

Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA)

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*Fostering excellence in public administration research, education, practice
in the Asian region*

The AAPA was established in 2010 with the aim to expand and improve research and academic exchange on public administration and public policy in the Asian region. Prior to it, a number of Asian scholars formed the Asian Public Management Forum and had annual meetings for several years since 2001 which paved the way for the establishment of AAPA. The 1st inaugural conference of AAPA was held in Tokyo in 2010, followed by the 2nd in Jakarta in 2011, the 3rd in Hong Kong SAR of China in 2012, and the 4th in Seoul in 2013. The 5th annual conference was held in Cebu, the Philippines on February 6-8, 2014. The 6th conference was held in Xi'an, China on January 9-10, 2015. The 7th conference is being held in Chonburi Province, Thailand on February 19-20, 2016.

AAPA aims to connect major public administration associations and institutes in the Asian region and build up a highly professional regional community in Asia. In 2015, **ten MOUs (memorandum of understandings) have been signed between the AAPA and the 10 partner organizations** including: (1) Indonesian Association for Public Administration (IAPA); (2) Philippine Society for Public Administration (PSPA); (3) Public Administration Association of Thailand (PAAT); (4) Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPa); (5) Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe (NISPAcee); (6) Indian Public Administration Association (IPAA); (7) Japanese Society for Public Administration (JSPA); (8) Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan; (9) Regional Hub of Civil Service in Astana (ACSH); and (10) Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The UN Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommended a number of non-governmental organizations including the **Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA) for “Special Consultative Status” with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UNECOSOC)** on January 25, 2016. The UN Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations is a standing committee of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Organizations enjoying "Special Consultative Status" can attend meetings of the Economic and Social Council and issue statements at the United Nations. Consultative Status has its foundation in Article 71 of Chapter 10 of the United Nations Charter. AAPA is currently **a partner of the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN)** and can play more active roles in the Asian region and the rest of the world. Let us, together, promote

excellence and professionalism in public administration and policy in Asia and the rest of the world!

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History of the AAPA

2001: First Asian Forum on Public Management held in Hong Kong SAR of China, initiated by Professors Akira Nakamura (Japan), Pan Suk Kim (South Korea), Jon Quah (Singapore) and Anthony Cheung (Hong Kong SAR of China).

2001-2009: Annual conferences of the Asian Forum on Public Management held in different Asian cities and hosted by university institutions in Hong Kong, Tokyo, Seoul, Singapore, Bangkok, Jakarta, and Puli. By 2009, seven countries/jurisdictions were included in the Asian Forum on Public Management; namely, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong SAR of China, Singapore, Taipei China, Thailand and Indonesia.

2009: Eighth Asian Forum on Public Management held in Puli, decided to make this Asian platform a more permanent group. Professor Akira Nakamura was tasked to organize an inaugural meeting in Japan and draft a charter for the proposed Asian Association for Public Administration which would be an individual membership organization.

2010: At the Ninth Asian Forum on Public Management as well as the inaugural meeting of Asian Association for Public Administration held in Tokyo, Japan during 29-30 January 2010, the AAPA was formally established and a charter approved by participants present.

Join AAPA

AAPA is made up of individual members only. Interested academic peers and Public Administration practitioners are welcome to fill in the online AAPA Membership Application Form which can be downloaded from the AAPA website. New memberships must be approved by both the general meeting and the Board of Directors subsequently mentioned.

Networking and Collaboration

The Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA), as an international non-profit organization, aims to spread its links wider and work with various partner organizations in Asia and the rest of the world for the development of public administration. AAPA works closely with public administration associations and research and/or educational institutions at all levels through the exchange of the memorandum of understanding (MOU). We look forward to having your collaboration.

Call for AAPA Study Groups

Study groups should blend research leadership with institutionalization of some kind (public governance including collaborative and deliberative governance, e-government, corruption, HRM/HRD, civil service reform, public sector reform, financial administration, public leadership, organizational change and development, local and urban administration, local governance, crisis and emergency management, public policy, etc.). This being so, members can make a panel proposal and identify who is interested in what. Study groups can work together on their area of interest as co-authors. Interested members should write a one page proposal with a designated study coordinator and several members. Junior faculty members may form a doctorate seminar during the annual conference. If members are interested in a special book project and joint seminars, please let us know at aapa@yonsei.ac.kr.

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Public Administration Association of Thailand (PAAT)

1. The Beginning of the Public Administration Association of Thailand

Since the country's First Economic Development Plan in 1961, the government of Thailand has cherished modernization in an attempt to improve the livelihoods of people, especially those who live in rural areas, by investing in the country's infrastructure. This involved connecting rural livelihood development to macro-economic development.

