

OBITUARY



Professor Emeritus Chamlong Harinasuta

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Founding Father of SEAMEO TROPED Network

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Born: 17 January 1921

Married: Professor Emeritus Khunying Tranakchit Harinasuta

Son: Dr Jitjumlong Harinasuta

Education:

- MD (First Class distinction-gold medal)
- Diploma in Tropical Medicine, Calcutta, India
- Doctor of Science, University of Medical Science (now Mahidol University), Bangkok, Thailand.
- PhD in Tropical Medicine, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK
- Honorary Doctorate Degrees from : Chulalongkorn University, Chiang Mai University, and Mahidol University

Work:

1960-1960 Faculty of Medicine, Siriraj Hospital

1960 Acting Secretary-General, University of Medical Science (now Mahidol University)

1960-1982 Dean, Faculty of Tropical Medicine

1967-1994 Secretary-General/Coordinator, SEAMEO TROPMED Network

2003-2009 Honorary Editor, The Southeast Asian Journal of Tropical Medicine and Public Health

Medal Awards:

1977 The Dushdi Mala Medal awarded by His Majesty the King of Thailand

1978 WHO Medal Award awarded by Director General of World Health Organization

Honorary Member/Fellow:

1979 The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

1982 The Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

1991 The Institute of Queensland, Institute of Medical Research, Brisbane

1992 The Australasian College of Tropical Medicine, James Cook University of North Queensland

Professor Emeritus Chamlong Harinasuta, the Honorary Editor of the Southeast Asian Journal of Tropical Medicine and Public Health, passed away on 4 August 2009 at the age of 89 years.

It is difficult for us to describe all of his contributions to the fields of tropical medicine and public health. The following condolence messages sent from those who have known him or have been worked with him are the best descriptions for his personality, philosophy, and impact on tropical medicine:

As Founder and former Dean of the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Emeritus Professor Chamlong's contributions in various areas of medical education and research, especially in the field of tropical medicine, received international acclaim.

Professor Chamlong will always be an inspiration for his former students and younger colleagues, for whom he has left behind a rich legacy of wisdom from his extensive experience in tropical medicine that reflects, among other means, through his numerous articles and publications.

Dr Samlee Plianbangchang, Regional Director
WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia

He was a very interesting person with many ideas in the fields of science, philosophy and religion. It was very great privilege to have known someone whose influence on the development of Tropical Medicine in SE Asia, through The Faculty and SEAMEO TROPMED, was so profound.

Professor David A Warrell and Dr Mary Warrell
Professor Emeritus of Tropical Medicine, University of Oxford

Prof Harinasuta leaves behind a rich legacy of excellent accomplishments and advocacies in tropical medicine and public health in the region.

Dean Nina Gloriani and the SEAMEO TROPMED Philippines Family

We will remember him fondly for his tremendous contributions, character, intelligence and kindness. All who were associated with him can take pride in what they accomplished with him.

Maxine Whittaker, Professor of International and Tropical Health
Director, The Australian Centre for International and Tropical Health

All staff of SEAMEO TROPMED Network will always remember him fondly and respectfully.

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