

# President or Chairman of 20 Professional Organizations, 100 Government Committees, and Over 4,520 Academic Committees

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**Abstract-** By the Time he is 72 years old, Prof. Dr. Srisakdi Charmonman has been President or Chairman of 20 Professional Societies, 100 Government Committees, and 4,520 Academic Committees. The first professional society he joined is the Association for Computer Machinery (ACM) and that was in the year 1961 when he started his Ph.D. study at Georgia Tech in the US. Then he became President of Thailand Chapter of the ACM, Chairman of Thailand Chapter of the Computer Society of the IEEE, President of the Computer Association of Thailand Under the Royal Patronage of HM the King, President of Thai Federation for Information Processing Society, President of Thailand Chapter of the Internet Society, President of the Thai Federation of Information Technology Association, President of South East Asia Regional Computer Confederation, etc. Samples of the Government Committees, Prof. Sridakdi has served as Chairman or Expert are University Service Commission chaired by the Prime Minister, IT Expert in the Committee for Integration and Revolution of National Registration Records chaired by the Prime Minister, Chairman of eASEAN Business Council, Chairman of the Committee to Approve

**Computerization of All Government Universities, Chairman of the Committee to Coordinate and Establish Database of National Economic and Social Advisory Council, etc. For academic committees, Prof. Srisakdi in his capacity of Chairman of the Boards of two Ph.D. programs and three Graduate Schools had to be Chairman of over 4,000 Thesis and Project Examination Committees.**

**Keywords-** President, Chairman, Professional Organization, Government Committee, Academic Committee, Srisakdi Charmonman.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In advanced countries, it is highly desirable to become member of learned societies and professional organizations. So, Prof. Dr. Srisakdi Charmonman joined the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) in the year 1961 when he got a scholarship from the Thai and US governments to study for his Ph.D. at Georgia Tech in the US. From then on, he has become Founding President, President, Chairman, or top executive of 20 learned societies and professional organizations. This paper presents his involvement as Founding President of Thailand Chapter of the ACM, Founding Chairman of Thailand Chapter of the Computer Society of the IEEE, Founding President of Thailand Chapter of ISOC, Trustee

of ISOC, Trustee of IFIPS, Director of APNIC, President of CAT, President of SEARCC, Founding President of ATII, Founding President of eLearningAP, Founding President of TFIP, President of TFIT, Founding President of SC Foundation, Senior Chairman of the Interdisciplinary Network for Research and Development Foundation, President of NIDA Faculty and Staff Association, President of KMITL Faculty Senate, Institutional Representative in Sloan-C, Primary Representative to EDUCAUSE, and etc. Discussed are also Prof. Srisakdi's services as Chairman or Experts in the government-related committees and academic committees.

## 2. PRESIDENT OR CHAIRMAN OF 20 PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

As of the year 2009 when Prof. Srisakdi is 72 years old, he is President Chairman of 7 learned societies, namely, Thailand Chapter of the ACM, Thailand Chapter of the Computer Society of the IEEE, Thailand Chapter of the Internet Society, Honorary President of the Computer Association of Thailand, President of Asia-Pacific eLearning Association, Association of Thai Internet Industry, and Thailand Internet Association. As a matter of fact, he has been in top executive positions in 20 professional organizations as discussed in this Section.

### 2.1 President of Thailand Chapter of the ACM

In the year 1961, Prof. Srisakdi went to study for Ph.D. at Georgia Tech in the US. A special Ph.D. program was established with the purpose of preparing him to play a key role of computerization of Thailand. He had to go to the Computer Center every day, to learn to write program in Machine Language (with only 0 and 1) for UNIVAC Scientific 1101, with only 2K of main memory and speed of about 5,000 operations per second. Prof. Dr. William F. Atchison, the Director of the Computer Center told him that it was very desirable for him to join a computer-related learned society such as the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). ACM is the first and largest global learned society in the field of Computer Science [1, 2]. So, Prof. Srisakdi became a member of ACM in 1961.

In the year 1962, Prof. Bill Atchison and other directors of computer centers at several

universities would like to establish the ACM Special Interest Group of University Computer Centers and so Prof. Srisakdi became a Founder of the ACM Special Interest Group on University and College Computing Services.

