

The Man God Sent to Help Me Develop AU to be Center of Excellence in IT

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Abstract- God sent Prof. Dr. Srisakdi Charmonman to Assumption University in the year 1976 and up to the year 2009 he has been with Au for 33 years. With Rev. Bro. Dr. Prathip Martin Komolmas's wholehearted support, Prof. Srisakdi has helped Bro. Martin making Au a Center of Excellence in IT Education as H.E. Surapong Suebwonglee, the Minister of Information and Communication Technology, reported at the Opening of Srisakdi Charmonman IT Center to HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. Prof. Srisakdi has achieved so many "first" for Au and himself. The first example presented in this paper is Au being the first and only Founding Member in South East Asia of the Internet Society and the first Chapter of the Internet Society in ASEAN. The other examples are Au being the first university in the world to require all students to use the Internet, being the first organization to present Internet connections to the Royal Family, the first university in the world to offer Business Computer degree program, the first university in Thailand to use the U.S. "Dot edu", the first university in Thailand to offer computer-related Ph.D. program, the only organization in Thailand to be "Sun SITE Thailand", the first organization in Thailand to establish Cisco Router Training Center, and the organization in Thailand to represent the country in the International Federation for Information Processing. Other examples of his achievements are being the Founder of ABAC Poll, the Father of Thai Internet, the Father of Thai eLearning, a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, the Founder

and Chairman of Internet KSC, the Founder and Chairman of the College of Internet Distance Education offering the first and only Ph.D. in eLearning Methodology, and the Founder of Radio and TV Programs from Assumption University.

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1. INTRODUCTION

This paper is taken from Chapters in the book "Asian Computer Man" [1-11].

When H.E. Prof. Dr. Choop Karnjanaprakorn was the President of Au, he contacted Rev. Bro. Dr. Prathip Martin Komolmas at Stanford University that Au should have an IT expert, and he proposed Prof. Dr. Srisakdi Charmonman who was Professor of Applied Statistics, Chairman of the Department of Data Processing and President of the Faculty and Staff Association at NIDA. Bro. Martin agreed and so in the year 1976, God sent Prof. Srisakdi to Au and as of the year 2009, he has been with Au for 33 years. There is a word in Thai "Saha-jati (สหชาติ)" which in the narrow sense means persons born on the same year, and in the extended sense means persons born to help each other in making achievements. Bro. Martin once announced to the public that Prof. Srisakdi and he himself were "Saha-Jati" and that God sent Prof. Srisakdi to help him make achievements for Assumption University. As a matter of fact, Prof. Srisakdi helped Bro. Martin to develop Au from a business college to be a well respected Center of Excellence in

Information Technology as reported to HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn by H.E. Surapong Suebwonglee, the Minister of Information and Communication Technology at the opening of Srisakdi Charmonman IT Center. An example to testify to the motto of Au “Labor Omnia Vincit” is Prof. Srisakdi, about whom Bro. Martin said you can see his mercedes-benz in front of the D-Building until about 10 pm every night showing that he works 16 hours a day and 7 days a week. With the wholehearted support from Bro. Martin, Prof. Srisakdi has achieved so many “first” for Au and himself. For example, Au is the first and only Founding Member of the Internet Society in South East Asia; the seat of Thailand Chapter of the Internet Society which is the first chapter in ASEAN; the first university in the world to offer “Business Computer” degree program; the first university in Thailand to use the US “Dot edu”; the first university in Thailand to offer computer-related Ph.D. degree program; and the first and only organization in Thailand to represent the country at the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP). Prof. Srisakdi is the Founder and CEO of the College of Internet Distance Education which offers the first and only Ph.D. in eLearning Methodology. Prof. Srisakdi is also the Founder of ABAC Poll which became one of the top poll in Thailand, and he was the Chairman from 1996 to 2008. From www.charm.au.edu, Prof. Srisakdi has authored more than 1,500 books and articles, directed research projects for many international and national organizations, and thus helped Au in showing its flag all over the world. Prof. Srisakdi was also named Asian Computer Man of the Year, Father of Thai Internet, Father of Thai eLearning, and Fellow of the Royal Institution of Great Britain.

