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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND POLICY

Asst. Prof. Dr.
Sirisak Laochankham

On behalf of the College of Public Affairs and Policy (COPA), Khon Kaen University, it is my great pleasure to welcome all distinguished guests, keynote speakers, scholars, practitioners, and participants to the Second International Conference on Public Affairs (ICPA2026), held on 19–20 November 2026 in Khon Kaen, Thailand.

This year's conference, under the theme "Public Service Reform in the Age of Global Power Shifts," takes place at a time when governments and societies face unprecedented challenges. Geopolitical tensions, technological disruption, economic uncertainty, and changing public expectations are reshaping the landscape of governance and public service delivery. These developments call for new perspectives, innovative approaches, and stronger collaboration across institutions, sectors, and national boundaries.

ICPA2026 provides an international platform for scholars, policymakers, and practitioners to exchange knowledge, share experiences, and explore practical solutions to these complex challenges. Through keynote addresses, plenary discussions, research presentations, and innovation showcases, we hope to foster meaningful dialogue that advances both the scholarship and practice of public affairs.

This conference also holds special significance as we celebrate 20 years of our College's commitment to advancing public administration education, research, and public service. Our recent transformation from the College of Local Administration to the College of Public Affairs and Policy reflects our expanding academic mission and aspiration to contribute more broadly to public affairs scholarship and governance, while maintaining our longstanding commitment to local governance and community development.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our distinguished speakers, international partners, organizing committee, sponsors, and all those whose contributions have made this conference possible. Above all, I thank every participant for being part of this important gathering.

May ICPA2026 inspire new ideas, strengthen international partnerships, and encourage collective efforts toward more responsive, inclusive, and effective governance.

Welcome to Khon Kaen, and I wish you a productive and memorable conference.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Date and Time	Activity	Location
Day 0 Pre-Conference: Wednesday, 18 November 2026		
Various times	Participants and guests arrive in Khon Kaen (shuttle service to be provided for all participants and guests)	Airport to Heritage Grand
16:00 hrs.	**Conference Pre-Registration** • Registration desk opens • Participants receive name tags and conference programs	Registration desk, ground floor, Heritage Grand
18:00-20:00 hrs.	Sponsor and honorary partner reception dinner (for invited guests only)	Good Times & Bristro
Day 1 of the Conference: Thursday, 19 November 2026		
08:00 hrs.	**Conference Registration** • Registration desk opens • Participants receive name tags and conference programs	Registration desk, 2nd floor
08:00-09:00 hrs.	**Pre-Opening Session** • Video presentations featuring host, sponsors, and partners • Cultural performance	Orchid Ballroom 1, 2nd floor
09:00-09:20 hrs.	**Opening Ceremony** • Masters of ceremony: Dr. Xenia Emperador-Garnace and Dr. Alim Bubu Swarga • Conference overview by Asst. Prof. Dr. Grichawat Lowatcharin • Recognition of sponsors by Asst. Prof. Dr. Sirisak Laochankham • Welcome remarks by Assoc. Prof. Charnchai Panthongviriyakul, M.D., President of Khon Kaen University	Orchid Ballroom 1, 2nd floor
09:20-10:00 hrs.	**Conference Opening Remarks** • Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Pakorn Nilprapunt, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand • Awarding certificates of appreciation to sponsors and group photo	Orchid Ballroom 1, 2nd floor