When he went to work as Assistant Professor of Applied Mathematics at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, 1964-1966; Associate Professor of Computing Science at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, 1966-1968; and Director of Graduate Studies in Computer Science at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., 1968-1973; Prof. Srisakdi became Faculty Advisor to the ACM Student Chapters at those universities.

In 1973-1974, Prof. Srisakdi became a Full Professor of Computer Science at the State University of New York in Brockport, New York, USA. There, he was elected Vice President and Seminar Chairman of the Rochester Chapter of the ACM.

At Assumption University of Thailand, Prof. Srisakdi became the Founding President of Thailand Chapter of the ACM, chartered January 15, 1991, as shown in Figure 1, and organized many seminars such as one shown in Figure 2. As of the year 2009, Prof. Srisakdi is still the President.

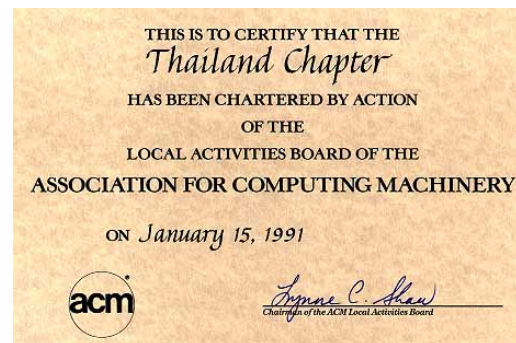


Figure 1. Certificate of Charter of Thailand Chapter of the ACM.



Figure 2. Prof. Kenneth and Prof. Julie Kendall at an ACM Seminar.

## ***2.2 Chairman of The Computer Society of the IEEE***

The Computer Society of the IEEE [3] started as the Subcommittee on Large-Scale Computing of the American Institute of Electrical Engineer (AIEE) in the year 1946. The AIEE merged with the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE) in 1963 to become the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Subcommittee became the IEEE Computer Society which may be said to be the oldest and largest learned society in the field of computer engineering. Prof. Srisakdi became a member of IEEE in the year 1963 when he was a Ph.D. student at Georgia Tech. When he returned from the US to Thailand, his salary was reduced about 90% and so he stopped paying for membership of the IEEE. When he founded the Graduate School of Computer Information System (GSCIS) in 1988 and the Graduate School of Computer and Engineering Management (GSCEM) in 1990 at Assumption University, he joined the IEEE again and became the Founding Chairman of Thailand Joint Chapter of the Computer Society and Engineering Management Society of the IEEE.

Later, in the year 2008, the Engineering Management Society of the IEEE changed the status to be the Engineering Management Council, and so Thailand Joint Chapter of the Computer Society and the Engineering Management Society became Thailand Chapter of the Computer Society of the IEEE and Prof. Srisakdi became the Chairman of Thailand Chapter of the IEEE Computer Society.

H.E. Air Chief Marshal Kamthorn Sindhvananda is the Founder of Thailand Section of the IEEE. The Chairman of all Thailand Chapters of the IEEE are members of the Executive Committee of Thailand Section of the IEEE and so, Prof. Srisakdi has become a member of the Executive Committee of Thailand Section of the IEEE as well.

Prof. Srisakdi has also established Assumption University Student Chapter of the IEEE and served as the Faculty Advisor. At one point, AU Student Chapter was the largest IEEE Student Chapter in the world.

## ***2.3 President of the Computer Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King***

The Computer Association of Thailand (CAT) was established by Mr. Keyura Limthong on 10 April 1972 with the office at the Royal Turf Club [4]. At that time, computer experts in Thailand included Prof. Dr. Boonrod Binson and Prof. Boonchana Attakorn. In the year 1974, Prof. Srisakdi returned from the US to become Professor, Chair of MS in Data Processing Program, and President of the Faculty and Staff Association at the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA). Prof. Boonchana invited Prof. Drisakdi to jointly teach the Management Information Systems course at Chulalongkorn University. Prof. Srisakdi also supervised Master's Thesis at Chulalongkorn University. One of his MS favorite students was Mr. Bunnawit Boonyarat who was computer executive at Bangkok Bank and later become Senior Executive Vice President at Siam Commercial Bank (SCB) where Prof. Srisakdi was the Project Manager for the first computerization of SCB.

