

Professor Dr. Pakdee Pothisiri



Professor Dr. Pakdee Pothisiri was a Commissioner of the National Anti-Corruption Commission of Thailand (NACC) from 2006 to 2015. He is currently retaining his advisory role to the NACC and chairmanship of its National Anti-Corruption Strategy Coordination Sub-Commission.

During his tenure as NACC Commissioner, Prof. Pothisiri was Chairman of International Affairs Sub-Commissions. He oversaw international affairs of the Commission and its Secretariat - Office of the NACC. His duties included the supervision of NACC efforts to implement Thailand's obligations under the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) and international cooperation in the forms of coordination and collaboration of international corruption cases and establishing Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with anti-corruption counterparts and relevant international agencies as well as implementing obligations under those MOUs. He was also responsible for initiating and developing technical cooperation, particularly in capacity building for NACC personnel, with various organizations and institutions abroad at both regional and international levels.

Prof. Pothisiri has been an active member of several international anti-corruption organizations and has undertaken an active role in international forums and initiatives. He was the principal Commissioner for Thailand's hosting of the 14th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) in 2010. In December 2012 he was elected a member of the Board of Governors of the International Anti-Corruption Academy based in Laxenburg/Vienna, Austria, with the term of three years. Prof. Pothisiri was a member of the Interpol Group of Expert on Corruption (IGEC) from 2008-2013. He also headed Thai delegation to a number of important international and regional anti-corruption platforms such as UNCAC Implementation Review Group, ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiatives for Asia and the Pacific meetings and conferences, and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Anti-Corruption and Transparency Working Group (APEC-ACT) meetings. As for ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiatives for Asia and the Pacific, Prof. Pothisiri was appointed Chairman of the Ad-hoc Working Group in 2012 to review the future direction of the Initiatives. He was also presented with the first APEC-ACT Achievement Award for his contribution to APEC Anti-Corruption and Transparency Working Group and the successful organization of the APEC Pathfinder Dialogue in September 2013. More recently Prof. Pothisiri has initiated Thailand's efforts to push for an integration of the Southeast Asian Parties against Corruption (SEA-PAC) platform into the formal structure of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Prof. Pothisiri has been a special lecturer at many universities and institutes and an invited speaker at several international meetings and conferences on anti-corruption. Moreover, during his tenure as special lecturer on pharmaceutical chemistry at Graduate School of Chulalongkorn University he was royally appointed an Adjunct Professor in 1990.

Prof. Pothisiri had previously served in various capacities at the Ministry of Public Health which included supervision of international affairs of the Ministry. Some of his previous positions include Secretary-General of the Food and Drug Administration (2004-2006 and 1995-1997), Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Health (2002-2004 and 1997-1999). He was appointed a Commissioner of the World Health Organization Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Health (2003-2006), and Chairman (1995-1999) of FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission. From 1974 to 1990 Prof. Pothisiri served as the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Division of the Federation of the Asian Pharmaceutical Association. He was also President of the Pharmacy Council of Thailand (2004-2006), and Chairman of the Board of Director of Government Pharmaceutical Organization (1999-2002).

Prof. Pothisiri received his B.Sc (Honors) in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, and a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin, United States. He also holds a B.A. in Law and a D.PH in Public Health Administration. In 1996, Prof. Pothisiri received the "Men of Achievements Award" from the Association of Thai Society. He was also a recipient of the prestigious "Ebert Prize" for best scientific report published in the Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences in 1975 from the United States National Academy of Sciences.