Date and Time	Activity	Location
10:00-11:00 hrs.	**Keynote Speech 1** • Introducing the Keynote Speaker by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Peerasit Kamnuansilpa • Keynote speech by Professor Dr. Stephen P. Osborne • Q&A	Orchid Ballroom 1, 2nd floor
	Refreshment available (no break)	Foyer
11:00-12:00 hrs.	**Keynote Speech 2** • Introducing the Keynote Speaker by Asst. Prof. Dr. Sirisak Laochankham • Keynote speech by Professor Dr. Alfred Tat-Kei Ho • Q&A	Orchid Ballroom 1, 2nd floor
12:00-13:30 hrs.	Lunch	Orchid Ballroom 2, 2nd floor
13:30-15:00 hrs.	**Plenary Panel Discussion 1: "Reforming Governance in a Changing World: Institutions, Policies, and Public Services"** Moderator: Asst. Prof. Dr. Grichawat Lowatcharin Panelists: Professor Dr. Kristoffer B. Berse, Mr. Nguyen Tan Loi, Mr. Maxim Paratunov, Professor Woothisarn Tanchai, Professor Dr. Jinming Yan, and Professor Dr. Gisèle Yasmeen	Orchid Ballroom 1, 2nd floor
	Breakout Sessions • Panel 1: AI and the Future of Public Service Delivery	Chat Tan, 1st floor
	• Panel 2: Digital Government, E-Participation, and Governance Quality	Erawan, 1st floor
	• Panel 3: Administrative Reform and the Two-Tier Local Government Transition	Fah Mui, 1st floor
15:00-15:15 hrs.	Refreshment break	Foyer
15:15-16:30 hrs.	**Plenary Panel Discussion 2: "Global Uncertainty, Domestic Consequences: How Geopolitics Shapes Governance"** Moderator: Asst. Prof. Dr. Thanachate Wisaijorn Panelists: Professor Dr. Dong Huang, Professor Dr. Fumio Nagai, Professor Dr. Bo Qin, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniel J. Sargent, and Professor Dr. Wook Joon Sung	Orchid Ballroom 1, 2nd floor
	Breakout Sessions (continued) • Panel 4: Urban Governance, Participation, and Local Fiscal Affairs	Chat Tan, 1st floor
	• Panel 5: Institutions, Investment, and Economic Governance	Erawan, 1st floor
	• Panel 6: Energy, Environment, and Sustainability Governance	Fah Mui, 1st floor

Date and Time	Activity	Location
16:45-17:45 hrs.	**Public Affairs Dialogue** An informal gathering of scholars to exchange ideas, reflect on emerging challenges, and explore the future directions of public affairs scholarship, research, and practice over coffee and tea. Moderator: Asst. Prof. Dr. Sirisak Laochankham	Orchid Ballroom 2, 2nd floor
16:45-18:00 hrs.	**Exhibitions** • Exhibitions from sponsors, partners, and invited institutions	Foyer, 2nd floor
18:30-20:30 hrs.	**Reception Dinner** (for all conference participants and guests) • Cultural performances • Business matching and networking • Dress code: business casual	Orchid Ballroom 1, 2nd floor

Day 2 of the Conference: Friday, 20 November 2026

09:00-10:15 hrs.	**Plenary Innovation Showcase: "From Ideas to Impact: Local Government Innovations in Action"** Moderator: Dr. Imron Sohson Panelists: Professor Dr. Fumio Nagai, Mr. Rakchat Naowarat, Mr. Ruangrat Rattanapokasatit, Mr. Saran Paonariang, and Mr. Suradech Taweesaengsakulthai	Orchid Ballroom 1, 2nd floor
09:00-10:30 hrs.	**Graduate Student Publication Workshop: "From Research to Publication: Strategies for Publishing in International Academic Journals"** Moderator: Ms. Raktisud Jakrawarnachachart Presenters: Professor Dr. Alfred Tat-Kei Ho and Asst. Prof. Dr. Prasongchai Setthasuravich	Iyara, 1st floor
09:00-10:30 hrs.	**Breakout Sessions** (continued) • Panel 7: Health, Equity, and Social Service Delivery • Panel 8: Education Governance and Human Capital Policy • Panel 9: Collaborative Governance and Community Engagement Refreshment available (no break)	Chat Tan, 1st floor Erawan, 1st floor Fah Mui, 1st floor Foyer
10:30-12:00 hrs.	**Plenary Panel Discussion 3: "Reform Begins Locally: How Local Governments Drive the Future of Governance"** Moderator: Asst. Prof. Dr. Charles Ruangthamsing Panelists: Professor Dr. Alex B. Brillantes, Jr., Dr. Inthavong Khotpanya, Professor Dr. Shunsuke Kimura, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Le Hoang Thuy To Quyen	Orchid Ballroom 1, 2nd floor

