

Prateep Ungsongtham Hata Awards, 2014



The Prateep Ungsongtham Hata Award was the visionary idea of H.E. Dr. Kittiratt Na Ranong when he was an executive of the Stock Exchange of Thailand, (later, the Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Finance), who brought about the project “Recognizing the People Who do Good Works for Society”. This stemmed from the concept of “when we live in a bad society, good people become disheartened”, and so the project was born and implemented through the Stock Exchange of Thailand Foundation. This year’s award is the 8th consecutive year to honor people fighting against drug abuse.



The SET works with many social organizations under the umbrella of the project’s title to be a role model for doing concrete goodness for Thai society. The project extends opportunities in seven areas: Library Encouragement, Education Development, Urban Development, Rural Development, Music Encouragement, Sport Encouragement, and Protection Against & Solving the Problem of Drugs. This year’s awardee of the Prateep Ungsongtham Hata Award, announced in October 29th, is Mr. Preecha Prommanee, who is 72 years old and has been a special lecturer on drug problems and anti-drug campaigner for over 40 years.



He is a native of Roi-et province, and when he was 14 years old he took heroin



and was arrested and imprisoned. He also used to join criminal gangs. Later he was rehabilitated out of his addiction by a famous monk at Thamkrabok Temple, Jamroon Panchan (a former Magsaysay Awardee), who helped many drug addicts by using herbal medicine. Since his rehabilitation in 1973, Khun Preecha has devoted his time and money travelling and talking about drugs in schools and educational institutions all over the country. Even though he suffers

from Lymphoma cancer, he still devotes himself to helping children and youths in society. The Duang Prateep Foundation congratulates and compliments Khun Preecha and all previous awardees, and encourages them to continue their mission in bringing huge benefits to our society. Mr. Bodin Unakul, Executive Vice President of the Stock Exchange of Thailand, Ms. Prateep Ungsongtham Hata, Ms. Mingporn Ungsongtham, representatives of government and the private sectors, community leaders were on hand to present the award and honour Khun Preecha.



Note: Thank you to photographers