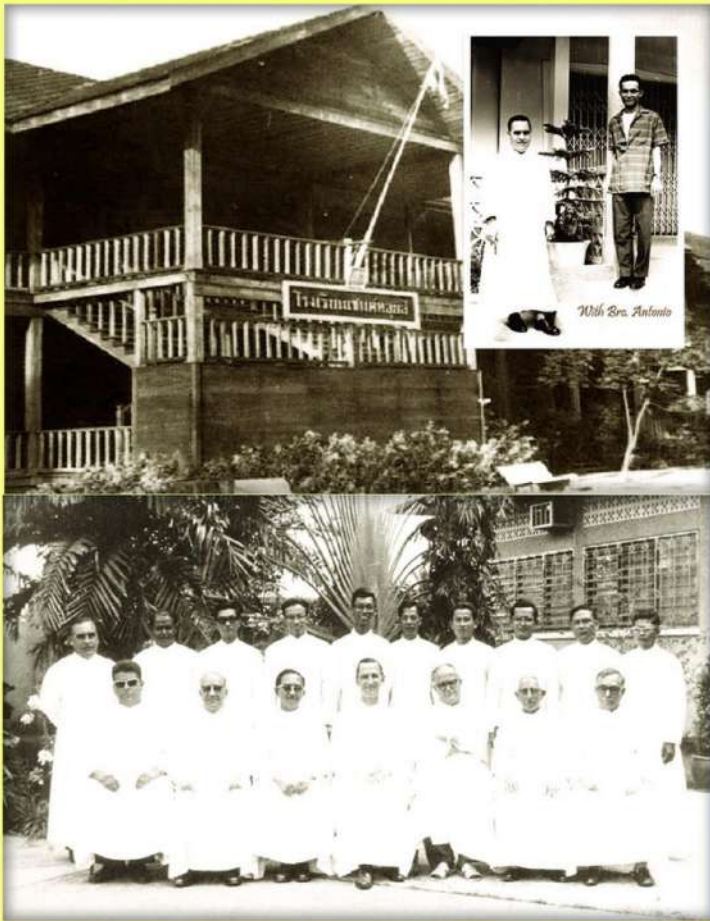
*Served as Asst. Director
at Assumption College Sriracha*



He finished a B.A. Degree in Economics from Loyola College of the University of Madras, India, in 1958. He then returned to Thailand. His first assignment in Thailand was Asst. Director at ACS where he was a formator of young novices. At the same time, he also taught science and mathematics

1960-1961

*Served as Administrator at Saint Louis School Chachoengsao
and also Taught Geography and History*



1961-1965

Appointed as Principal of Assumption College Thonburi



He was appointed the first principal of Assumption College Thonburi from May 15, 1961 to June 23, 1965. During this period, he had done a lot of improvements to the school such as acquiring new facilities: a number of new buildings, initiating environmental care and academic development.

1965-1976

*Served as Principal and Director of
St. Gabriel's College*



During his tenure as Principal and Director of St. Gabriel's College, he was credited with following achievements of the school :

- ♦ *Initiated annual sports "College Day"*
- ♦ *Set up Teachers' Welfare Fund*
- ♦ *School Auditorium built*
- ♦ *Science Building constructed*
- ♦ *Construction of the Gymnasium and improvement of school fences*
- ♦ *Construction of Nursing and Nutrition Building*

Besides, he had initiated the construction of "Catholic Association of Parents and Teachers" building. A teaching manual was developed to serve as guidelines for teachers.

At St. Gabriel's College



1967

Received an outstanding school award from His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej.



February 11, 1969

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej presided over the 50th anniversary celebration of St. Gabriel's College.



Received commemorative medal from His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej ; granted to long-serving Brother and teachers.



October 4, 1972

Her Majesty Queen Sirikit presided over the opening ceremony of "Mother's Day Project" at De Monfort Auditorium.

