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Prière de rappeler la référence:*

The Secretary
Ministry of Health
"Suwasiripaya",
No. 385, Ven. Baddegama
Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha,
Colombo 10.

27 April 2021

Dear Sir,

Sub: Nomination for the Prince Mahidol Award 2021

The Ministry of Public Health, Thailand has announced the nomination(s) for the Prince Mahidol Award 2021 to all agencies concerned. The Prince Mahidol Award Foundation under the Royal Patronage was established by royal permission in commemoration of the Centenary of the Birthday of His Royal Highness Prince Mahidol of Songkla on 1 January 1992 to bestow this award upon individual(s) or institution(s) for outstanding contribution, performance and/or research in the field of Medicine, Public Health and Human Services in the world every year.

Two Prince Mahidol Awards will be conferred on an annual basis, one in the field of medicine and one in public health, each prize worth US\$100,000 plus a medal and a certificate. The Award ceremony will be held in Bangkok and presided over by His Majesty the King of Thailand. Please note that the nomination should be submitted to the Secretary General of the Foundation before 31 May of each year.

Please find enclosed the Prince Mahidol Award nomination forms or visit at www.princemahidolaward.org for more information .

Your kind consideration and further necessary action of dissemination to related institutions and nomination of eligible candidates for the Prince Mahidol Award 2021 is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Dr. Olivia Nieveras
Officer-in-Charge
WHO Country Office, Sri Lanka

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- Copies: 1. Director General of Health Services
2. Deputy Director General (Planning)
3. Director (International Health)

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PRINCE MAHIDOL AWARD

*“I do not want you to be only a doctor,
but I also want you to be a man.”*

*“True success is not in learning but
in its application to the benefit of
mankind”*

—M. Songkla



H.R.H. Prince Mahidol of Songkla

PRINCE MAHIDOL AWARD FOUNDATION

In commemoration of the Centenary of the Birthday of His Royal Highness Prince Mahidol of Songkla on January 1st, 1992, a foundation, named the Prince Mahidol Award Foundation, was established in his honour to bestow international awards upon individuals or institutions which have made outstanding and exemplary contributions to the advancement of medical, public health and human services in the world.

The Prince Mahidol Award will be conferred on an annual basis, with prizes worth a total of approximately US\$ 200,000. A Committee, consisting of world-renowned scientists and public health experts, will recommend the selection of awardees whose nominations should be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Foundation before May 31st of each year. The committee will also decide on the number of prizes to be awarded annually, which shall not exceed two in any one year.

The Prince Mahidol Award ceremony will be held in Bangkok and presided over by His Majesty the King of Thailand who has graciously granted Royal Patronage to the Foundation.

As Chairman of the Board of Trustees and President of the Foundation and on behalf of all the Trustees, benefactors, and supporters of the Foundation, I would like to invite your attention to the Award in the hope and belief that it be given due recognition—recognition not only for the man whose vision, dedication and achievements have inspired his nation and people to search for a better and healthier life, but also recognition for the limitless contribution that medical science and public health will continue forever to make towards progress and well-being of mankind.



H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn
Chairman, Board of Trustees and
President, Prince Mahidol Award Foundation



PRINCE MAHIDOL AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

Strictly Confidential

I NOMINEE

1.1 Name of institution(s) or individual(s) with title, position and affiliation.*

1.2 Give citation between 25-50 words of nominee's achievement.

II MAILING ADDRESS OF NOMINEE

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| Please check the box <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/> Home | Address | |
| City | Country | Postal Code |
| Phone | Fax E-mail | Telex |

1. Please send **not** more than two letters of references, that could add more information and justification for the nomination, along with the nomination.
2. In case the nominee is an institution, please attach documents of the history, status and key officials of the institution(s). Use additional paper for each category for information as necessary.
3. Please add more papers to the various sections, if the allowed sections are inadequate.

III JUSTIFICATION FOR NOMINATION

III.1 Has the awardee made a scientific contribution of internationally recognised standards which has been shown to be of important benefits to a large number of the people of the world, transcending national boundary?

III.2 Has the awardee made successfully an application of a body of scientific knowledge to the benefits of a large number of the people of the world, transcending national boundary?

IV STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION

IV.1 Give objective evidence of the impact of the medical research, health research or health service to a large number of people.

IV.2 Would you care to give the name of other worthy candidate in the same field as the nominee?
(optional)

V AWARDS AND HONOURS RECEIVED

VI EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

VII POSITIONS OCCUPIED

List the present position(s) and the previous position(s) with dates and durations together with names and addresses of employers.

VIII PUBLICATIONS

List all important publications.

Submit reprints or copies of important ones (not more than five). Attach English abstracts of English translation in case publications are not in English.

IX NOMINATED BY

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| Last name _____ | First name _____ | Middle initial _____ |
| Title _____ | | |
| Position _____ | | |
| Address _____ | | Country _____ |
| Phone _____ | Fax _____ | |
| | | Signature _____ |
| | | Date _____ |

Send the nomination form to :

**The Secretary General
Prince Mahidol Award Foundation
Office of the Dean, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University,
2 Prannok Road, Bangkoknoi, Bangkok 10700, Thailand.
Tel. (662) 418-2568 Fax (662) 412-9717**

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE MAHIDOL OF SONGKLA

Born on January 1, 1892, to Their Majesties King Chulalongkorn (Rama V) and Queen Savang Vadhana of Thailand, His Royal Highness Prince Mahidol of Songkla was educated in his early days in the Thai Court and then went to England and Germany before graduating as a naval officer and joining the Royal Thai Navy where he first developed a keen interest in nutritional problems among the crew and the low standards of public health in the country in general.

