



**Khun Ying Kalaya Sophonpanich**  
**Deputy Minister of Education**  
**Ministry of Education, Thailand**

### **Educational Background**

- Ph.D. (High Energy Nuclear Physics), Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine (Formerly, a College of the University of London), United Kingdom
- M.Sc. (High Energy Nuclear Physics), Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine (Formerly, a College of the University of London), United Kingdom
- LL.B., Rangsit University
- B.Sc. Hon. (Physics), Chulalongkorn University

### **Key Positions**

#### **Political**

- Present Deputy Minister of Education, Ministry of Education
- 2019 Member of Parliament and Deputy Leader of the Democrat Party
- 2019 President, Coordinating and Networking Committee for External Organizations, Democrat Party
- 2018-2019 Advisor to Democrat Party Leader (Scientific, Natural Resources and Environmental)
- 2014-2018 Chairperson, Steering Committee, North Eastern Region, Democrat Party
- 2011-2014 Member of Parliament (Party List), Democrat Party
- 2010-2011 Chairperson, Ad-Hoc Committee for Considering the Draft Act on Independent Agencies for Environment, Natural Resources and Health, B.E. ...
- 2008-2011 Executive Director, the Thai National Group to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
- 2008-2011 President, Thailand-UK Parliamentary Friendship Group
- 2008-2011 Member of Parliament, Bangkok, District 8
- 2008-2010 Minister of Science and Technology
- 2001-2008 Member of the Parliament (Party List), Democrat Party

#### **Educational**

- 1995-2008 Chairperson, University Council, Suan Dusit Rajabhat University
- 1977-2017 Committee Member, Thai Junior Encyclopedia Project by Royal Command of His Majesty the King
- 1970 Lecturer, Physics Department, Faculty of Science, Chulalongkorn University

### **Scientific and Environmental**

- 2017-Present Chairperson, the Rajapruek Institute Foundation
- 2017-Present Advisor, Sub-Committee on CERN-DESY-GSI/FAIR Project under the Royal Initiative of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn
- 2014-2016 Advisor, Foundation for the Promotion of Science and Technology under the Patronage of His Majesty the King, Faculty of Science, Chulalongkorn University
- 2010-2014 Director, Foundation for the Promotion of Science and Technology under the Patronage of His Majesty the King, Faculty of Science, Chulalongkorn University
- 1990-2017 Director and Secretary General, the Rajapruek Institute Foundation

### **Societal**

- 2014-2016 President, King Prajadhipok Institute's Society
- 2001-2016 Vice-President, Community Children Foundation (CCF) under the Royal Patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn
- 2001-2006 Chairperson of the Administrative Committee and Financial Committee, Committee for the Construction of Chalermrajakumari Public Library, Talingchan District, Bangkok
- 1982-Present Chairperson, Lighthouse Special Learning Center, Foundation for the Welfare of the Mentally Retarded of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of Her Majesty the Queen

### **Royal Decorations**

- Knight Grand Cordon (Special Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant
- The Gold Medal (Sixth Class) of the Direkgunabhorn
- Knight Grand Cordon (Special Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand
- Knight Grand Cross (First Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant
- Knight Grand Cross (First Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand
- Knight Commander (Second Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant
- Companion (Third Class, Lower grade) of the Most Illustrious Order of Chula Chom Klao