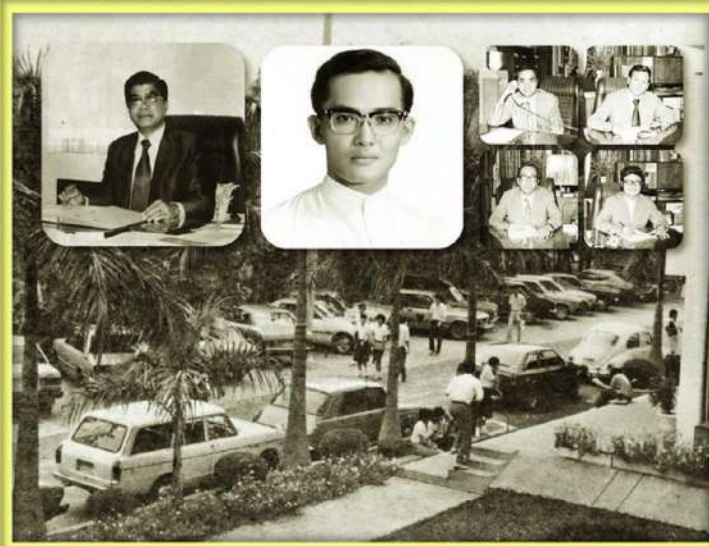


At St. Gabriel's College with his students



1974

*Served as the Provincial Superior of Montfort Brothers
of St. Gabriel, Province of Thailand.*



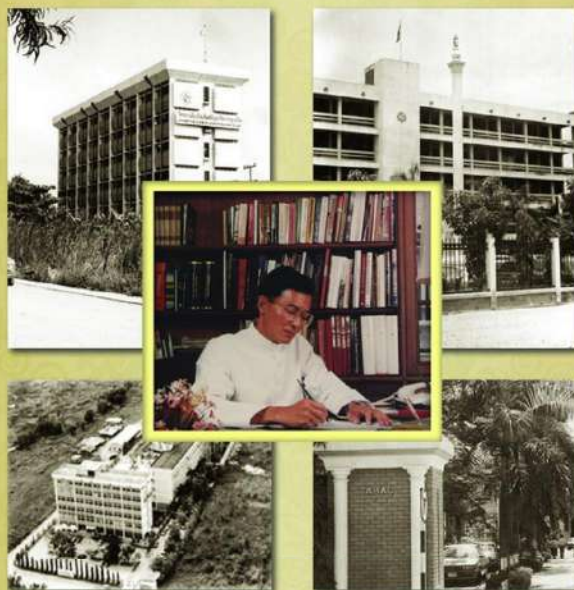
April-September 1974

This was the beginning period of ABAC. At its early stages, ABAC had also experienced its teething problems. The most crucial problem then was student protest which resulted in the resignation of the Rector (Bro. Somphong Jirananda). Bro. Martin then had to assume temporarily position of Acting Rector. He tried to address all problems until everything could return to normal.

To ensure smooth operation, he had invited 4 experienced professors from NIDA to assist in the running of ABAC. Later he had invited Prof. Dr. Choop Karnjanaprakorn who was retiring from NIDA to become a Rector on October 1, 1974. Dr. Choop had set up work systems according to the official standard which was beneficial to the growth and advancement of ABAC.

1978 - 2002

Served as Rector of Assumption University



Bro. Martin, a Stanford graduate, took over the presidency of ABAC when Dr. Choop Kajanaprakorn left in 1979 to head the then newly created Ministry of Science and Technology under Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanand government. He designed and implemented massive construction projects for new classroom buildings and facility expansions, including the ultra-modern Suvarnabhumi Campus, to accommodate growing enrollments and expansions into new program offerings, and furthermore upgraded ABAC from a private college status to a comprehensive research and teaching private university, renaming ABAC as Assumption University.