Prof. Dr. Boonrod invited Prof. Srisakdi to become the Reception Secretary of CAT in 1974-1976. Then in 1978-1980, Prof. Srisakdi was elected Chairman of the Computer Academician Section with many VIPs as members. For examples, H.E. Dr. Khunying Kalaya Sophonpanich was the Deputy Chairperson, and H.E. Somphop Amatayakul was a member.

In 1977, Prof. Srisakdi joined Bangkok Data Center (which was a part of the Royal Turf Club) as the General Manager, Acting Sales Manager, and Acting Director of the Computer Center. CAT office was at the Royal Turf Club. So in the general election of the Executive Board of CAT, Prof. Srisakdi controlled the majority of the votes. However, he invited Prof. Boonrod to be the President of CAT and he himself became the Secretary-General. As CAT Secretary-General, Prof. Srisakdi was the Head of the delegation from Thailand to establish South East Asia Regional Computer Confederation (SEARCC).

In 2002-2004, Prof. Srisakdi was elected President of CAT with H.E. Dr. Khunying

Kalaya Sophonpanich as the Vice President. Prof. Srisakdi became the Honorary President of CAT in 2004-2006 and 2009-2010, President of CAT in 2002-2004, and 2008-2009. Altogether for CAT, Prof. Srisakdi has served as Reception Secretary, Academic Chairman, Secretary-General, Vice President, President and Honorary President for 22 years.

Many times, more than half of members of CAT were current and former students and staff of Prof. Srisakdi's organizations.

#### **2.4 President of Thai Federation for Information Processing Society**

In the year 1982, Prof. Srisakdi became the Founding President of Thai Federation for Information Processing Society (TFIPS) [5]. TFIPS emphasized not only computer but also management and human resources. At that time, Prof. Dr. Boonrod Binson was the Chairman of the Committee to Establish Policy and Administration of National Computerization (National Computer Committee) with Prof. Srisakdi as the Chairman of several Working Groups. Prof. Srisakdi invited Prof. Boonrod to be the Honorary President of the TFIPS. Figure 3 shows Prof. Boonrod and Prof. Srisakdi.



**Figure 3.** Prof. Srisakdi with Prof. Boonrod, Prof. Boonchana and Mr. Keyura.

In the year 1982-1983, TFIPS organized or co-organized 18 seminars. Examples are seminar in which Prof. Srisakdi delivered a speech on Microcomputer for Executives at Intra Hotel on 14 September 1982; on Management Information Systems for National Development in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia on 23 October 1982; Microcomputer Applications at Asia Hotel on 29 November 1982; Microcomputers for Education and Training in Hong Kong on 1 December 1982; Microcomputer Applications in Sri Lanka on 15 December 1982; Computer in Rattanakosin Era

at the Nation Research Council of Thailand as shown in Figure 4 on 20 December 1982; Evolution and Control of Computer at Bangkok Bank on 10 January 1983; the Third Wave or IT Wave at AUA on 20 January 1983; Computer for Director Generals of the Ministry of Science on 14 February 1983; Computer for Top Executives in Pataya on 12-13 March 1983; Computers for Teachers at Triem Udom School on 22 March 1983; Computers for Police Officers on 8 April 1983; Computers for Top Executives of the Ministry of Justice on 14 April 1983; Computers for Department Managers at Bangkok Bank on 30 April 1983; Computers for Librarians in Singapore on 30 May 1983; Computers for Top Executives of the Ministry of Industries on 7 June 1983; Computer for Top Executives of the Ministry of Finance on 9 June 1983, and etc.



**Figure 4.** HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Graciously Opened the Seminar on Computer in Rattanakosin Era.

For the seminar on Computer in Rattanakosin Era, the Ministry of Science appointed TFIPS to be the principal organizer.

HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn graciously opened the Seminar on Computer in Rattanakosin Era. The Keynote address was given by H.E. Anand Panyarachun, Prof. Srisakdi Charmonman and H.E. Dr. Khunying Kalaya Sophonpanich.

