

4th International Conference on eLearning for Knowledge-Based Society



Message from the Chairman of the Organizing Committee

The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology of the Royal Thai Government has kindly appointed me Chairman of the Organizing Committee of this series of International Conference on eLearning for Knowledge-Based Society for the year 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007. The field of eLearning has been progressing rapidly as can be seen by the titles of reports from Sloan Consortium. The report stated that eLearning was “entering the main stream” in 2004, “growing by degrees” in 2005, “making the grade” in 2006, and “online nation” in 2007. While the USA is an online nation in the year 2006, all other countries in the world are either offering or in the process of offering eLearning. As an example, in the year 2007 there was an announcement that in China more than 600 of the so-called “radio and television universities” would be transformed to become eLearning universities while more than 500,000 K12 institutions will soon offer eLearning. In Thailand the decree first drafted by myself to legalize university-level eLearning was published in the Royal Gazette in October 2005. Assumption University became the first in Thailand to offer a complete eLearning degree program. Eventually, most universities in Thailand and in the world will be offering eLearning.

I am very happy that so many exceptional scholars and professionals have answered our call for papers and made possible what promises to be a wonderful conference. I expect that many advances, both major and minor, will be reported on in this conference and that the seeds of many other advances will be planted in the sessions and informal meetings that occur throughout the conference.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the staff members and members of the organizing committee who have worked so hard to make certain that the conference would have an excellence that matches that of the participants. I would also like to thank all the people as well as the learned societies and the sponsors who have supported us. Many, many hours have gone into this conference and I very much hope that all of the participants will leave the conference feeling that their time was well worth the effort.

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