1980 – 1995

*During his tenure, many college buildings
and monuments were erected*



1980 St. Gabriel Building



1982 Dr. Choop Plaza



1982 Assumption Hall &
Annunciation Chapel



1983 St. Mary's Square



1986 The Forum Luceat Lux
Vestra



1986 Martin de Tours Building



1986 Plaza Notre Dame
de l'Assomption



1989 Coronation Hall



1989 Thai Pavilion



1990 Gate of Wisdom



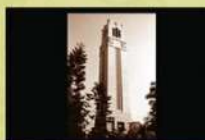
1991 Student Center



1992 Queen's Square



1992 Queen's Tower Building
& Engineering Building



1994 Tower of David



1995 St. Louis Hall

1980

He initiated and pioneered the opening of Graduate Programs, the College Council had approved in principle for ABAC to initiate courses for MBA level.

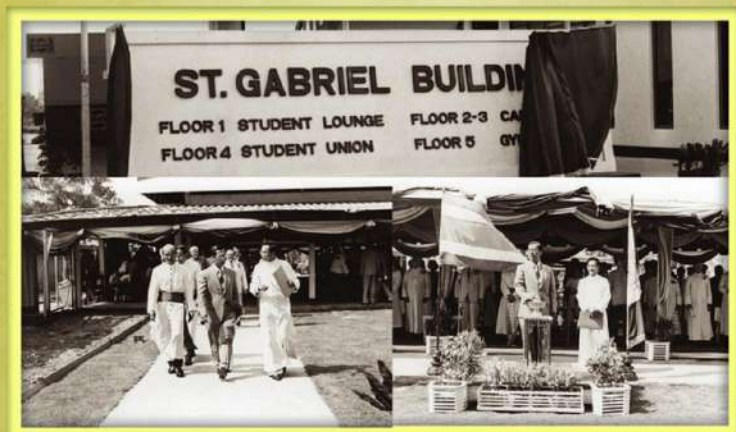


Later in 1984 the Bureau of University Affairs approved ABAC to develop course for MBA level.

MBA level was later officially recognized. ABAC was the first academic institution that introduced and included these graduate courses in its program since August 20, 1985.



February 25, 1981
Greeting Minister of University Affairs and
His Eminence Cardinal



Prof. Kasem Suwannakul, Minister of University Affairs and His Eminence Cardinal Michael Meechai Kitbunchu presided over the inauguration and the blessing ceremony of the St. Gabriel Building, Hua Mak, Campus.



1982 He invited experts from Japan to demonstrate to faculty, staff and students how to use computers for teaching, learning and other various disciplines.

September 22, 1984



His Eminence Cardinal Michael Meechai Kitbunchu officiated the consecration of Chapel of the Annunciation at Assumption Hall, Hua Mak Campus.

1990



Under the management and leadership of Bro. Martin, Assumption Business Administration College became Assumption University in 1990 .

November 7, 1990
Greeting Her Royal Highness Princess
Maha Chakri Sirindhorn



Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn presided over the inauguration ceremony of the Coronation Hall MCMLXXXIX at Hua Mak Campus.

December 2, 1992
Greeting Prof. Dr. Vichit Srisa-arn



Prof. Dr. Vichit Srisa-arn, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of University Affairs, inaugurated the historical Bas Relief featuring various Thai Kings, located at the corridor in front of Hua Mak library.

April 11, 1994

*Signed the contract for the construction of
Suvarnabhumi Campus*



September 20, 1995

Greeting Her Majesty Queen Fabiola of Belgium



*Her Majesty Queen Fabiola
of Belgium and Her Royal
Highness Princess Maha Chakri
Sirindhorn, visited Hua Mak
Campus.*

March 4, 1998

Presented Doctoral Gown to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn



Assumption University conferred an honorary doctorate degree in Computer Information Systems on His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn at Nontaburi Palace.

*March 17, 2000
Opened the new AU Campus*



The new AU Campus at Suvarnabhumi was officially opened to mark the beginning of summer classes of that year.

