



**Mae Fah Luang University**

**Conferment Ceremony**

*for the Honorary Doctoral Degree  
of Philosophy in Public Administration to*

***His Excellency U Thein Sein***

***President of the Republic of the Union  
of Myanmar***

**at the Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2013**





## **Mae Fah Luang University**

Mae Fah Luang University was established as a public autonomous university in 1998 to commemorate Her Royal Highness Princess Srinagarindara for the boundless benevolence that she had extended to all of her people. With the Princess Mother's determination to "restore forests and develop human resources", the University is committed to preserving and restoring nature and the environment; improving the quality of living for the underprivileged; building the academic strength of the region; and conserving the customs, arts, and cultures of all ethnic groups especially in Northern Thailand and the Greater Mekong Subregion.





**Lamduan, the Symbolic Flower of Mae Fah Luang University**

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**Program**  
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- 08:30 hrs. Arrival of the Chair of the University Council, the University Council Members, the President of Mae Fah Luang University and Honored guests at the Presidential Palace
- 09:00 hrs. Presentation of the MFU Graduation Regalia to H.E. U Thein Sein
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- 09:10 hrs. Proclamation of Citation to H.E. U Thein Sein by Associate Professor Dr. Vanchai Sirichana, President of Mae Fah Luang University
- Conferment of Honorary Doctoral Degree of Philosophy in Public Administration to H.E. U Thein Sein by General Sampao Choosri, Chair of the University Council
- Presentation of Citation to H.E. U Thein Sein by Associate Professor Dr. Chayaporn Wattanasiri Vice President of Mae Fah Luang University
- Presentation of Laan Thong Buddha Image and Conferment Ceremony Program to H.E. U Thein Sein by Assistant Professor Dr. Akara Akaranithi Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, Mae Fah Luang University
- 09:40 hrs. Address by H.E. U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
- Group photo
- \*\*\*\*\*
- 11:00 hrs. Tea Reception at the Presidential Palace
- End of Program





**His Excellency U Thein Sein**  
**President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar**



#### **Citation**

**His Excellency U Thein Sein**  
**Recipient of the Honorary Doctoral Degree**  
**of Philosophy in Public Administration**  
**Mae Fah Luang University**



H.E. U Thein Sein, born on the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1945, arose from a humble family in the small town of Kyonku in the Irrawaddy Delta. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Defence Services Academy in 1968 and became a Second Lieutenant thereafter. His outstanding and meritorious military career continued for a further 40 years, throughout which he steadily advanced up the echelons of officer ranks.

H.E. U Thein Sein commanded various units of the Myanmar Army around the country, including leading the Golden Triangle Regional Military Command in Kyangtong, Shan State. His Excellency was the commander in this region for four years, during which his presence contributed greatly to the development of the region, notably improving border relations between Myanmar and Thailand.

H.E. U Thein Sein gravitated towards a political career in 1997, first becoming a member of the State Peace and Development Council, then being appointed as the Second Secretary in 2003 and First Secretary in 2004. He offered his services to the nation as its Interim Prime Minister in April 2007 and formally became its Prime Minister on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2007. In the same year, he was promoted to the rank of General and engaged many high level

negotiations with Myanmar's neighboring Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) nations.

H.E. U Thein Sein, throughout the prime ministership, demonstrated genuine efforts, exceptional meritorious leadership skills and exemplary compassion, which gained him wide acceptance among the international community. After retiring from the military on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 2010, His Excellency led the Union Solidarity and Development Party to election success on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February, 2011, thus becoming the country's first non-interim civilian president in 49 years. He was sworn in as the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, 2011.

H.E. U Thein Sein has distinguished himself as the president with vision, resourcefulness, progressiveness, modesty and as a leader of the highest caliber. Under his presidency, the Government of Myanmar has gradually embarked on an agenda of people-centered political and economic reforms. His Excellency has shown strong determination and commitment to such reforms, leading the country into a new direction. Under his leadership, the international community has witnessed striking political, economic and social developments in Myanmar.

H.E. U Thein Sein has shown a strong level of assurance to political and bureaucratic reform, building peace, harmony, and sustainable development in the country, materializing at an efficient and impressive pace. These reforms have led to the rapid advancement of Myanmar in response to the desire of the people.

H.E. U Thein Sein, acknowledging the needs of his people, has implemented all the necessary policy changes, established new institutions and has issued new legislation. His Excellency aims to foster ethical investment within Myanmar, thereby attracting an influx of foreign investors, from both the public and private sectors. In its current position, it is evident that Myanmar is on track to a prosperous and

distinguished future as the most rapidly growing economy in the GMS. His Excellency has implemented these reforms with a human face, ensuring the well-being of people from all strata of Myanmar's society.