2. PHRAYA NITISAстра’S 25TH CHILD

Prof. Srisakdi’s father is Phraya Nitisastra Baisalya (Von Charmonman) who was the Deputy Principal Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Acting Principal Private Secretary to HM King Rama VII. He had 31 Children from 16 wives. All of Phraya Nitisastra’s wives were legal and

may be considered equal in the sense that he did not formally requested royal permission to name any one “Khunying”. Prof. Srisakdi is his 25th child. Photographs of Prof. Srisakdi’s father is shown in Figure 1 and his mother shown in Figure 2.



Figure 1. H.E. Phraya Nitisastra Bhaissalya (Von Charmonman).



Figure 2. Khun Salee Charmonman (Chananapa).

A photograph of Prof. Srisakdi when he was young is shown in Figure 3. Among all the 31 children, Prof. Srisakdi attained the highest rank (C-11) in Civil Service.



Figure 3. Srisakdi in similar uniform as his father.

3. KROM LAUNG CHUMPHON'S GRANDSON-IN-LAW

Prof. Srisakdi's wife, Parasubhasri Subhajalasaya, is a daughter of H.E. Laung Subhajalasaya (Subhajalasaya National Stadium named in his honour) and HSH Princess Charubatra, the eldest daughter of HRH Krom Luang Chumphon Khet Udomsak, a son of HM King Rama V. Prof. Srisakdi has two daughters, Suphasri and Sareeporn. Rev. Bro. Martin has kindly helped to get them admitted to St. Joseph Convent School. Prof. Srisakdi's family is shown in Figures 4 and 5.



Figure 4. Prof.Srisakdi's family.



Figure 5. Prof. Srisakdi at the age of 70 and his 6-year old grandson.

4. FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE INTERNET SOCIETY

In the year 1992, Vint Cerf, the Father of the Internet invited interested parties to become founding members of the learned society to be called the "Internet Society (ISOC)". Prof. Srisakdi expressed his interest to Vint Cerf for Assumption University to be a founding member of ISOC. The annual membership fee for founding member was 5,000 US\$ per year. Prof. Srisakdi presented the idea to Bro. Martin

who kindly agreed. Therefore, Assumption University became the only Founding Member of ISOC in Southeast Asia. Prof. Srisakdi became a member of the Advisory Council. In October 1996, Thailand Chapter of the Internet Society was established with the headquarter located at Assumption University with Bro. Martin as the Honorary President and Prof. Srisakdi as the President. Later, Prof. Srisakdi was elected one of the 15 members of the Board of Trustees of ISOC. He was also elected one of the 5 directors of Asia Pacific Network Information Center (APNIC).

5. THE FIRST UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD TO REQUIRE ALL STUDENTS TO USE THE INTERNET

Prof. Srisakdi proposed and the AU University Council approved that all students at AU be required to use the Internet. That made ABAC the first University in the world to require that all students use the Internet. Other universities have the Internet available but make it optional for the student to choose whether or not to use the Internet. Some members of the University Council opposed that Au would have to pay too much but Prof. Srisakdi countered that Au would not have to pay if Au collected 200 baht from each student totaling about 40 million baht per year. That action increased the number of Internet users in Thailand from a few thousand by 20,000 and made Au the university with the best Internet facility at that time. By the year 2009, Au has 40 terabytes of memory, 200 mbps in Thailand and 60 mbps connected to the US. By the end of 2009, the connection would be 120 mbps to the US, and 400 mbps in Thailand.

6. PRESENTED INTERNET CONNECTIONS TO THE ROYAL FAMILY

Prof. Srisakdi proposed to Bro. Martin that Au installed its own International Internet Gateway which became the first International Internet Gateway of the private sector in Thailand. HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn graciously pushed the button to start the Gateway as shown in Figure 6.



Figure 6. HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn graciously pushed the button to start the Gateway.



Figure 7. HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn granted an audience for Au to present Internet Connection to her.

In Figure 7, Bro. Martin and Prof. Srisakdi presented Internet connection from Assumption University and the company incubated at Au by the name of Internet KSC to HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn for use at her office at Chaipattana Building. Also presented were 15 microcomputers which have to be replaced every 3-4 years. A staff member from Au is also assigned to go to Chaipattana Building every Friday to take care of the computers. As a matter of fact, HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn has kindly granted an audience for Prof. Srisakdi, Bro. Martin, and Bro. Bancha on 14 May 2009 to present to her another set of 15 microcomputers. On that day, HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn also kindly blessed Prof. Srisakdi for his 72nd Birthday.