*January 23, 2002
Greeting General Arkadej Sasiprapha*



General Arkadej Sasiprapha opened the newly constructed entrance to Suvarnabhumi Campus.

October 28, 2003

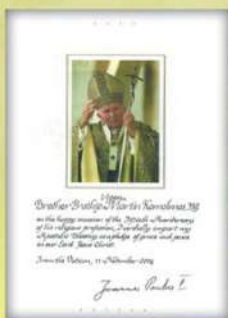
Received the "Princess Prem Purachatra Award"



Rev. Bro. Prathip Martin Komolmas received the "Princess Prem Purachatra Award" from HRH Princess Soamsavali for his dedication to the cause of moral development of the youth and his example as a role model of personal and academic integrity at the Hall of Public Relations Department, Bangkok.

October 26, 2004

*Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of
his Religious Profession*



June 27, 2010

Received the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice

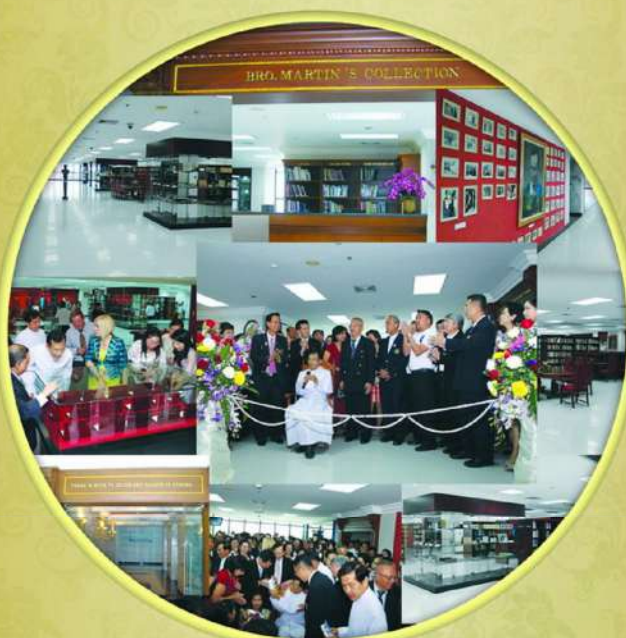


He was conferred the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, a high honor bestowed on him by the Holy Father, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, marking His Holiness' Fifth Year of Pontificate, at Assumption Cathedral. The Decoration was performed by His Grace Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio, Papal



Nuncio to the Kingdom of Thailand, at the end of Holy Mass in honor of the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

December 24, 2010
The Opening of Bro. Martin's Collection



Bro. Martin's Collection is set up as a special collection of Assumption University Library, to make Bro. Martin's works accessible and widely known to the public, preserving and displaying collection of gifts, souvenirs and objets d'art Bro. Martin received from various sources on different occasions.

April 26, 2013

*He Initiated the "Academic Laurels and Palms Awards"
honoring AU personnel with 25 years' service*

*Being the brain-child
of Bro. Martin, the
first conferral ceremony
of "Academic Laurels
and Palms Awards"
was presided over by
Rev. Bro. Bancha
Saenghiran, President
Magnificus, at the Grand
Salon, St. Raphael's
Hall, Suvarnabhumi
Campus. The "Academic
Laurels and Palms"*

*are AU awards of honor granted to the first 25 senior
administrators and lecturers who have rendered academic
service to the university for over 25 years.*



November 11, 2013
Celebration of the 80th Birthday Anniversary of
the President Emeritus



