Dr. Prasarn Trairatvorakul

Plenary session: Applications of Sufficient Economy Philosophy and the Principle of Work in Agricultural and Rural Development

As the 22nd Governor of the Bank of Thailand, between 2010 and 2015, Dr. Prasarn Trairatvorakul played many critical roles in steering the country’s Monetary and Financial Policies through many international and domestic challenges. Financial markets had high confidence in the nation’s macroeconomic stability and the country’s strong banking system. He was also admired for his important roles in the areas of Consumer Protection, Financial Literacy, and Good Corporate Governance.

In September 2011 during the IMF and World Bank annual meetings, he was awarded the “2011 Emerging Markets Central Bank Governor of the Year Award for Asia”. Later in December 2012, Money & Banking Magazine awarded him “2012 Financier of the Year Award”. These awards recognize him for his strong policy track record and steadfast commitment to maintaining economic stability. Prior to that, Dr. Prasarn has worked in the top positions of a number of public and private organizations, including the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand and Kasikornbank Pcl. He is also currently serving in a number of Board of Directors of Business Corporations and Charity Organizations.

After graduated with a First-Class honour from the Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University in 1974, followed immediately by a Master’s Degree in Engineering at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), he won the Ananda Mahidol Scholarship to pursue his M.B.A. and Doctorate degree in Business Administration at Harvard University (1976-1981). He has also been awarded five honorary doctorate degrees in Economics and Business Administration from four universities in Thailand.