In Figure 8, HM the King graciously granted an audience for Prof. Srisakdi to accept a plaque for his presentation of Internet connection to HM the King's office at Klaikangwon Palace, Internet connection to HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's office at Klaikangwon Palace, and Internet connection at DLF eLearning project at Wang Klaikangwon School.



Figure 8. HM the King graciously granted audience for Prof. Srisakdi to accept a plaque.

In Figure 9, HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn graciously granted an audience for Prof. Srisakdi to present a short course about Internet advancement, with Bro. Martin in the audience.



Figure 9. HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn graciously granted an audience for Prof. Srisakdi to present a short course.

In Figure 10, HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn graciously granted an audience for Bro. Martin and Prof. Srisakdi to present to her the digital library of her personal library at Chaipattana Building.



Figure 10. HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn graciously granted an audience for Bro. Martin and Prof. Srisakdi to present to her the digital library.

During their trip to China on 16-31 October 2000, HM the Queen and HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn graciously granted permission for Prof. Srisakdi to provide live broadcast thru the Internet of the fashion show from China to Thailand. Prof. Srisakdi also provided Internet connection for HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn to use in the cities in China HRH visited.

7. FIRST UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD TO OFFER “BUSINESS COMPUTER” DEGREE PROGRAM

In the year 1979, H.E. Dr. Khunying Kalaya (who is the Minister of Science and Technology in the year 2009) and Prof. Srisakdi with the support of H.E. Dr. Choop Karnjanaprakorn (who was the Minister of Science, Technology and Energy when the Ministry was established), drafted the Business Computer Curriculum which was approved by the Ministry of University Affairs. At that time, no other universities in

the world used the term “Business Computer”. Therefore, it may be said that Au offered the first Business Computer Degree Program in the world. From the year 1979 to 2009, the number of graduates is 2,253 which is about 64% of all the graduates of 8 IT-related Bachelor’s degree program at Au.

8. FIRST UNIVERSITY IN THAILAND TO USE THE US “DOT EDU”

On 27 April 1995, Prof. Srisakdi registered “au.edu” to stand for “Assumption University”. At that time, anyone can register a dot “edu” but later the U.S. Government allows only US educational institutions to be able to use “.edu”. Some government universities in Thailand would also like to use “.edu” but are not allowed. It took quite a while for Prof. Srisakdi to convince Au to replace “abac.ac.th” by “au.edu” which looks more international.

Many U.S. universities such as “Adelphi University”, “American University”, “Anderson University”, “Andrews University”, and “Auburn University” would like to use “au.edu” and offer to pay a good price for it but Prof. Srisakdi refused to sell “au.edu” to any of them.

9. FIRST UNIVERSITY IN THAILAND TO OFFER COMPUTER-RELATED PH.D. PROGRAM

In the year 1991, Prof. Srisakdi established the Ph.D. (CIS) and Ph.D. (CEM) at Assumption University. It was the first doctorate program offered by any private university in Thailand. It was also the first IT-related Ph.D. in Thailand. At that time, other universities such as Chulalongkorn, Kasetsart, Ladkrabang, etc. offered their IT-related doctorate program as Engineering degree without the word “computer” in the degree name.

The curricula for the two Ph.D. programs were based on the program Prof. Srisakdi was familiar with when he was the Director of Graduate Studies in Computer Science at the University of Missouri from 1968 to 1973 and

Professor of Computer Science at the State University of New York from 1973 to 1974.

Up to the year 2009, there have been 24 graduates of Ph.D. CIS and Ph.D. CEM.

10. SUN SITE THAILAND

Sun SITE stands for “Sun Software, Information and Technology Exchange”. From “en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunsite”, Sun SITE is a network of Internet Servers providing archives of information, software and other publicly available resources. The servers are run by a number of universities worldwide with hardware initially sponsored by Sun Microsystems.

In the year 1992, Sun was selecting an educational institution in Thailand to be Sun SITE Thailand. Candidates were NECTEC and several government universities such as Chula, Thammasat, Ladkrabang, Kaset, etc. and Assumption University. Finally, Sun selected AU to be Sun SITE Thailand, making Assumption University the only Sun SITE in Thailand, the third Sun SITE in Asia, and the eight Sun SITE in the world.

