



BIOGRAPHY

Prof. Vicharn Panich, MD.

Vicharn Panich was born in 1942 in a village South of Thailand. After MD graduation from the Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, University of Medical Sciences (now Mahidol University) and one year rotating internship he went to the University of Michigan to study Human Genetics in 1967 – 1968 and received MS in Human Genetics.

He worked as a faculty at the Division of Hematology, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital from 1968 – 1974 where he taught Hematology and Genetics. His research areas was in enzyme G6PD deficiency and thalassemia. Then he moved to Prince of Songkla University in the South to work in a new medical school. His management career began there where he served as Chairman of the Department of Pathology, Vice President of the university and Dean of the Medical School.

In 1993 – 2001 he served as founding director of the Thailand Research Fund (TRF), an autonomous public organization, where he established a good research management systems for the country. From 2003 – 2008 he served as founding director of the Knowledge Management Institute (KMI) under TRF where he worked with partners in developing knowledge management approaches appropriate to various sectors in Thai context. KMI works in networking partners to move Thailand into “Learning Society”.

Dr. Vicharn Panich now serves as Chairman of the Higher Education Commission, Chairman of the University Council of Mahidol University, member of other three university councils, board member of Health Systems Research Institute, board member of Knowledge Network Institute of Thailand, member of Board of Directors of Siam Commercial Bank, and chairman or board member of 7 foundations.

He is married to Dr. Amara (Sawetawan) Panich with 3 daughters and one son.