TFIPS became the only organization representing Thailand in the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP). TFIPS later merged with the Internet Association to be the Internet Association which Prof. Srisakdi is the Founding President.

## 2.5 President of Thailand Chapter of the Internet Society

Prof. Srisakdi checked the Internet 3 times a day, before or after meals, i.e., morning, noon and night, each time about 20 minutes.

In the year 1991, he found the message that Vint Cerf, the Father of the Internet, was establishing the Internet Society (ISOC) [6,7] and invited Organizational Founding Members, each must pay 5,000 US\$ per year. So, he told Rev. Bro. Dr. Prathip Martin Komolmas, the President of Assumption University at that time, that it was a chance of a life time for AU to be the only Founding Member of ISOC in South East Asia. Bro. Martin kindly agreed and so Prof. Srisakdi became a Member of ISOC Advisory Council from 1991 up to the present.

In the year 1996, ISOC established Chapters in various countries. Prof. Srisakdi requested and get approval in October 1996 from ISOC to establish Thailand Chapter of the Internet Society with himself as the Founding President. He invited Bro. Martin to be the Honorary President and Dr. Vallop Suwandee, later Deputy Governor of Bangkok Metro, to be the Vice President. Figure 5 shows the executives of the Chapter at the meeting in May 1998.



Figure 5. Executive of Thailand Chapter of ISOC.

## 2.6 President of the Thai Federation of Information Technology Association

The Thai Federation of Information Technology Association (TFIT) was established in the year 1993 by the Computer Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of HM the King, the Telecommunications Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of HM the King, Association of Thai Computer Manufacturing, Association of Thai ICT Industry, Association of Thai Software Industry, and IT Network Association.

Prof. Srisakdi became the President of TFIT from July 2007 to July 2008. There over many activities. An example was from 28 June - 31 July 2008, when TFIT and Pantip Plaza, the Computer City, organized activities to collect used computer to donate to schools in rural area as a part of the IT Project to Support Rural Schools under the Royal Patronage of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. The TFIT-Pantip Project was named "Second-hand Computer for Underprivilege Kids". As a part of the activities, Prof. Srisakdi was invited to conduct a Talk Show at Pantip Plaza during Pantip Hot Sales, which was advertised in Thairat newspaper, Thansettakij newspaper, radio, and etc.

## 2.7 President of SEARCC

In the year 1969, Prof. Srisakdi, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Computer Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of HM the King, served as the Head of the Thai Delegation to the South East Asia Regional Computer Confederation in Singapore as shown in Figure 6.



Figure 6. The First South East Asia Regional Computer Conference in Singapore in 1976.



Figure 7. Chairman of the Session at SEARCC.

The Conference agreed to establish South East Asia Regional Computer Confederation (SEARCC) which was chartered in the year 1978 [8]. SEARCC has been organizing all kinds of activities such as conferences, software competitions, robot competitions, etc. Figure 7 shows a certificate Prof. Srisakdi got from SEARCC.

In the year 2007, Prof. Srisakdi was elected President of SEARCC as shown in Figure 8.



**Figure 8.** Prof. Srisakdi was elected President of SEARCC.

### ***2.8 President of Asia-Pacific Elearning Association***

As shown in Figure 9, H.E. Surapong Suebwonglee, the Minister of Information and Communication Technology and H.E. Khunying Dhipavadee Meksawan, the Permanent Secretary who later become the Minister, and Prof. Srisakdi held a news conference announcing the establishment of Asia-Pacific eLearning Association which was chartered on 29 December 2005. Prof. Srisakdi was the Founding President and remains the President as of the year 2009 [9].



**Figure 9** H.E. Dr. Surapong Suebwonglee, H.E. Khunying Thipavadee Meksawan, and Prof. Dr. Srisakdi Charmonman at eLearning 04.

Asia-Pacific Elearning Association has been joining with other learned societies to

organize the service of International Conference on eLearning for Knowledge-Based Society.