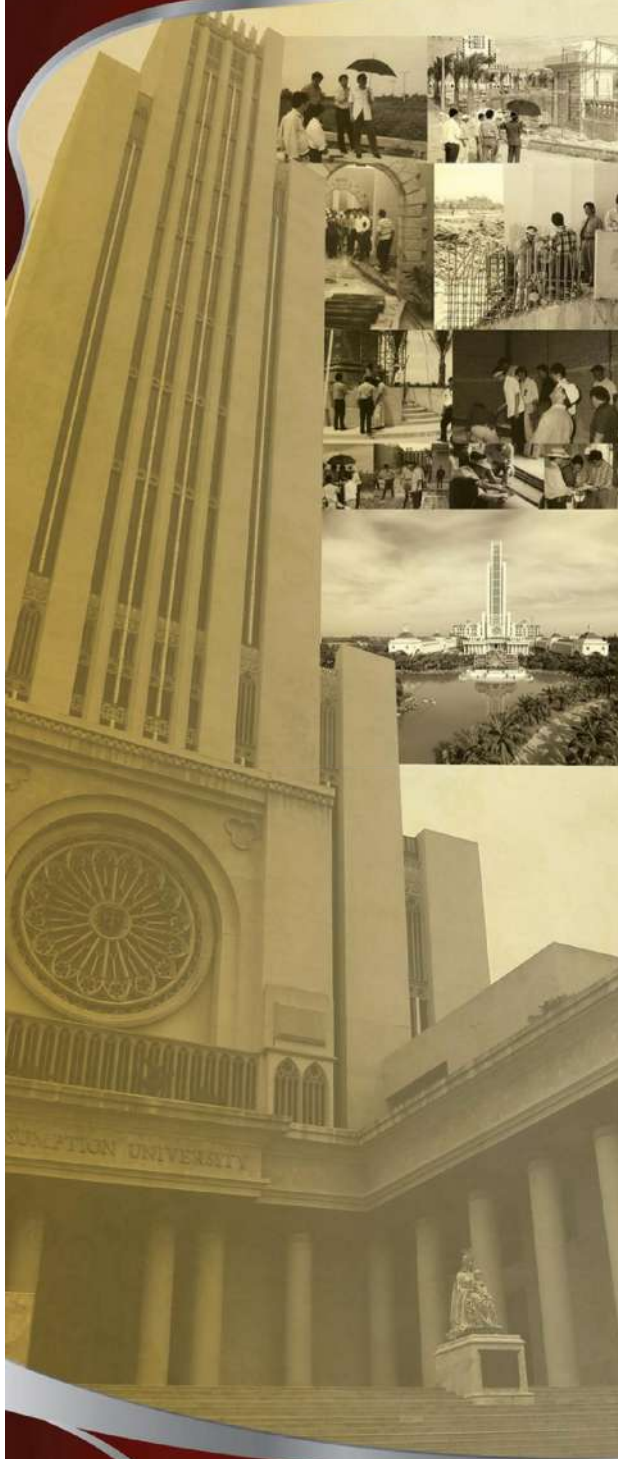
November 11, 2016

Inauguration of Mural Painting

“Maha Nakhon Krungthep”

The Feast Day Celebrations of St. Martin de Tours was fully celebrated with the official inauguration and blessing ceremony of the mural painting of “Maha Nakhon Krungthep” (Bangkok Metropolis). Being the brain-child of Rev. Bro. Dr. Prathip Martin Komolmas, this “Maha Nakhon Krungthep” artistically features Bangkok’s important landmarks signifying the changing process of Bangkok Metropolis influenced by scientific and modern technological advancements. This grand event took place in front of Science & Technology and Engineering Building, Assumption University, Suvarnabhumi Campus.





It has always been my dream to build a cathedral of learning and to create in and around it an atmosphere that is healthy and refreshing to the active mind, intellectually stimulating and spiritually fostering and enriching; in other words, an atmosphere conducive to learning and becoming ... a complete man/woman, a new man/woman for a new millenium

- Someone imbued with a new humanism. To this end, the idea of the "university in a park" has become a prominent concept of the campus wherein thousands of trees are grown, to bring nature back to young men and women so that they will be able to walk and to sit in the great silence of the landscape, with tranquility of mind, contemplating how, in peaceful splendour, the sun rises and sets while radiating warmth that gives life to all things. In this environment, the inquisitive and enquiring minds will have their play and their fulfillment. All learners will steadily grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Br. Martin





Receiving Numerous Royal Thai Decorations



1974
Commander (Third Class) of the
Most Noble Order of the Crown
of Thailand



1986
Commander (Third Class) of the
Most Exalted Order of the
White Elephant



1988
Knight Commander (Second
Class) of the Most Noble Order
of the Crown of Thailand



2004
He was graciously bestowed the
Knight Grand Cross (First Class)
of the Most Noble Order of the
Crown of Thailand by H.M.
King Bhumibol Adulyadej.