Date and Time	Activity	Location
10:30-12:00 hrs.	**Breakout Sessions** (continued)	
	• Panel 10: Policy Transfer, Standards, and Comparative Governance	Chat Tan, 1st floor
	• Panel 11 (Thai-Language Panel I): Public Service Reform and Organizational Adaptation	Erawan, 1st floor
	• Panel 12 (Thai-Language Panel II): Digital Government, AI, Elections, and Policy Communication	Fah Mui, 1st floor
12:00-13:30 hrs.	Lunch	Orchid Ballroom 2, 2nd floor
13:30-15:00 hrs.	**Breakout Sessions** (continued)	
	• Panel 13 (Thai-Language Panel III): Environment, Disaster, and Local Resource Management	Chat Tan, 1st floor
	• Panel 14 (Thai-Language Panel IV): Collaborative Governance and Area-Based Development	Erawan, 1st floor
	• Panel 15 (Thai-Language Panel V): Health, Social Welfare, and Human Security	Fah Mui, 1st floor
13:30-14:30 hrs.	**Plenary Panel Discussion 4: "Beyond the Ivory Tower: Rethinking the Role of Universities in Public Affairs"** Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Narong Kiettikunwong Panelists: Dr. Warut Ingkhathawornwong, Asst. Prof. Dr. Thuanthong Krutchon, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Luong Thanh Cuong, Mrs. Le Thi Thanh Tuyen, Professor Dr. Riccardo Pelizzo, and Mr. Suradech Taweesaengsakulthai	Orchid Ballroom 1, 2nd floor
14:30-14:45 hrs.	Refreshment break	Foyer
14:45-15:30 hrs.	**Plenary Panel Discussion 5: "Where Do We Go from Here? Charting the Future of Public Affairs"** Moderator: Asst. Prof. Dr. Sirisak Laochankham Panelists: Professor Dr. Alfred Tat-Kei Ho, Professor Dr. Stephen P. Osborne, Ms. Patsalin Reephrom Milner, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniel J. Sargent	Orchid Ballroom 1, 2nd floor
15:45-16:30 hrs.	**Closing Ceremony** • Masters of ceremony: Dr. Xenia Emperador-Garnace and Dr. Alim Bubu Swarga • Conference conclusion by Professor Dr. Alfred Tat-Kei Ho • Closing remarks by Asst. Prof. Dr. Sirisak Laochankham	Orchid Ballroom 1, 2nd floor

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ABOUT KKU

Khon Kaen University (KKU) is one of Thailand's leading public universities and the first university established in the northeastern region of the country. Founded in 1964, KKU was established as part of Thailand's national initiative to expand higher education beyond Bangkok and promote regional development through education, research, and innovation.

Located in Khon Kaen Province, the university serves as a major educational, research, and academic service center for northeastern Thailand and the Greater Mekong Subregion. Over the decades, KKU has grown into a comprehensive university offering a wide range of academic programs across multiple disciplines, including health sciences, engineering, agriculture, humanities, social sciences, business administration, education, and public affairs.

KKU is committed to producing graduates with strong academic foundations, professional competencies, and a global perspective. Its core missions encompass education, research, academic services, and the preservation of arts and culture. Through these missions, the university seeks to generate knowledge and innovations that address real-world challenges while contributing to sustainable social and economic development.

As an internationally engaged institution, KKU actively promotes academic collaboration, international partnerships, student and faculty exchanges, and joint research initiatives with universities and organizations worldwide. Its strategic emphasis on research excellence and international cooperation reflects its ambition to strengthen its role as a leading regional university with global connections.