### ***2.9 President of the Association of Thai Internet Industry***

Prof. Srisakdi became the Founding President of the Association of Thai Internet Industry (ATII) chartered on 9 August 2000 [10]. ATII is the association of Internet-related companies and joined other learned societies such as CAT, ISOC, ACM, IEEE, etc. in organizing international conferences such as eLearning 04, eLearning 05, eLearning 06, eLearning 07, eLearning 08, and Charm 72.

Prof. Srisakdi is the Founding President and remains President of ATII in the year 2009.

### ***2.10 President of Thailand Internet Association***

In the year 1997, Prof. Srisakdi, in his capacity as the President of Thailand Chapter of the Internet Society proposed and the Executive Committee agreed to establish the Committee to Draft an Internet Promotion Act. The Committee included Bro. Martin and Prof. Srisakdi as the Advisors, and Mr. Rienchai Reowilaisuk, later Director General of the Post and Telegraph Department and a member of the National Telecommunications Commission, as the Chairman.

It turned out that Bangkok Post Newspaper was against the Internet Promotion Act with the reason that the Internet should be free and without any law. Several international news agencies, including Reuters and CNN interviewed Prof. Srisakdi and broadcasted that he was the first Thai national to earn in Ph.D. in the IT field in the US and that he was the President of Thailand Chapter of ISOC who was behind the proposed law. Vint Cerf from ISOC agreed with Bangkok Post, Reuters and CNN that there should not be any law about the Internet. ISOC issued a statement that Prof. Srisakdi be suspended from his duties as the President of Thailand Chapter of ISOC until he stopped supporting the draft law. So, Prof. Srisakdi, in his capacity as President of Thailand Chapter of the ACM and Chairman of Thailand Chapter of the Computer Society of the IEEE, requested and got approval from ACM and IEEE for Thailand Chapter of the

ACM and Thailand Chapter of the IEEE to provide venue and secretarial supports to continue the law drafting activities. Several open hearings were held such as one shown in Figure 10.



**Figure 10.** Open Hearing on Internet Promotion Act.

Unfortunately, there was a change of the Minister of Telecommunications and the law was not submitted to Parliament. Anyway, later on, all over the world, there have been all kinds of Internet laws. In a sense, the law drafting activities of ISOC Thailand was a little ahead of the time.

While fighting with ISOC headquarter, Prof. Srisakdi thought Thailand should have an Internet learned society separated from ISOC. Bro. Martin kindly agreed. So, Thailand Internet Association [11] was chartered in June 1998 with Bro. Martin as the Honorary President and Prof. Srisakdi the Founding President. Thailand Internet Association have about 20,000 members and have branches in 30 provinces of Thailand.

### **2.11 Chairman of Srisakdi Charmonman Foundation**

On 14 July 1998, Prof. Srisakdi became Founding Chairman of Srisakdi Charmonman Foundation [12] which as of the year 2009 has about 25 million baths. The purposes of the Foundation include to promote IT knowledge, to organize IT seminars, to promote writing of IT books and articles, to support IT Fund such as one at NIDA and the other at Thammasat University called “Phraya Nitisastra Baisalya and Prof. Srisakdi Charmonman Fund” which presents awards to the best graduates in law and in IT. Also awarded SC Prizes are

graduate of Assumption University as shown in Figure 11.



**Figure 11.** Awardees of SC Prizes in 2008.

### **2.12 Senior Chairman of the Interdisciplinary Network for Research and Development**

The Interdisciplinary Network of the Royal Institute of Thailand (INRIT) under the Royal Patronage of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, with officers as shown in Figure 12.



**Figure 12.** HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Graciously Granted Permission for a Group Photo.

INRIT asked Prof. Srisakdi to raise fund and register with the government the Interdisciplinary Network for Research and Development Foundation. Prof. Srisakdi became the Senior Chairman of the Foundation [13].

### **2.13 President of NIDA Faculty and Staff Association**

Prof. Srisakdi returned from the US to Thailand in the year 1974. At that time, the rules and regulations stated that whoever joined Civil Services had to start at the entrance level. The levels were, from highest to lowest, special class, first class, second class, third class, and etc. The highest level for a newcomer could be

“first class”. However, the Thai Government kindly changed the rules and regulations to allow highly qualified professional to start in the highest level of “special class”. Prof. Srisakdi became the first person in Thailand to use that rules and regulations.

