

## Dr. Pairash Thajchayapong; Dedicated to Building-up Thailand's IT Industry



Throughout a long and extensive career as a leader in Thailand's IT development, he has held a number of key positions in government and academia, including President of King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Lad Krabang (KMITL). He presently serves as Senior Advisor to the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) and continues to provide his experience and abilities to the National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC) as Chairman of its Executive Board. The Bangkok Post praised the distinguished service of Dr. Pairash noting that "over

the last two decades he has been in front and behind many of the important developments in Thailand's science and technology." He initiated IT Year in 1995 "to create public awareness of the new technology and gradually IT has become virtually a household term."

In recent years he has served to boost the standards of Chief Information Officers (CIOs) in Thailand and internationally. As has been demonstrated in Thailand, CIOs have key functions to transform national ICT strategy to ministerial and departmental levels of government. In 2003 he was elected President of the International Academy of CIO (IAC), an organization dedicated to fostering best practices and establishing academic standards for CIOs to promote good e-Governance. The IAC has national chapters in a number of countries and among its activities are organizing meetings, exchanges of resources, and issuing publications. A significant project of IAC is introducing a global standard. During his tenure as leader of IAC, the organization has been strengthened in terms of its importance to development of e-Governance standards and demonstrated the necessity for governments and private companies to fully utilize CIOs.

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