Beyond its academic contributions, Khon Kaen University plays an important role in the development of northeastern Thailand by connecting academic knowledge with local communities, public institutions, and the private sector. With its commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and social responsibility, KKU provides an inspiring environment for international academic exchange and interdisciplinary collaboration.



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ABOUT COPA

The College of Public Affairs and Policy (COPA) at Khon Kaen University is an academic institution dedicated to advancing knowledge, education, and research in public administration, public policy, governance, and local government. Originally established in 2007 as the College of Local Administration (COLA), the College was founded through collaboration with Thailand's Department of Local Administration under the Ministry of Interior. Its establishment reflected a commitment to strengthening the capacity of local governments and developing professional leaders capable of addressing the challenges of public administration and decentralization.

Since its establishment, the College has developed into an academic and research center connecting theoretical knowledge with practical applications in public affairs and governance. Its educational mission focuses on developing students, public officials, researchers, and future leaders who possess analytical capabilities, ethical values, and the skills necessary to improve public institutions and public service delivery.

COPA's academic interests encompass a broad range of contemporary issues, including public management, local governance, decentralization, public policy, fiscal management, urban development, institutional reform, and public sector innovation. The College also places importance on interdisciplinary research and collaboration with government agencies, local administrative organizations, civil society, and international academic institutions.

Recognizing the increasingly interconnected nature of public affairs, COPA actively promotes international academic cooperation through research partnerships, faculty and student exchanges, international conferences, seminars, and knowledge-sharing activities. It seeks to create opportunities for scholars and practitioners from different countries to exchange experiences, compare institutional arrangements, and develop innovative approaches to public governance.

Beyond its role in higher education, COPA is committed to translating academic research into practical policy recommendations and solutions that respond to the needs of communities and society. By bridging academia, government, and international networks, the College aspires to contribute to more effective, inclusive, transparent, and sustainable public institutions.

Through its commitment to academic excellence, international engagement, and public service, COPA continues to serve as an important platform for advancing scholarship and practice in public affairs and policy in Thailand and the wider region.



ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Guest of Honor

H.E. Mr. Pakorn Nilprapunt

Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand
Royal Thai Government



H.E. Mr. Pakorn Nilprapunt is Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, serving in the government led by Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul since March 2026. He brings extensive experience in public administration, legal affairs, institutional reform, and government policy coordination.

Prior to his appointment as Deputy Prime Minister, he served as Secretary-General of the Council of State of Thailand from January 2020, where he played a significant role in providing legal advice to the government, supporting legislative development, and strengthening the country's legal and regulatory framework. He previously held several senior government positions, including Secretary-General of the Office of the Public Sector Development Commission (OPDC), Acting Director of the Office for National Reform, National Strategy and Reconciliation, and Acting Deputy Director of the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit.

As Deputy Prime Minister, he has been assigned oversight of the government's integrated program on anti-corruption and misconduct, reflecting his portfolio's focus on institutional accountability and public sector governance.

Mr. Pakorn holds a Bachelor of Laws from Thammasat University and a Master of Laws from the University of Sydney, Australia. He has also completed executive development programs in public sector management, organizational change, public leadership, and national security.

His extensive experience in government administration and legal reform provides an important perspective on strengthening public institutions, advancing good governance, and enhancing the effectiveness of public administration in Thailand.

Keynote Speaker

Professor Dr. Stephen P. Osborne

Chair of International Public Management and Head of Strategy Group, University of Edinburgh Business School, United Kingdom



Professor Stephen P. Osborne is Chair of International Public Management and Head of the Strategy Group at the University of Edinburgh Business School, United Kingdom. He is also Director of the Centre for Service Excellence and a Fellow of the Edinburgh Futures Institute.

Professor Osborne is one of the leading international scholars in public management and public service research. His academic work has significantly contributed to the development of New Public Governance and Public Service Logic, advancing contemporary understandings of how public services create value through interactions among citizens, government institutions, and wider service ecosystems. His research interests include public service delivery, public management reform, service innovation, co-production, third-sector involvement in public services, and collaborative governance.