At the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), Prof. Srisakdi was appointed Full Professor of Applied Statistic, Chair of the MS program in Data Processing and later elected President of the Faculty and Staff Association. Actually, during his three years at NIDA, he was appointed Chairman of all kinds of committees.

#### **2.14 President of KMITL Faculty Senate**

Prof. Srisakdi returned from private sector, i.e. Full-time Advisor for the President of Bangkok Bank, to public sector, i.e. King Mongkut’s Institute of Technology Ladkrabang on 27 February 1984. On that day, he was appointed Professor of Computer Engineering at the Position Classification Level 9 in the morning and promoted to PC 10 in the afternoon. PC 10 is equivalent to Director General in the Government.

In the year 1986, Prof. Srisakdi was promoted to PC 11 which is the highest level in Civil Services, the same rank as the Permanent Secretary of Ministry, Field Marshal in the military, and one level higher than Provincial governors.

Prof. Srisakdi was elected President of the Faculty Senate at KMITL. Then, he became Vice Presidents and Acting President of the Council of Presidents of the Faculty Senates of all Government Universities. From there, he was nominated and appointed member of the University Service Commission (Chaired by the Prime Minister) for two consecutive terms, each term of 2 years.

Prof. Srisakdi was appointed Chairman of Several University Service Subcommissions in charge of promotion to full professor in Engineering, Information Technology, Statistics, Accounting, Architecture, etc.

#### **2.15 President of AIT Alumni Association**

After Prof. Srisakdi returned from the US to Thailand in the year 1974, and became the first Full Professor appointed at the National Institute of Development Administration. He

was also invited to be an Adjunct Professor teaching a course at Asian Institute of Technology. He got to meet several members at AIT alumni. Then came a time to elect the President of AIT Alumni Association. Usually, the President of Thailand Chapter of AIT Alumni Association would be a candidate for the position of the President of the mother organization. Most members of AIT Alumni Association remembered that Prof. Srisakdi is the first (with highest grade) of the first graduating class. So, Prof. Srisakdi was elected President of AIT Alumni Association (AITAA). He never misses any monthly meeting of the Association. He chaired many national and international meeting organized by AITAA, such as the one in Nepal shown in Figure 13.



**Figure 13.** Prof. Srisakdi as the President of AITAA in Nepal in October 1990.

#### **2.16 A Trustee of the International Federation for Information Processing**

IFIP or the International Federation for Information Processing [14] was established in the year 1960 under the auspices of UNESCO. Members of IFIP are 48 national societies or academies of science. Prof. Srisakdi established TFIPS (Thai Federation for Information Processing Society), with himself as the Founding President, to represent Thailand in IFIP. TFIPS later merged with Thailand Internet Association and Prof. Srisakdi is also the Founding President. IFIP has 15 members in the Board of Trustees. As a member of IFIP General Assembly, Prof. Srisakdi was elected one of the 15 Members of IFIP Board of Trustees.



### **2.17 Director of Asia Pacific Network Information Center**

Asia Pacific Network Information Center or APNIC [15] is in charge of administering, IP addresses for Asia Pacific. In his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Internet KSC, the first and largest ISP (Internet Service Provider) in Thailand, Prof. Srisakdi was elected a Director of APNIC for two terms.

### **2.18 Trustee of Internet Society**

When Prof. Srisakdi tried to introduce the Internet Promotion Law in Thailand, ISOC was against it by saying that the Internet was free and should not have any law. ISOC suspended Prof. Srisakdi from his duties as the President of Thailand Chapter of ISOC. Prof. Srisakdi said that “if you cannot fight them, join them”, i.e. if you cannot fight ISOC Board of Trustees, join ISOC Board of Trustees. So, he gathered enough supporters to propose his name to be elected a member of ISOC Board of Trustees and won the election.

### **2.19 Institutional Representative of SLOAN-C**

Sloan-C [16] is a consortium of individuals, institutions, and organizations committed to quality online education, originally funded by Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and later became a non-profit, member-sustained organization. Prof. Srisakdi became the institutional representative of Assumption University in Sloan-C when he took the College of Internet Distance Education of Assumption University to be an institutional member of Sloan-C.