H.E. U Thein Sein, since beginning his presidency, has progressed and strengthened the growing relationship between Myanmar and Thailand at an exponential rate, in all aspects and at all levels. With His Excellency's forward-looking policies, these two nations have deepened their collaborations in the areas of energy, logistics, public health and education, inter alia. These partnerships have been fostered with the aim of enhancing the quality of life and human development goals of both countries.

H.E. U Thein Sein is an influential and exceedingly capable leader, with vast experiences and great virtue, leading his country on a successful and prosperous path of development. His Excellency pioneered the ground breaking transformation of Myanmar with his unprecedented reform initiatives, dedicating himself, not only to the advanced-standing of the nation, but also to building peace and understanding among the people of the region.

H.E. U Thein Sein has been recognized as one of the most significant and respected leaders in Myanmar's history, and hereby, in recognition of his profound ingenuity in advancing the development of the country, with preeminent use of his knowledge and competency, with evident and apparent clarity in the country's international and domestic economic and political strategies, with special regard to the newfound relationships built amongst the international community, as a pronouncement of utmost respect, the Mae Fah Luang University Council, with the authority vested upon them, have the honor to confer to His Excellency U Thein Sein, the Honorary Doctoral Degree of Philosophy in Public Administration, with all associated rights, privileges and honors.





# มหาวิทยาลัยแม่ฟ้าหลวง

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## MAE FAH LUANG UNIVERSITY

By virtue of the authority vested in the University Council hereby confers

*the Honorary Doctoral Degree of Philosophy in  
Public Administration*

upon

*His Excellency U Thein Sein*

With all rights, privileges and honors appertaining

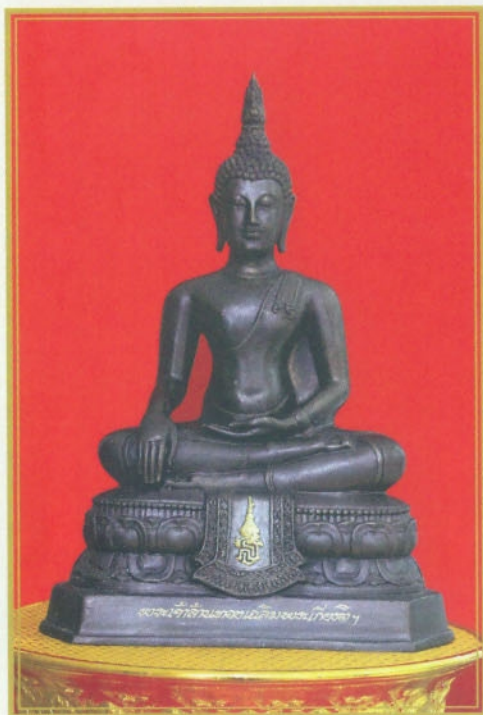
Given on the eighteenth day of September, the Buddhist Era two thousand five hundred and fifty six

Vanchai Sirichana Ph.D.  
President

General Sampao Choosri  
Chair of the University Council

Akara Akaranithi Ph.D.  
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**Laan Thong Buddha image  
presented to H.E. U Thein Sein  
by Mae Fah Luang University  
on occasion of the Conferment Ceremony  
for the Honorary Doctoral Degree  
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### **Laan Thong Buddha Image In Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn**

The Laan Thong Buddha image was created by Mae Fah Luang University to commemorate Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary in the year 2005. The image represents the dedication of merit to Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, as well as expresses the loyalty and gratitude for her boundless benevolence towards Thai people and Mae Fah Luang University. The Laan Thong Buddha image is considered the symbolic Buddha image of Mae Fah Luang University.

The Laan Thong Buddha image is a cast bronze statue of the Lord Buddha seated cross-legged in the 'Mara Vijaya', or evil-defeating, posture, with an aureole resembling a lotus bud amidst flames. Her Royal Highness' Thai initials ('สส') are embroidered on the holy robes.

The prototype of the Laan Thong Buddha image was the Laan Thong Buddha statue, which is the central statue in the main vihara of Phra Kaew Temple in Muang District, Chiang Rai Province. Created in the Palava sculptural tradition, the prototypical Laan Thong statue has since former times been an object of worship for Buddhists, both in Chiang Rai and the entire Lanna Kingdom.

Mae Fah Luang University has the honor to present the Laan Thong Buddha image to H.E. U Thein Sein on occasion of the Conferment Ceremony for the Honorary Doctoral Degree of Philosophy in Public Administration on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November, 2013 at the Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw.





**The Vihara of Laan Thong Buddha image  
in Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of  
Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn**



