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Kamphol Adulavidhaya is president of Kasetsart University in Bangkok, Thai-land, the leading institution of higher education in Southeast Asia. It is also the region's primary source of agricultural education and extension service.

Dr. Adulavidhaya has been associated with the university since 1959 when he earned a bachelor of science degree in agriculture. From there, he traveled to the United States and earned a master's degree in agricultural economics from Oregon State University in 1962, and a Purdue doctorate in agricultural economics in 1970.

Dr. Adulavidhaya returned to his native Thailand and joined the faculty in the Kasetsart Department of Agricultural Economics in 1972, and served as department chair until 1979. In 1980, he founded the Research and Development Institute, serving as director until 1986. He was vice president for Research and Development and vice president for Administration before assuming the presidency in 1992, becoming the first agricultural economist to hold the position.



Kamphol chairs the Committee on Cooperative Programs in Agricultural Science for the Japan Society for Promotion of Science, and the National Research Council of Thailand. He is a board member of the Regional Research Institute of Agriculture in the Pacific Rim, Tokyo, and The Asian Vegetable Research Center in Taiwan.

Dr. Adulavidhaya has served three consecutive terms as president of the Agricultural Economics Society under the patronage of His Majesty the King of Thailand. He has received an honorary doctorate from Tokyo University of Agriculture, and is an honorary professor at Beijing Agricultural University. He received the Golden Garuda Award for Outstanding Civil Administrator from The Thai Society of Civil Service, and was named the Distinguished Administrator in Education Development by the Foundation for the Thai Society.

He has edited two books and written more than 50 research articles. For the last 25 years, he has been the Thailand delegate at international conferences relating to agricultural development. Currently, he is president of the Purdue University Alumni Club and the Oregon State University Alumni Club in Thailand, and serves as secretary of the Kasetsart University Foundation. For contributions to his profession and community, and for bringing distinction to his alma mater, Purdue University School of Agriculture is proud to present the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Kamphol Adulavidhaya.