Sloan-C has been conducting annual surveys on online education in the US. The results should be valuable for Thailand and so, Prof. Srisakdi and his team have been translating the reports into Thai language.

### **2.20 Primary Representative to EDUCAUSE**

EDUCAUSE is a nonprofit association whose mission is to advance higher education by promoting the intelligent use of information technology [17]. EDUCAUSE is also in charge of .edu which in the year 2009 is reserved for educational organizations in the US. In the year 1995, when .edu was still available worldwide, Prof. Srisakdi applied for and became the owner of <.au.edu>.

Other universities such as American University (american.edu), Auburn University (auburn.edu), Andrews University (andrews.edu), Alfred University (www.alfred.edu), Arcadia University (acadia.edu), etc. would also like to use “.au.edu”.

## **3. CHAIRMAN OF OVER 100 GOVERNMENT COMMITTEES**

There has been comments that Prof. Srisakdi collected Chairmanship like his trophy. He replied by saying that if a committee meets once a month, and there are 30 days in a month, he should be Chairman of not more than 30 committees at any particular time. So, if he has to choose between the position of chairman of a committee and the position of non-chairman of another committee, he has to choose the position of chairman.

Prof. Srisakdi has been appointed Chairman of organizations related to the Government such as the following:

- Chairman of the Committee to Approve Computerization of All Government Universities, at the Ministry of University Affairs. (counted as 20 committees as there was a new appointment every year for 20 years).
- Expert Member in the “National Computer Committee (Subcommittee for Feasibility Study of Government Organization Computerization)”.
- Chairman of the Working Groups of the National Committee (such as for the Bank of Thailand, for the Police Department, for the Post and Telegraph Office, etc. altogether more than 20 Working Groups).
- Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the Promotion and Development of Software Copyright Protection, National Copyright Committee.
- Advisor to the Committee to Oversee the Development of Website for Bangkok Metropolitan Administration.
- Advisor to the IT Committee for Bangkok Metropolitan Administration for which the Governor of Bangkok is the Chairman.
- Chairman of the Committee to Coordinate and Establish Databases of National Economic and Social Advisory Council.

- Advisor to the Committee to Develop Public Participation in the Work of National Economic and Social Advisory Council.
- Chairman of the Subcommittee to Establish National Labor Standards on Web Designer.
- Chairman of the Subcommittee to Establish National Labor Standards on Computer Network Administrators.
- Chairman of the Subcommittee to Establish National Labor Standards on Microcomputer Repair Technicians.
- Chairman of the Subcommittee to Establish National Labor Standards on Multimedia Authorware Specialists.
- Chairman of the Subcommittee to Establish National Labor Standards on Interactive Web Programmers.
- Chairman of the Committee to Organize Thai Font Software Competition, Ministry of Commerce.
- Chairman of the Committee to Organize International Conference on eLearning for Knowledge-Based Society 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 (counted as 5 committees).
- Senior President of the Interdisciplinary Network Foundation for Research and Development.
- Chairman of the Committee to Organize eBusiness Seminar and Chairman of eIndustry Seminar 2005 (counted as two).
- Chairman of the Committee to Establish Specifications for Registration System, Ministry of Commerce.
- Chairman of e-Asean Business Council (eABC).
- Chairman of the Computer and Telecommunications Curriculum Committee for Government Universities, Ministry of University Affairs.
- Chairman of the Computer Curriculum Committee for Private Universities, Ministry of University Affairs.
- Vice Chairman, Extraordinary Commission on Copyrights, Thailand House of Representatives.
- Chairman of the Working Group on Software and Personnel, Thailand National Education Commission.
- Chairman of the Working group to Establish Educational Data Dictionary
- Project Manager for Electronic Commerce Pilot Project, Ministry of Commerce.
- Chairman of Internet Police Batch 1.
- Economic Advisor to the Federation of Thai Industries.
- Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of University Affairs, Minister of Science, and Deputy Minister of Commerce (counted as 4 entries).
- Chairman of the Committee on Guidelines to Promote and Develop Computer Systems for the Ministry of University Affairs.
- Member of the High-Power Task Force on e-ASEAN. (One private member per country.)
- Shepherd of e-Society of e-ASEAN.
- Former Chairman of AseanEducatorsOnline.com, endorsed by e-ASEAN.
- Member of the University Service Commission, chaired by the Prime Minister.
- Chairman of the University Service Subcommissions to Consider Promotion to Full Professorship. (over 20 subcommissions in 4 years, in Engineering, IT, Architecture, Business Administration, Accounting, etc.)
- Chairman of Associate Judges of the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court for the Year 2001 - 2002.
- ICT Expert in the Committee for Integration and Revolution of National Registration Records, chaired by the Prime Minister.