Before entering academia in 1990, Professor Osborne spent fifteen years working as a social work practitioner and service manager, bringing substantial professional experience into his academic research. He is the founding and current editor of Public Management Review and the founder and former President of the International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM). He has published extensively in leading international academic journals and edited influential works on public management and service innovation.

In recognition of his contributions to the discipline, he received an Honorary Doctorate from Corvinus University of Budapest in 2015, alongside international awards for outstanding contributions to public management research.

Keynote Speaker

Professor Dr. Alfred Tat-Kei Ho

Chair Professor, Department of Public and International Affairs and Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, City University of Hong Kong, China



Prof. Alfred Tat-Kei Ho is Chair Professor in the Department of Public and International Affairs, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS), and Director of the Institute of Global Governance and Innovation for a Shared Future (IGGI) at City University of Hong Kong. He is also a member of the Centre for Public Affairs and Law (CPAL).

Professor Ho is an internationally recognized scholar in public policy, public administration, and governance. His research focuses on government performance management, public budgeting, e-government, citizen engagement, and cross-sectoral collaboration in industrial development. His work explores how governments can strengthen institutional capacity, improve public service delivery, and foster effective collaboration among public, private, and civil society actors.

Beyond academia, Professor Ho is an elected Overseas Fellow of the U.S. National Academy of Public Administration and Vice President for Asia of the International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM). He has also contributed to policy advisory work in Hong Kong and collaborated with international organizations, including the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Asian Development Bank.

He received his bachelor's degree from The Chinese University of Hong Kong and earned both his Master of Public Administration and Ph.D. from Indiana University Bloomington, United States. Before returning to Hong Kong in 2020, he spent more than 20 years teaching at universities in the United States.

Plenary Speakers, Panelists, and Moderators

Listed in alphabetical order



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Professor Dr. Alex B. Brillantes, Jr.
Secretary-General, Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA), Philippines
Professor Alex B. Brillantes, Jr. is a Professor Emeritus at the University of the Philippines National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP NCPAG) and Secretary-General of the Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA). He holds a PhD and master's degree in Political Science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, as well as degrees in Political Science and Public Administration from the University of the Philippines. His areas of expertise include comparative public administration, decentralization, local governance, development administration, and institutional governance. He previously served as Commissioner of the Philippine Commission on Higher Education and has held leadership positions in several professional public administration associations.



Professor Dr. Dong Huang
Director, ASEAN Research Center, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China
Professor Dong Huang is Director of the ASEAN Research Center at Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST), China. In this role, he contributes to strengthening academic and institutional cooperation between China and Southeast Asian countries. His work is associated with research and dialogue on ASEAN-related issues and regional engagement. The ASEAN Research Center provides a platform for promoting mutual understanding, academic exchange, and cooperation between Chinese institutions and Southeast Asian partners.



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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Peerasit Kamnuansilpa
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Peerasit Kamnuansilpa is the founder and the former Dean of the College of Public Affairs and Policy. He formerly served as the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Dean of the Faculty of Law. Before joining KKU, he was the Director of the Research Center and an interim Dean of the Faculty of Social Development at the National Institute of Development Administration. His interests are broad and cover the spectrum of the human life cycle from birth (fertility), mobility (migration), health and sickness (morbidity), and aging (gerontology). He also has both extensive academic and practical experience in management and policy research. He has written or co-written numerous books and articles.