Example of other notable Sun SITES are Sun SITE Austria by University of Vienna, Sun SITE Canada by University of British Columbia, Sun SITE Denmark by Open Source Hosting, Sun SITE North Carolina by University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Sun SITE Poland by University of Warsaw, Sun SITE Switzerland by SWITCH Information Technology Services, Sun SITE Singapore by National University of Singapore, and etc.

Software information and free software may be downloaded at “Software Archives” in Sun SITE Thailand. Included also are information about Thailand in general and specific topics of interest.

11. CISCO ROUTER TRAINING CENTER

In the year 1995, Prof. Srisakdi requested and Bro. Martin, in his capacity as the President of Assumption University at that time, approved the establishment of “Assumption University Cisco Router

Training Center”. Four Cisco routers, 2 of model 4500 and 2 of model 2500 were purchased at the cost of about one million baht. Mr. Firouz Anaraki was sent to Singapore for Cisco Training in 1995. Then at the beginning of 1996, Mr. Firouz had to go to take the examination at Cisco Headquarter in San Jose, California, USA, and he passed the exam to be Certified Cisco System Instructor.

In the middle of 1996, in order to have a more central location than Assumption University campus, Bro. Martin suggested and Prof. Srisakdi agreed to establish Assumption University Router Training Center at St. Gabriel Headquarter in Soi Tonglore near the residence of the Brothers. Bro. Martin kindly appointed Prof. Srisakdi the Chairman of the Center and Mr. Firouz the Instructor. Trainings were conducted 1-2 times a month. The three courses taught were (1) ICRC : Introduction to Cisco Routing Configuration, (2) ACRC : Advanced Cisco Routing Configuration, and (3) ICDN : Interconnecting Cisco Devices Network. Each trainee paid US\$1,500.

The Center was operational for about 4 years, from the year 1996 to the year 2000. The income exceeded the cost. However, the routers became obsolete and had to be replaced in the year 2000. Therefore, with the requirement for new investment, it was decided to close the Center. Figure 11 shows Au President Bro. Martin, Center Chairman Prof. Srisakdi, Cisco instructor Dr. Firouz, and trainees.



Figure 11. Assumption University Cisco Router Training Center.

12. THE ONLY ORGANIZATION IN THAILAND TO REPRESENT THE COUNTRY AT IFIP

The International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) has the status of advisory organization to UNESCO. There is only one member from each country. Prof. Srisakdi registered Thai Federation for Information Processing Society (TFIPS) with himself as the President and H.E. Dr. Khunying Kalaya Sophonpanich the Vice President. TFIPS applied to represent Thailand in IFIPS but there were opposition from the Computer Association of Thailand (CAT) under the Royal Patronage of H.M. the King and other organizations. At that time, Prof. Srisakdi was the Secretary General of CAT and convinced CAT that it would be too expensive for CAT to pay the annual fee and that if Au is allowed to pay the annual fee to IFIP, Au would let CAT have all the benefits such as sending members of CAT to be members of IFIP Committees. Finally, Prof. Srisakdi maneuvered to get Au to represent Thailand by using the name of TFIPS which later merged with Thailand Internet Association founded and located at Au. Of course, Bro. Martin kindly approved Prof. Srisakdi's request for Au to pay the fee and has the honour of being the only organization in Thailand to be in charge of representing the country in IFIP.

Later, Prof. Srisakdi was elected to be 1 of the 15 members of the Board of Trustees of IFIP.

13. FOUNDER AND FOUNDING CHAIRMAN OF ABAC POLL

In the year 1996, there was an election of Bangkok governor. Prof. Srisakdi initiated the idea, proposed and got approval from Bro. Martin, who was the President of Au at that time, to conduct Election Polls through the Internet and field surveys. Then, Prof. Srisakdi asked Mr. Noppadol Kannika who was an instructor in marketing research to help him in conducting the election polls. Computers at Au were taken to shopping

centers and several other locations and connected to the Internet. Field surveys were made. Prof. Srisakdi announced the result of the poll which suggested that Dr. Pijit Rattakul would get more votes than all the other candidates combined. Polls by other polling organizations suggested that Chamlong Srimuang or Kritsada Arunwongse na Ayutthaya would be the winner. Some newsmen from newspapers and radio programs said that Prof. Srisakdi must have gone crazy to predict that Dr. Pijit would win over more famous figures like Chamlong and Kritsada and that Prof. Srisakdi was even crazier to predict that Dr. Pijit would win more votes than all the other candidates combined.

