

Personal Information

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Occupation: Founder and Director, Development and Education Centre for Daughters and Communities, (DEPDC)

Education

1983-1985

- Bachelor's Degree, Political Science and International Relations, Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University

1976-1983

- Study of Thai and Foreign Languages, Faculty of Humanities
Chiang Mai University

1974-1976

- Mahawachirawut School, Songkhla province 1974-1976

Work Experience

1989- to present

- Founder and Director, Development and Education Program for Daughters and Communities, DEPDC

1984-87

- Tour Guide, Alternative Tours of Thailand

1986

- Research Assistant, Chiang Mai University, Thamasaat University, Bangkok and Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok.
- Resident Musician and Music Teacher "Moo Ban Dek" Foundation for Children (Sumer Hill School)

1988-89

- Research Assistant with Japanese journalist Michiko Inagaki researching the problem of prostitution in Thailand.
- Researcher for the International Labour Organisation (ILO)/International Program for the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) on child sex workers and child labour.

International Conferences Attended

2003

- Guest of US Embassy, Bangkok, at “Pathbreaking Strategies in the War Against Sex Trafficking” Washington, USA
- “Child Helpline International Consultation” Thailand Co representative, Amsterdam,

2002

- ECPAT International Assembly, Key note speaker, Bangkok, Thailand
- Ashoka Conference “Making Education the Pathway to Peace”, Presenter, Calcutta, India
- United Nations General Assembly, Special Session on Children, New York, USA

1999

- Fundraising visit for donations for organizations in Chiang Rai, Singapore

1998

- Child Protection in the Mekong Sub-region, Lao
- Child Research Conference, Malaysia
- Network of Youth Development Organizations, USA

1997

- Conference for Organizations that Work in Child Development, Japan

1996

- Conference on the Protection of Women and Childrens Rights, India
- Seminar on Creating Research Reports, USA
- World Development Conference, Canada

1994

- Faith and Development Conference, Australia

International Conferences and seminars hosted by DEPDC

2001

- Constructive Action Meeting for Ashoka Fellows Working in Areas of Child Protection, Trafficking and Prostitution

1997

- Seminar: Protecting Children’s Rights, Meeting of Organisations working Against Child Trafficking and Labour in the Upper Mekong Basin: China, Burma, Thailand, and Laos
Chiang Rai

Awards and recognition

2002

- TIME Asia Hero 2002
- Advisor to the committee on the preparation of the 9th National Plan of Action on Economics and Social Welfare Thailand
- National Youth Development Bureau award from His Majesty
- Surathanee “Kkon Dii” (Good Person) Award

1998

- Nobel Peace Prize Nominee

1997

- Reader's Digest 'Hero for Today'
- Ashoka Fellow and Program Citizen Base Award

1996

- US Government International Visitor's Award
- Nobel Peace Prize Nominee

1995

- Social Science Award, Chiang Mai University

1994

- Ashoka Fellow award for social entrepreneurship
- Prime Minister Chuan Lekpai Award for service in the fight against prostitution

Media profile

2003

- Reader's Digest (and 1997)

2002

- Praow, Thailand (No. 1 women's magazine, 45% market share)
- TIME Asia, 2002 Hero
- The Nation, Thailand (and 1991)
- Kowesod and Machchong and Kom Chad Luek , Thailand
- The Weekend Australian, Australia
- San Francisco Chronicle, USA
- The Philadelphia Inquirer, USA
- Scotland on Sunday, Scotland
- This is Thailand, Nightly television program
- UBC, Short news story
- CNN TalkAsia, Interview

2001

- Globe and Mail , Canada
- Pittsburgh Post Gazette, USA
- The New Zealand Herald, NZ
- The Taipei Times, Taipei
- South China Morning Post, China

1999

- Marie Claire, Singapore

1996

- The Bangkok Post (and 1994)
- More Magazine, New Zealand

1993

- The Sydney Morning Herald Good Weekend Magazine, Australia