2010
Member (Fifth Class) of the
Most Admirable Order of the
Direkgunabhorn

Receiving International Orders and Decorations



January 28, 1994

*He was accorded *Commandeur de l'Ordre de la Couronne* in recognition of his outstanding services to education by Belgium Ambassador, at the Embassy of Belgium.*



November 13, 2006

*He was accorded "*Commandeur dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques*" in recognition of his outstanding services to education by His Excellency Mr. Laurent Aublin, French Ambassador, at French Embassy.*



The Various Honorary Degrees he received



1997:

*Doctor of Letters, Honoris Causa,
London South Bank University,
United Kingdom*



1998:

*Doctoris Honoris Causa,
Universitatea Politehnica din Bucuresti*



2001:

*Doctor of Humane Letters,
Loyola College of Maryland, U.S.A.*



2002:

*Doctor of Educational Management,
De La Salle University, Philippines*



2005:

*Doctor of Educational
Mangement and Administration,
Prince of Songkhla Universtiy*



2006:

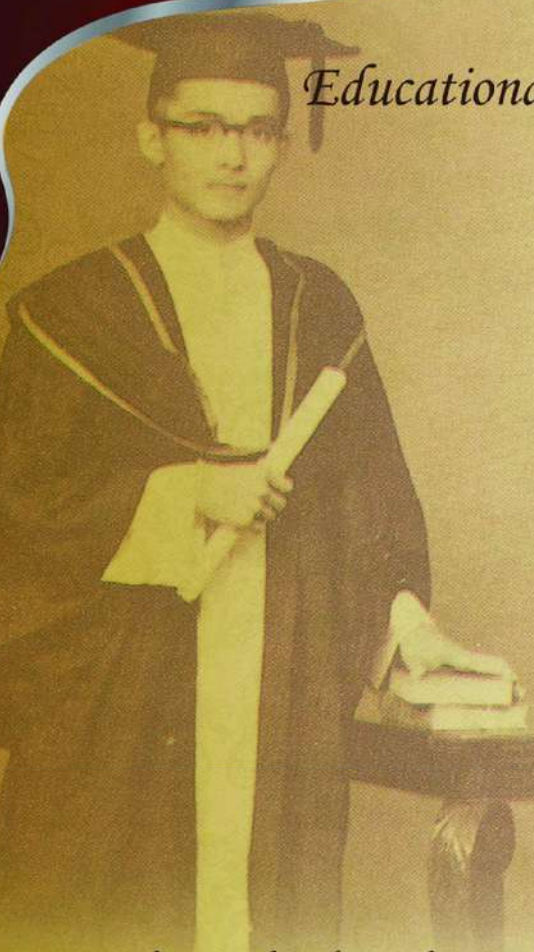
*Doctor of Educational Management,
Christian University*



2009:

Doctor of Arts, Hatyai University

Educational Background



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- ♦ *Secondary School Teacher Diploma, Ministry of Education, Thailand, 1959.*
- ♦ *B.A. (Economics) Loyola College, University of Madras, 1958.*
- ♦ *M.A. (International Development Education), Stanford University, 1978.*
- ♦ *M.A. (Social Sciences in Education), Stanford University, 1980.*
- ♦ *Ph.D. (Organization Development & Planning),
Southeast Asia Interdisciplinary Development Institute, 1985.*
- ♦ *Post Doctoral Studies at Université de Fribourg, Stanford University,
University of Warwick and Oxford University.*