On the Election Day, Au sent representatives to all polling stations and reported the counting results by mobile phone to the center at Au Huamark Campus. Newsmen from TV stations, radio stations, and newspapers witnessed the results compiled by the Internet terminals that Au prediction was correct. That event brought respect to the capability of the poll conducted by Au.



Figure 12. President Emeritus Rev. Bro. Martin, President Rev. Bro. Bancha, ABAC POLL Chairman Prof. Srisakdi, and participants at a seminar conducted by ABAC POLL in May 2008.

Later in the same year of 1996, Prof. Srisakdi proposed to and got approval from Bro. Martin to establish ABAC-KSC Internet Poll Research Center with Prof. Srisakdi as the Founder and Chairman and Noppadol Kannikar as the Director. ABAC-KSC

Internet Poll Research Center was widely known as “ABAC POLL”. Prof. Srisakdi was the Founding Chairman of ABAC POLL from the year 1996 until the year 2008 when ABAC SIMBA (ABAC Social Innovation in Management and Business Analysis) was established and Bro. Martin became the Chairman of ABAC Poll. Figures 12, 13, and 14 are from events organized by of ABAC Poll. The original idea of having a unit to use the Internet to conduct poll will later be implemented by Prof. Srisakdi.



Figure 13. H.E. Somchai Wongsavat, Permanent Secretary of Justice (Later Prime Minister) with Prof. Srisakdi, Chairman of ABAC POLL.



Figure 14. H.E. Purachai Piamsomboon, Deputy Prime Minister with Prof. Srisakdi, Chairman of ABAC POLL.

14. ASIAN COMPUTER MAN, FATHER OF THAI INTERNET AND FATHER OF THAI ELEARNING

In the year 1981, Prof. Srisakdi was named "Asian Computer Man of the Year 1981" by Computer-Asia published in Hong Kong, as shown in 15.

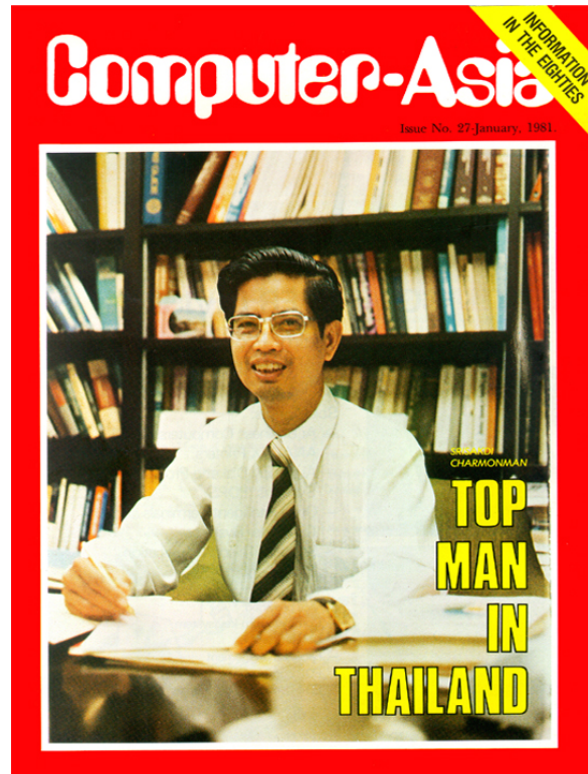


Figure 15. Prof. Srisakdi on the front cover of Computer-Asia as “Asian Computer Man of the Year 1981”.

Prof. Srisakdi has been named "Father of the Thai Internet" by a number of newspapers and magazines such as Bangkok Post, Smart Job, GM Magazine, and Image. Details can be found at <www.charm.Au.edu>, as shown in Figure 16.



Figure 16. Bangkok Post named Prof. Srisakdi “Father of Thai Internet”.

