

Professor Dr HRH Princess Chulabhorn

Princess of Thailand and President of the Chulabhorn Research Institute



Professor Dr Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn Krom Phra Srisavangavadhana, founding President of the Chulabhorn Research Institute, is the youngest daughter of Their Majesties King Bhumibol The Great and Queen Sirikit The Queen Mother of Thailand. As a qualified scientist, she has always attached the greatest importance to the role of science in social and economic development, and accordingly originally conceived the idea of creating a national institute to assist in the development of Thailand.

Professor Dr HRH Princess Chulabhorn is a Professor of Chemistry at Mahidol University where she joined the faculty in 1985. Her special research interests are in the chemistry of natural products and in Thai medicinal plant, environmental health problems of developing countries and cancer research. She was the third person in the world to be awarded UNESCO's Einstein Medal for her continuous effort in promoting scientific collaboration in Asia and the Pacific, and she was the first Asian to be invited to join the Royal Society of Chemistry, in England, as an Honorary Fellow. She is also chairperson of the Working Group on the Chemistry of Natural Products collaborative programme between the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and the National Research Council of Thailand.

Professor Dr HRH Princess Chulabhorn has received international recognition for her scientific accomplishments in her appointment to various United Nations posts, namely special advisor to the United Nations Environment Programme and member of the Special High-Level Council for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction of the United Nations. She has also received several international awards such as, the Environmental Mutagen Society-Hollaender International fellow Award in 2002, the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety Special Recognition Award in 2006, and the Merit Award of International Union of Toxicology (IUTOX) in 2013, among others. In addition, she has been visiting professor at universities in Germany, Japan and U.S.A., and has received honorary doctoral degrees from many universities.