

## PROFESSOR WICHIT SRISA-AN

**NATIONALITY:** Thai

**DATE OF BIRTH:** December 22, 1934 in Chachoengsao, Thailand

### EDUCATION:

1959 B.A., Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand  
1961 B.Ed., Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand  
1964 M.A. in Educational Administration, University, of Minnesota, U.S.A.  
1967 Ph.D. in Educational Administration, University, of Minnesota, U.S.A.  
1977 National Defense College, Thailand

### HONORS AND AWARDS:

**Ph.D. Honorary** from The Open University, The United Kingdom

Andhra Pradesh Open University, India

The Open University of Hong Kong

Wawasan Open University, Malaysia

Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

Khon Kaen University, Thailand

Ramkhamhaeng University, Thailand

Krirk University, Thailand

Suranaree University of Technology, Thailand

Walailak University, Thailand

Christian University, Thailand

Sripatum University, Thailand

Srinakharinwirot University

**Distinguished Fellow**, the International Council on Education for Teaching (ICET)

**Outstanding Achievement Award**, University of Minnesota, U.S.A.

**Distinguished Fellow**, Centre for Educational Innovation, UNESCO

**“Father of Cooperative Education in Thailand”**, Office of the Higher Education Commission  
(OHEC), Ministry of Education, Thailand

**ALL-TIME FAME 2010**, The Fulbright Thai Association and The Thai-American Association

**Chairman Emeritus of AUAP 2016**, Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific

**Lifetime Achievement Award 2016**, Southern African Society for Cooperative Education  
(SASCE)

**Hall of Honor in Cooperative Education 2017**, The University of Cincinnati

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PREVIOUS POSITIONS:**

**Permanent Secretary**, Ministry of University Affairs, Thailand

**Minister of Education**, the Royal Government of Thailand

**Member of the Senate**, The National Parliament, Thailand

**Member of the House of Representatives**, and **Chairman, House Committee on Education**,  
The National Parliament, Thailand

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESENT POSITIONS:**

**President of the University Council**,

- Chairman, Suranaree University of Technology Council
- Chairman, Walailak University Council
- Chairman, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University Council
- Adviser, **Office for National Education Standards and Quality Assessment** (Public Organization)

**HIGHLIGHTS OF ACHIEVEMENTS:**

**Founding Rector**, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University

Suranaree University of Technology

Walailak University

**Founding President**, Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU)

Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP)

Institutional Research and Higher Education Development Association

Thai Association for Cooperative Education (TACE)

**Pioneer** in and **Creator** of numerous educational innovations in Thailand

e.g. Open and Long Distance Education

Public Autonomous University

Institutional Research and Higher Education Development, and

Cooperative and Work-Integrated Education