Dr. Inthavong Khotpanya
Head of the Political Economy and Economic Management Committee,
National Academy of Politics and Public Administration, Laos
Dr. Inthavong Khotpanya is a senior academic and policy professional at the National Academy of Politics and Public Administration (NAPPA), Lao PDR, where he serves as Head of the Political Economy and Economic Management Committee. His professional work focuses on political economy, economic management, public policy, and national socioeconomic development. He has participated in policy research and national-level academic discussions addressing economic growth, agricultural development, and sustainable development in Lao PDR. His work contributes to research and policy dialogue on economic governance and the relationship between public administration and national development.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Narong Kiettikunwong
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Dr. Narong Kietikunwong holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Eastern Connecticut State University (USA), an LL.B. and MPA from Chulalongkorn University (Thailand), an LL.M. from Leuphana Universität Lüneburg (Germany), and a Doctorate in Economics from HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management (Germany). Dr. Narong's early research focused on organizational performance and measurement. His current interests include leveraging trust to transform conflicts into value, exploring e-government, and examining sustainability from the perspective of environmental law, particularly in the context of energy transitions (Energiewende). With prior experience in public and private organizations, including as founder and CEO, Dr. Narong combines practical insights with academic expertise.



Professor Dr. Shunsuke Kimura
Dean, Graduate School of Global Governance, Meiji University, Japan
Professor Shunsuke Kimura is a scholar of public policy and local government at Meiji University, Japan, where he serves as Dean of the Graduate School of Global Governance. He specializes in local government, intergovernmental relations, and comparative public administration. Before entering academia, he served in Japan's Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, holding several senior administrative positions, including Deputy Mayor of Matsuyama City. He graduated from the University of Tokyo Faculty of Law and pursued further studies at Cornell Law School. His professional experience combines public-sector administration with academic research on local governance and administrative systems.



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Mrs. Le Thi Thanh Tuyen is a faculty member of the Faculty of Economics at the Academy of Public Administration and Governance (APAG), Vietnam. As an academic professional, she is involved in the Academy's educational activities and contributes to its mission of developing knowledge and professional competencies in public administration and governance. Through her affiliation with the Faculty of Economics, she is part of an academic community dedicated to education and the advancement of economic knowledge. Her participation in international academic exchanges provides opportunities to strengthen institutional cooperation, share perspectives, and promote mutual understanding among scholars and professionals from different countries.



Asst. Prof. Dr. Sirisak Laochankham
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Asst. Prof. Dr. Sirisak Laochankham is the Dean of the College of Public Affairs and Policy, Khon Kaen University, Thailand. He holds a B.A. in French with a minor in English and an MPA in Local Government from Khon Kaen University, a Public Affairs Management certificate from the University of Missouri, and a Ph.D. in Public Affairs and Policy from Portland State University. His research focuses on local governance, public participation, decentralization, comparative public policy, and crisis management. A community-based researcher, he actively supports local government executives through training and knowledge sharing initiatives.



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Grichawat Lowatcharin holds a Ph.D. in Public Affairs from the University of Missouri and specializes in local governance, decentralization, fiscal federalism, and transparency. His work has been featured in esteemed journals such as the International Journal of Public Sector Management, Australian Journal of Public Administration, and State and Local Government Review. He co-authored chapters in the Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Thailand and the Routledge Handbook of Comparative Rural Policy. He was awarded the Outstanding Young Researcher Award by KKU in 2019. He is also the editor of the Local Administration Journal and leads projects integrating digital technology into education and governance.



Assoc Prof. Dr. Luong Thanh Cuong
Vice President, Academy of Public Administration and Governance, Vietnam
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Luong Thanh Cuong is the Vice President of the Academy of Public Administration and Governance (APAG), Vietnam. He also serves as Deputy Secretary of the APAG Party Committee. In his leadership role, he contributes to the Academy's mission of advancing education, academic research, and professional training in public administration and governance. He is actively involved in international academic cooperation and scholarly exchanges, representing APAG in international seminars and institutional partnerships. His work focuses on strengthening public service ethics, administrative capacity, and modern governance practices to support the development of Vietnam's public sector.



