

Prasarn Trairatvorakul

Governor
Bank of Thailand



Dr. Prasarn Trairatvorakul has been appointed on October 1, 2010 to be the 22nd Governor of the Bank of Thailand, the country's Central Bank. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Prasarn has worked in the top positions of a number of public and private organizations, including the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand and Kasikornbank Pcl.

After graduated with a First-Class honours from the Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University in 1974, followed immediately by a Master's Degree in Engineering at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), he won the Ananda Mahidol Scholarship to pursue his M.B.A. and Doctorate degree in Business Administration at Harvard University (1976-1981).

After a two-year stint as a research fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington DC, he returned to Thailand to start his career at the Department of Economic Research, Bank of Thailand and later in the Department of Bank Supervision and Examination until 1992. Shortly thereafter, he became the Secretary-General at the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand, the sole agency responsible for capital market surveillance, regulation and capital market development.

In 2010, he was nominated and elected as Chairman of Thai Bankers' Association (TBA), gaining his extensive experiences in banking businesses and financial markets before rejoining the Bank of Thailand.

In September 2011 during the IMF and World Bank annual meetings, he was awarded the "Central Bank Governor of the Year for Asia 2011 Award" from Emerging Markets magazine, recognizing his strong policy track record and steadfast commitment to maintaining economic stability.