

**Celebrating the Legacy of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej
and his father, His Royal Highness Prince Mahidol of Songkla:**

A CENTURY OF PROGRESS IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICINE IN THAILAND

GOAL: To Commemorate "*THAI SCHOLARS FELLOWSHIP FUND*" in honor of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Prince Mahidol of Songkla, and to celebrate their legacy in public health and medicine for the well being of people in Thailand.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICINE IN THAILAND: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Thursday August 23, 2018

The Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine

Harvard University Longwood Campus

Minot room, 10 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA 02115



Morning: Posters and Presentations by the Global Thai Community

7:30 am Registration, Continental Breakfast

8:00 am Opening/Welcoming Remarks

Session I: Medicine

9:50 am Coffee Break

Session II: Public Health

12:00 pm Luncheon

12:45 pm Restoring Prince Mahidol portrait frame ~ Unveiling
Commemorate "**Thai Scholars Fellowship Fund**" at Harvard T. H. Chan School
of Public Health



Thai performance: Blessing dance by Anuruk Thai Dance Association of NY

Afternoon: Global Experts Provide a Perspective ~ Symposium by the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard Medical School, Thai Physician Associations of America

- 1:10 pm Opening/Welcoming
Prince Mahidol's work in Gloucester –Dr. Bruce Rosenberg
- 1:15 pm **Session I: Medicine and Nursing**
- 2:35 pm Coffee Break
- 3:00 pm **Session II:**
- 4:45 pm Closing Remarks
- 5:00 pm Special Group Round Table Discussion
- 7:00 pm **Boston Clambake** Welcome dinner at KTBF, Burlington (bus leaves at 6:30 pm)



SPONSORS: Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH), Harvard Medical School (HMS), Thai Physicians Association of America (TPAA), Thai Nurses Association of North America (TNANA), Anurak Thai Dance Association of New York, Thai American Society Thailand Medical Schools: Ramathibodi, Siriraj, Khon Kaen, Chulalongkorn, Prince of Songkla, and Chiang Mai

WITH

THE KING OF THAILAND BIRTHPLACE FOUNDATION (KTBF)

Significance:

Prince Mahidol of Songkla, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej's father came to study Public Health and Medicine at Harvard School of Public Health (formerly School of Public Health of Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology) in 1916 to 1921 and Harvard Medical School in 1917-1919 and 1926 to 1928.

In 1920 while he was a Public Health student, he donated 200,000 baht from his personal fund to Chulalongkorn University to establish the "Medical Science Scholarship" for students to study higher education in the Sciences, as well as contributing \$1,000 to Harvard Endowment Fund. After completing his Certificate of Public Health degree (now MPH), he worked with the Rockefeller Foundation to agree to help the Thai government to improve the medical and nursing education of Thailand. The curriculum has been improved since then. He was the first to sponsor definite research work in Siam in 1929. Medical scholarships were provided by his endowment and his personal fund.

Due to his health, Prince Mahidol had a short life and died less than a year after completing his Doctor of Medicine. Yet, in the time that he was working in Thailand, he advanced public health and medicine and led the way for future generations, as The Father of Modern Medicine, Public Health and Higher Education.

The loss of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand is a great loss of Thailand and Thai people around the world. In his 70-year reign, His Majesty tirelessly worked with his people to improve their lives. He traveled to meet his people everywhere regardless of time, weather situation or location. One hand held maps and another hand held a pen with the camera on his neck. He recorded the problems of his people on specific locations on the maps and their needs. He later brought solutions to his people to improve their quality of life. His Majesty followed his father footsteps in caring for his people.

His Majesty and Prince Mahidol fulfilled their mission to their people. It is now our mission to follow their footsteps in improving the public health and medicine in Thailand. Our goal is to emulate both His Majesty and his father. We aim to support Thai students, doctors, nurses and public health professionals in Thailand to study at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and to use their knowledge to advance Public Health and Medicine in Thailand.

A New Fellowship Fund was Born

On **December 5th**, 2017 Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH) has established a 1.5 million dollar memorial fund, “**Thai Scholars Fellowship Fund**” to honor His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Prince Mahidol of Songkla. This fund was established with the cooperation of Thai Physicians Association of America (TPAA), The King of Thailand Birthplace Foundation (KTBF), Thai Nurses Association of North America (TNANA), Anurak Thai Dance Association of New York, Thai American Society, and 6 medical schools in Thailand: Ramathibodi, Siriraj, Khon Kaen, Chulalongkorn, Prince of Songkla, and Chiang Mai with Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Our mission is to keep Prince Mahidol and His Majesty's legacy alive and help pay forward their good deeds. ***The primary goal of the fund is to further the study and research of Thai scholars at HSPH that will benefit Thailand and its neighbors. We hope you will help support this endowment fund.***