

BIODATA OF CHARNVIT KASETSIRI

Born in Banpong, Ratburi, Thailand on 6 May 1941, Charnvit Kasetsiri studied diplomacy and history at the Thammasat University, Bangkok from 1960-1963 and graduated with Honours and the King Bhumibol Prize with a B.A. in Diplomacy. He then pursued a Master's degree at the Occidental College, Los Angeles, California, USA. He obtained his PhD. in Southeast Asian History, at Cornell University, USA in 1972. He held a Rockefeller Scholarship in 1965-1970 during his studies in the United States.

Professor Kasetsiri has had a productive academic career and was the Rector of Thammasat University (1994-95) prior to his retirement. He began his academic service with the university as a Lecturer in the History Department in 1973. He was appointed Head of Department in 1981-83. Subsequently, he was also appointed as the Deputy Director of Thai Khadi Institute, Thammasat University (1982-85) and the Vice-President of Thammasat University (1983-88). He continued lecturing in the History Department following his appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts, Thammasat University. He continues to teach at the History Department after retirement in 2001. From 2000-2003 he was appointed Director of the 5 Area Study Project, sponsored by the Thailand Research Fund. Currently, he also holds the post of Secretary of the Social Sciences and Humanity Textbook Foundation, Thailand.

Among the overseas appointments he has held during his academic career were as Visiting Fellow, at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, Japan (1977-78); Visiting Lecturer (Southeast Asian History) at University of California, Berkeley and Santa Cruz, U.S.A. (1978-79); Visiting Lecturer (Thailand History), University of Hawaii, U.S.A. (1996); Visiting Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore (1998); and Visiting Lecturer, Asian Studies, University of Hawaii in 2004.

He has published numerous articles on Thai history. Among his book publications (in English) are: *The Rise of Ayudhya: A History of Siam in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries*, Kuala Lumpur, Oxford University Press, 1976; a contribution in the book *Thai Politics: 1932-1957*, edited by Thak Chaleomtiarana; *International Workshop On Translation* (as editor), Foundation for the Promotion of The Social Sciences and the Humanities Textbooks Project, Thailand, 1978; *Bibliography: Southeast Asian Studies in Thailand*, compiled with T. Petchlertanan and S. Saiyawong, Thailand-Japan Core Universities Program, Kyoto University, The Center for Southeast Asian Studies and Thammasat University, 1991.