#### **4. CHAIRMAN OF OVER 4,520 ACADEMIC COMMITTEES**

When he started working at McMaster University at the age of 27, he was appointed chairman of over 5 committees, subcommittees, task forces, and working groups in 2 years.

At the University of Alberta for another two years, he was named Colloquium Chairman, Chairman of over 20 dissertation and thesis committees, Chairman of subcommittees in the Faculty Senate, and the Department. Altogether at the University of Alberta, he was Chairman of more than 30 groups.

At the University of Missouri for 5 years, Prof. Srisakdi was Chairman of more than 50 groups.

At the State University of New York for one year, Prof. Srisakdi was Chairman of about 10 groups. Therefore, altogether in the

US and Canada, Prof. Srisakdi was chairman of more than  $5+30+50+10 = 95$  groups.

At the National Institute of Development Administration for 3 year, Prof. Srisakdi was appointed Chairman of more than 12 examination-related committees, Chairman of more than 10 Institute-wide groups. Chairman of working groups in the Faculty and Staff Association. Altogether at NIDA, Prof. Srisakdi was Chairman of more than 30 groups.

At the Royal Turf Club for 3 years, Prof. Srisakdi was appointed Chairman of more than 30 committees and projects.

At Bangkok Bank for 3 years, Prof. Srisakdi was appointed Chairman of more than 30 committees and projects.

At King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang for 13 years, Prof. Srisakdi was appointed Chairman of more than 100 groups and projects.

Altogether with Chairmanship of 95 groups for Canada and the US plus chairmanship at various organizations in Thailand, the number of Chairmanship is  $95+30+30+30+100 = 285$  groups.

At Assumption University for 33 years, Prof. Srisakdi has been Chairman of over 4,000 committees. He was Chairman of the Computer Coordinating Committee, Chairman of the Committee to Improve AU Web Ranking, and etc. In his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Ph.D. (CIS) and Ph. D. (CEM) programs, he had to serve as Chairman of the Admission Committees (over 100 committees), Chairman of the Qualifying Exam Committees (over 50 committees) and Chairman of the Dissertation Defense Committees (27 committees), totalling  $100+50+27 = 177$  committees. In his capacity as the Chairman of the Board of there Graduate Schools, he had been Chairman of the Project Committees for 1,633 graduates from the Graduate School of Computer Information Systems (CIS), 1,466 graduates from the Graduate School of Computer and Engineering Management (CEM), and 913 graduate from the Graduate School of Internet and eCommerce (IEC).

Altogether, at Assumption University, the number of academic chairmanship of Prof. Srisakdi has been  $177+1,633+1,466+913 =$

4,189. At the College of Internet Distance Education Prof. Srisakdi served as Chairman of the Executive Board and Chairman of 30 Ph.D. Entrance Exams, 15 Ph.D. Qualifying Exams and Ph.D. Dissertation Defense. Therefore, by the time he is 72 years old, the number of academic chairmanship Prof. Srisakdi have served is  $285+4,189+46 = 4,520$ .

## 5. CONCLUDING REMARKS

By the time he is 72 years old, Prof. Srisakdi has been President or Chairman of 20 Professional Organizations, Chairman or Expert Members of 100 Government-related committees, and 4,520 Academic Committees. At 72, he is still working about 16 hours a day and 7 days a week and make significant contributions to the organizations he serves, to the nation, and to the world.

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