Imbued by the spirit of self sacrifice and dedication to people's welfare, His Royal Highness decided to resign his commission in the Royal Thai Navy and turned whole-heartedly to the study of Medicine and Public Health which he undertook with great diligence and perseverance at Harvard University, culminating in his receiving the Certificate in Public Health and degree of Doctor of Medicine (cum laude) from that prestigious institution in 1921 and 1928 respectively.

His Royal Highness' interest in medicine not only resulted in his excellent formal training in the profession but also stimulated him to devote himself ceaselessly to the promotion of medical education in Thailand in general. He first started scholarship programmes for promising Thai students to study basic sciences, medicine and public health abroad, especially in the U.S. subsequently, while still studying at Harvard, he succeeded in convincing the Rockefeller Foundation to agree to help the Thai Government in financing the development and modernization of medical and nursing education in Thailand. To these noble and praiseworthy efforts, His Royal Highness devoted himself fully and even to the extent of generously supplementing the Rockefeller and government funding with his own private funds.

His Royal Highness' own personal and physical involvement in the promotion of medical education took the form of a teaching assignment, upon his return from Harvard, at Siriraj Medical School in Bangkok interspersed with a stint as house physician at McCormick Hospital run by Presbyterian missionaries in the northern city of Chiangmai. He also managed to find time, throughout his busy schedule as a teaching and practising doctor, to take up an appointment as Director-General of University Affairs and to teach Basic Sciences as foundation courses for Medicine at Chulalongkorn University, then the only university in the whole kingdom.

At the time of his untimely demise at the early age of only 37 in 1929, His Royal Highness Prince Mahidol of Songkla had indeed laid a firm foundation for modern medical and public health education in Thailand.

From those early days of modern medicine in Thailand which was virtually in the capable hands of His Royal Highness to present-day Thailand where medical education and services compare favourably with any fast-developing modern society, the Thai people have always recognized and appreciated the most valuable contributions graciously made by His Royal Highness Prince Mahidol of Songkla. He has been greatly respected, admired and revered by successive generations of his countrymen for his humanist initiatives, personal sacrifices, unwavering determination and total commitment to the improvement of the quality of life and the general well-being of the Thai people. He has indeed been, is and will ever be Thailand's father of modern medicine and public health.

Statute

Regulating the Prince Mahidol Award

Article I



General Provisions

The Prince Mahidol Award, to be conferred as an international award on individual(s) or institution(s), is established in honour of His Royal Highness Prince Mahidol of Songkla and in recognition of his exemplary contribution towards progress and advancement in the fields of Medicine, Public Health and Social Services.

The Award shall be administered by, and under the auspices of the Prince Mahidol Award Foundation.

Guidelines for the administration of the Award, including the selection of awardees, are laid down in the following articles.

Article II



The Foundation

The Prince Mahidol Award Foundation is a private foundation duly constituted, chartered and registered under Thai law with the avowed primary purpose of conferring the Prince Mahidol Award on individual(s) or institution(s), one award for outstanding performance and/or research in the field of medicine for the benefit of mankind, and the other for outstanding contribution in the field of public health for the sake of the well-being of the people.

The foundation was established in commemoration of the Centenary Birthday Anniversary of His Royal Highness Prince Mahidol of Songkla on January 1st, 1992.

Article III



The Award

The Award shall consist of a Medal, a Certificate and a sum of money as the prize.

In accordance with Article II above, the Award will normally be conferred each year on two categories of individual(s) or institution(s) for excellence in two distinct fields, one in Medicine and the other in Public Health.

The Prize money for each of the two categories shall be for the sum of US\$ 100,000 to be derived from income arising out of the endowments of the Foundation.

The selection of recipients of the award shall be in accordance with the provision of Article IV.

Article IV



The International Award Committee

There shall be an International Award Committee consisting of a number of world-renowned experts in the fields of Medicine and Public Health, who shall recommend names of proposed awardees to the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for final approval.

The Committee may adopt its own procedure and shall be assisted by a panel of Scientific Advisors.

Article V



Nomination and Screening

An individual or group of individuals or an institution may be nominated by national medical or health authorities or by individual or group of individuals in non-governmental capacity, as candidates for the Award. The nomination shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the Prince Mahidol Award Foundation to the Chairman of the panel of Scientific Advisors for initial screening. The nomination forms shall, after having been initially screened, be forwarded to the International Award Committee which shall consider them and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for its final approval.

Article VI



Administration

The Award shall be administered by the Secretary-General of the Foundation who shall be responsible for :

1. Execution of the decisions concerning the administration of the Foundation within the scope of the charter of the Foundation and as decided by the Board of Trustees.
2. Execution of the decision taken by the International Award Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Article VII



Revision of the Statute

Revision of the present Statute may be made by the Board of Trustees, based on the motion of its members or on the recommendation of the International Award Committee approved or amended by the Board.

For more information, please contact :

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