Professor Dr. Fumio Nagai
Graduate School of Law, Osaka Metropolitan University, Japan
Professor Fumio Nagai earned his bachelor's degree from Kyoto University in 1990 and pursued graduate studies in Thai political history at its Graduate School of Law. After serving as a Research Associate at Kyoto University's Center for Southeast Asian Studies, he joined Osaka City University in 1997 and became Professor in 2007. Since April 2022, he has been Professor at Osaka Metropolitan University's Graduate School of Law. His research focuses on international relations in the Asia-Pacific, local governance in Southeast Asia, and Thai politics and public administration. His major publications include "Thailand's FTA Policy: Continuity and Change between the Chuan and Thaksin Governments" (2003), Quantitative Analysis of Local Governance in Southeast Asia (2019), Introduction to Political Science (2019), and Approaches to Politics in Southeast Asia (2025). The latter three books were co-edited and published in Japanese.



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Mr. Nguyen Tan Loi
Chairman of the University Council, Eastern International University, Vietnam
Mr. Loi Nguyen is a visionary leader advancing education and healthcare in Vietnam. Born in Binh Duong Province, he earned a degree in Business (Finance) from Bayes Business School, City University, UK, and an MBA from the University of Manchester. Joining Becamex Group in 2009, Loi played a pivotal role in establishing Eastern International University (EIU), where he now serves as Chairman. His leadership also extends to healthcare as Chairman of Becamex International Hospital, which he helped develop. Loi is a board member of Vietnam-Singapore Industrial Parks (VSIP) and focuses on healthcare management and public policy, particularly elderly care.



Assoc. Prof. Charnchai Panthongviriyakul, M.D.
President, Khon Kaen University, Thailand
Assoc. Prof. Charnchai Panthongviriyakul, M.D., is the President of Khon Kaen University, Thailand. He earned his M.D. from Khon Kaen University in 1983 and holds advanced qualifications in pediatrics and family medicine. His further training includes a Certificate in Pediatric Clinical Nutrition from RCH, Melbourne, Australia. Dr. Charnchai has held various leadership roles, including Director of Srinagarind Hospital and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Khon Kaen University. His extensive administrative experience spans academic and healthcare leadership, contributing significantly to medical education and institutional development.



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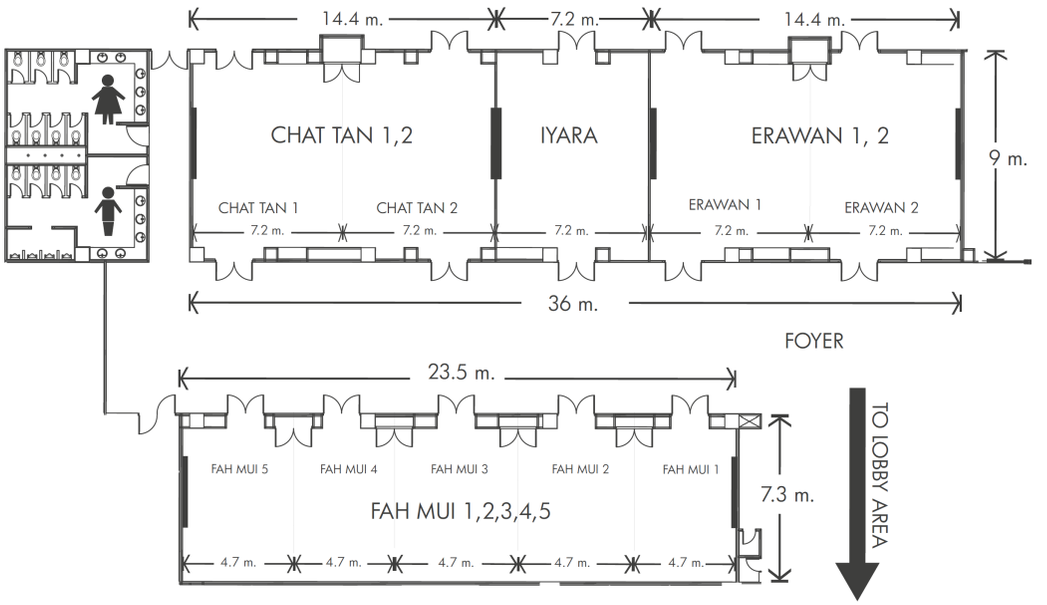

