

Chief Ombudsman of Thailand and new Ombudsman appointed



Mr. Somsak Suwansujarit was appointed Chief Ombudsman of Thailand following the Royal Proclamation Appointment granted by His Majesty the King Mahavajiralongkorn.

Mr. Somsak graduated his both undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Political Science. His work experience started as Chief District Officer which mainly concerned strengthening the principle of good governance in the public sector and overseeing standardised public services administered by government authorities. He has served in high-ranking positions as Deputy Director-General of the Department of Provincial Administration, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation of the Ministry of Interior. He was the former Provincial Governor of Nan Province, Nong Bua Lampu Province, Sri Saket Province, Kalasin Province, Khon Kaen Province, and Rayong Province. This broad experience allowed him to work closely with local communities, the grass-roots, and regional civil servants which facilitated his in-depth understanding of deploying mechanism to help people access to justice.



On the same occasion of Mr.Somsak's appointment, Assoc.Prof. Issaree Hunsacharoonroj was also granted the Royal Proclamation Appointment to be the new Ombudsman of Thailand. He was nominated by the Selection Committee of Ombudsman and endorsed by the Senate accordingly as the Ombudsman of Thailand, whose tenure is seven years according to the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand. Assoc.Prof. Issaree Hunsacharoonroj graduated his undergraduate in Mechanical Engineering and received the scholarships granted by Royal Thai Government Scholarships for both M.S.E and Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from University of Wisconsin, USA. He was the former rector of Rajamangala University of Technology Rattanakosin. With his academic background in Engineering for more than 30 years, he has closely associated not only in creativity including invention and innovation with technology knowledge but also experienced in planning policy and approving university's rules and regulations along with handling complaints with fair and reasonable process. Besides, he was appointed as committee of International Institute for Trade and Development and the committee of Maritime Silk Road Confucius Institute.

The current Ombudsmen of Thailand are:

1. Mr. Somsak Suwansujarit, Chief Ombudsman,
2. Assoc.Prof. Issaree Hunsacharoonroj, Ombudsman