Since 1961, the role of government has dramatically expanded in providing essential domestic services, such as education, healthcare, social security, transportation, etc. Obviously, the general process of economic growth has permitted governments almost everywhere to extend the range of public goods and services provided for their citizens. Therefore, the body of knowledge in public administration and development has become increasingly relevant. Public administration scholars and civil servants have been expected to contribute to the country's development. Because of the scarcity of scholars and professional civil servants to serve the country, public administration and development has grown rapidly in tertiary education, both in state universities and private colleges.

For nearly two decades after the First Economic Development Plan, the government of Thailand had produced sufficient graduates and post-graduates in public administration to serve the country's development. Subsequently, young scholars and active civil servants were eager to gather well-experienced persons involved in the country's development and governance and to establish a network that connected scholars, civil servants, and others working in Public Administration.

The idea of connecting well-experienced persons in public administration was well-received by society at large and an association eventually was established. In 1975, after receiving consent from various parties, Mr. Chumpol Silpa-archa registered this professional association as the Public Administration Society of Thailand (PAST) and he became the first president.

Located at the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, 2 Prachan Road, Grand Palace sub-district, Pranakorn District, Bangkok, PAST was legally documented by the Department of Religion on October 10, 1975 with Permission No.226/2518 (226/1975). On November 28, 1975, PAST received legal Endorsement No. Jor 1340 from the Police Special Branch Division, Police Department.

As stated in the registration document, the objectives of PAST are:

1. Coordinate efforts in public administration affairs locally and internationally
2. Disseminate public administration knowledge, including organizing training programs
3. Be an information center for new thinking and movement in public administration
4. Supply public administration expertise to any government agency or state enterprise
5. Protect the benefits and interests of public administrators
6. Promote further public administration knowledge through advanced studies, research and development, and public forums and dialogue

7. Promote healthy relationships among public administration scholars, public administrators, and those interested in public administration
8. Promote public administration projects, governance, and management
9. Promote a public administration career path through higher education on non-political basis.

2. Public Administration of PAST

Since its inception, PAST, under the leadership of Mr. Chumpol Silpa-archa, its first President, has gained in popularity. Consequently, the number of members has grown to more than 600. Since PAST members come from all walks of life, the organization administrators keep PAST balanced between scholars and civil servants. As a result, scholars and civil servants are alternately chosen to be PAST Presidents. In 1996, Mr. Anek Sithiprasasana won the presidency by majority support from PAST members and later appointed Mr. Wattana Yookpan as the PAST Secretary-General. In order to facilitate PAST administration, President Anek Sithiprasasana moved the location of PAST from Thammasat University to Manangkasila House, Lan Luang Road, Dusit District, Bangkok.

To keep PAST diversified, President Anek Sithiprasasana chose administrative committees from academia and government agencies and, since his time in office, subsequent Presidents have upheld this practice.

The administrative committee members under President Anek Sithiprasasana were recruited from a group of well-recognized persons in public administration, as indicated below:

The President's advisory team consisted of Professor Dr. Amorn Raksasat, Dr. Arthit Urairat, Mr. Krajang Poonpipat, and Mr. Samaran Thawarayuth.

The administrative committee members were Professor Dr. Purachai Piumsombun, Mr. Somboon Kawsamang, Professor Dr. Thepanom Muangman, MD., Mr. Jirapong Sivayaviroj, Mr. Theerayuth Lorlertrat, and Mr. Saneh Ratchinda.

In addition, President Anek Sithiprasasana appointed Vice-Presidents. These included Vice-President for Academic Affairs (Associate Professor Dr. Prasin Sophonboon), for Foreign Affairs (Professor Dr. Kanok Wongtrangan), for Financial Affairs (Assistant Professor Dr. Supin Kechakupt) and for General Administration Affairs (Mr. Sunan Nuan-Chan-Kun).

3. PAST Activities

From the beginning, PAST administrators have conducted various activities concerning social responsibility and public administration academic standards. PAST administrators visited many areas of the country to promote their mission. Moreover, they hosted open forums on public administration, including 'Thailand's Economic Crisis', 'Mandatory Retirement', 'Local Governance in France', 'The Role of Government Officials in Political Development', and 'Watchdog Organizations and the Bangkok Gubernatorial Election'. Apart from being an open forum host, PAST was the public administration think-tank center for Thailand's Constitution Drafting Committees in 1997.