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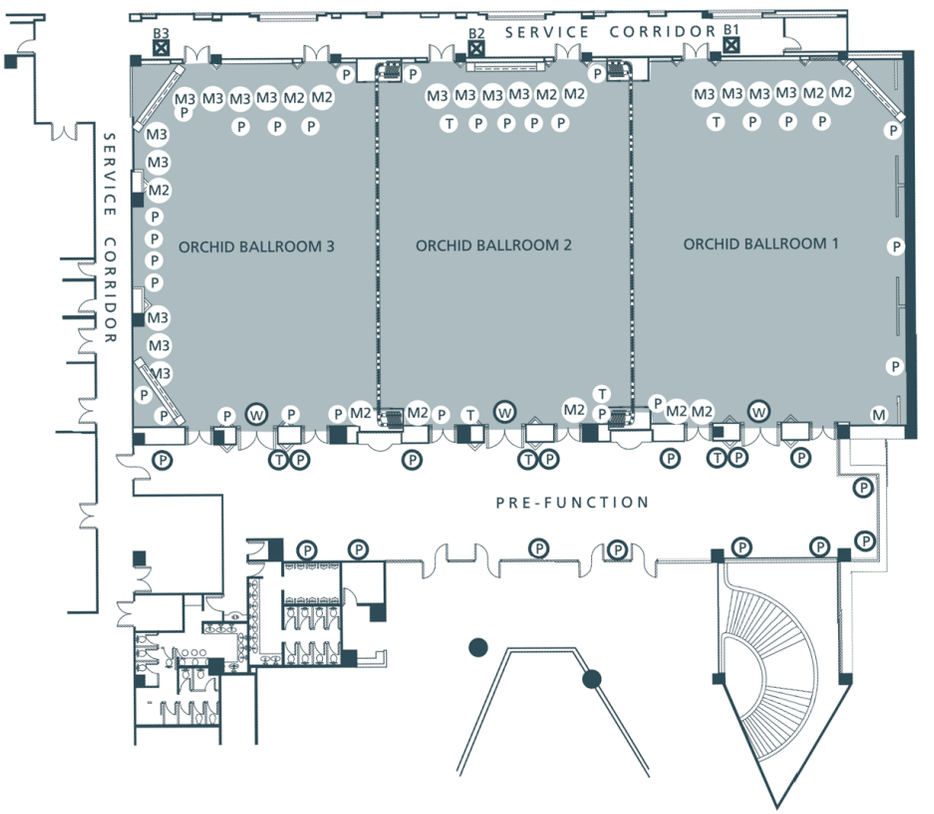

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President, Khon Kaen University, Thailand

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Deputy Prime Minister, Royal Thai Government
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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Peerasit Kamnuansilpa
Dean Emeritus, College of Public Affairs and Policy, Khon Kaen University, Thailand

Keynote Speech



Professor Dr. Stephen P. Osborne
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Moderator



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Moderator



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Concurrent Panel 7: Health, Equity, and Social Service Delivery

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Moderator



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Concurrent Panel 10: Policy Transfer, Standards, and Comparative Governance

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Moderator



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Napatson Sanongphan and Rasita Dasri
Flood Risk Management in Lowland Catchments Using an Integrative Literature Review to Synthesize Knowledge on Geospatial Technologies and Governance

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Phloiphailin Khiawprasert
A Study of Public Acceptance of the Sewage and Solid Waste Management Fee Rates Prescribed by the 2024 Ministerial Regulation: A Case Study of Pa Manao Subdistrict Municipality, Ban Fang District, Khon Kaen Province

Plenary Panel Discussion 4: Beyond the Ivory Tower: Rethinking the Role of Universities in Public Affairs

Orchid Ballroom 1 • 13:30-14:30 hrs.

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Plenary Panel Discussion 5: Where Do We Go from Here? Charting the Future of Public Affairs

Orchid Ballroom 1 • 14:45-15:30 hrs.

Moderator



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