In the year 2006, he was named “Father of Thai E-Learning” by the International

Biographical Centre, Cambridge, UK, as shown in figure 17.



Figure 17. Father of Thai eLearning.

In the year 2007, Prof. Srisakdi was named “Fellow of the Royal Institution of Great Britain” as shown in figure 18.



Figure 18. Fellow of the Royal Institution of Great Britain (FRB).

15. FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF INTERNET KSC

After Au approved his proposal to require all Au students to use the Internet, the student parents and relatives expressed interest in using the Internet as well. So,

Prof. Srisakdi requested Bro. Martin to allow Au to be the incubator for an Internet company, similar to the practice of universities in the U.S. serving as incubators. Bro. Martin kindly agreed.

The Ministry of Commerce approved Prof. Srisakdi’s registration of “Internet KSC Co., Ltd.” on 7 June 1994 as the first company in Thailand to explicitly state the purpose of providing Internet services. Prof. Srisakdi registered another company called “KSC Commercial Internet Co., Ltd.” as the operating company with Internet KSC and the Communications Authority of Thailand jointly investing in.

Prof. Srisakdi accepted the invitation to roadshow in New York and was offered 1 billion US\$ for the company. He wanted to sell it but his co-investor, Dr. Adisai Potharamic sued him in court. While they were fighting in court, the dot com boom collapsed with 400-500 companies bankrupted every month. So, he sold the company at very low price and the company later made a loss of about 100 million baht per year.

16. FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COLLEGE OF INTERNET DISTANCE EDUCATION

The Board of Trustees of Assumption University approved the establishment of the College of Internet Distance Education (CIDE) on April 25, 2002 with Prof. Srisakdi as the Executive Chairman and CEO. With the support of Rev. Bro. Dr. Prathip Martin Komolmas and Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, Prof. Srisakdi and his team are offering Ph.D. in eLearning Methodology which is the first and only Ph.D. in eLearning Methodology in the world. CIDE are also offering MS in Management, MS in ICT, and MS in eLearning Methodology.

17. FOUNDER OF RADIO AND TV PROGRAMS FROM AU

In January 1997, AV ADS company which ran FM 97 Radio station signed an agreement with Prof. Srisakdi in his capacity

as Chairman of ABAC Poll. AV ADS would pay ABAC Poll 2,490,800 baht to survey students' rating of songs in Thailand and for Prof. Srisakdi to conduct a radio program "Internet IT Talk" for 2 hours every week on FM 97. The radio program was broadcasted on FM 97 for about 7 years and moved to AM 891. When it was broadcasted for 2 hours, it was divided into 4 sections of 23 minutes, totaling 92 minutes and left 120-92 = 28 minutes for advertisement at about 200,000 baht per month to be given half to Prof. Srisakdi but he has never gotten the money and he considered the program as free academic contribution to the public.

As of the year 2009, the radio programs are broadcasted at FM 92.5 and AM 891 entitled "Talking in IT language with Srisakdi Charmonman", and at AM 819 entitled "Internet IT with Srisakdi Charmonman" about one hour each.

The Distance Learning Foundation (DLF) has also asked Prof. Srisakdi to conduct a TV show "Internet IT with Srisakdi Charmonman" every Sunday 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. Six courses have been produced, each with 52 hours. They are "Introduction to the Internet", "Introduction to Computers", Management Information Systems", "Internet Security", "eLearning", and "eCommerce". The program is broadcasted on DLTV 9 and DStv 89 or Catv 56. More TV programs are being produced.

18. CONCLUDING REMARKS

God has sent Prof. Dr. Srisakdi Charmonman to help Rev. Bro. Dr. Prathip Martin Komolmas in making achievements for Assumption University for 33 years as of the year 2009. As an example, with the wholehearted support of Bro. Martin, Prof. Srisakdi has worked very hard to make Assumption University a Center of Excellent in IT Education as H.E. Surapong Suebwonglee, the Minister of Information and Communication Technology, reported at the Opening of Srisakdi Charmonman IT Center, to HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. Another example is that Au is the only Founding Member in Asia of the

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At the age of 72, Prof. Srisakdi is still working 16 hours a day and 7 days a week. We hope that Prof. Srisakdi will continue to work for AU until he is 100 years old.

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