In addition, PAST has given Recognition Awards to excellent public administration scholars and government officials. The group who received Recognition Awards from PAST include: Professor Dr. Wichit Srisa-an and Dr. Rung Kaewdang, Mr. Pan Chantarapan, and Mr. Chansak Yuwaboon, as excellent public administrators; Mr. Apai Jantanajulaka and Mr. Yuwat Vuthimedhi, as excellent government administrators; Dr. Tawat Wichaidit and Ms. Chuanpit Thammasiri, as excellent state enterprise administrators; Mr. Chuan Leekpai and Mr. Uthai Pimjaichon, as excellent politicians; Mr. Attasit Vejjachiva and Dr. Arthit Urairat, as excellent higher education administrators; General Boonsak Kamhaengritirong, as an excellent homeland security expert; Professor Dr. Tin Pratchapruek, as an excellent public administration scholar; Mr. Somkiat Onwimon, as an excellent mass-media expert; Mr. Tanin Jiarawanon, as an excellent private sector administrator; Mr. Pornthep Pornprapa and Ms. Sisawang Puawongpat, as excellent NGO administrators.

4. The Association Today

Since its inception in 1975, PAST has made a positive impact on wider Thai society. With strong determination, PAST Administrative Committee members have devoted their time to a number of activities. Every PAST President, especially Mr. Chumpol Silpa-archa, Mr. Anek Sithiprasasana, Mr. Chanasak Yuwaboon, and Mr. Yongyuth Wichaidit, has been particularly interested in public administration promotion.

The transfer of authority from a past President to one who is newly elected is an important process. At the PAST annual meeting in 2011, held at the Department of Land, Ministry of Interior, Laksi Bangkok, Professor Dr. Supachai Yavaprabhas, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University won the Presidency by an overwhelming vote from PAST members.

After taking office, Professor Dr. Supachai Yavaprabhas continued the mission of PAST in public administration promotion. In order to revitalize the Association, the present President, with the full consent of Executive Committee, had the Association officially renamed 'The Public Administration Association of Thailand' (PAAT) in 2012. Today, there are thirty Executive Committee members in the Association:

1. Mr. Supachai	Yavaprabhas	President
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21. Mrs.Amporn	Tamronglak	Committee & Secretary General

While the Public Administration Society of Thailand has been renamed the Public Administration Association of Thailand (PAAT), its core mission, public administration promotion, has continued to occupy the President and his Administrative Committee members. Attempting to provide a scholarly forum, the President and Secretary General initiated public administration colloquium for students and the first ever colloquium was conducted at Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University in 2010. Interchangeably, the academic forum was hosted by Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University in 2011 and Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University in 2011 with the expansion to the collaboration with Graduate School of Public Administration, National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) in 2012 respectively. Initially, the forum revolved around these institutes, but currently, there are universities kindly volunteering to lead the forum e.g. Sukhothaithammatirat Open University (STOU) in 2013 and Sriprathum University in 2016.

Since then, PAAT has grown significantly and attracted Public Administration Faculty across the country to collaboratively work with the Association in disseminating public administration to wider society and earning reputation at the global front.

In order to actively promote public administration, from 2011 to 2012, PAAT had performed two important activities : 1) conducting research on the National Qualification Framework in Public Administration, sponsored financially by the Office of the Higher Education Commission, in order to maintain public administration standards, and 2) organizing the first international conference under the theme of ‘2012 Thailand International Conference on Public Administration and Public Affairs: Challenges and Prospects in ASEAN and Beyond’ at BITEC, Bangna, from August 30-31, 2012.

In 2014, PAAT in collaboration with Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University hosted the international seminar at its Annual General Assembly in March. The PAAT seminar had attracted scholars of a high caliber from Japan, South Korea and Indonesia to deliver their knowledge to the audience. Apparently, the seminar was very well-received.

Since 2015, PAAT and Asian Association of Public Administration (AAPA) have been working collaboratively to organize the international conference under the theme of ‘Public Administration and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): New Agendas and Major Challenges at Burapha University, Chonburi, Thailand from February 19-20, 2016.

To date, as the information center on the public administration movement in Thailand and the international community, PAAT has continuously conducted fruitful activities that still adhere to original purposes and objectives. In the near future, it will expand its scope and extend its capacity to academically assist its members and others who are particularly interested in public administration locally and internationally to other Public Administration Associations/Society in ASEAN and neighboring countries. With the strength and

determination, PAAT honors a promise of advancing public administration knowledge and it surely strives for excellence.

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Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):
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