Indian nurse wins Royal recognition

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AN INTERNATIONALLY recognised Indian nurse has won this year's HRH Princess Sri Nagarindra Award.

Doctorate-holder Sulochana Krishnan, 76, was selected because of her decades-long devotion to healthcare and the nursing profession, the vice-chairperson of the HRH Princess Sri Nagarindra Award Foundation, Dr Tassana Boonthong said yesterday.

The foundation was established to mark the centenary of the birthday of HRH the Princess Mother on October 21, 2000.

Each year it selects an outstanding nurse or midwife in South or Southeast Asia for the award. The winner receives US$10,000 (Bt400,000), a certificate and a plaque.

Krishnan has been an advisor to both the World Health Organisation and the United Nations Development Programme. She won the prestigious Sarojini Khosla Nightingale Award in 1995.

Krishnan earned a bachelor's of science with honours and master's in nursing at the College of Nursing, University of Delhi, India.

She was also the first Indian nurse to graduate from the Teachers College of Columbia

Sulochana Krishnan

University in the United States.

She has revised and updated the nursing curriculum for undergraduate and master's students at the University of Delhi and helped establish the first doctoral programme for nurses in India.

Krishnan is currently a lecturer and an executive at the Raj Kumari Amrit Kuar College of Nursing, and is chairperson of the Nursing Advisory Committee, Omayal Achi College of Nursing, Chennai.

She was also an adviser to the government of the Maldives for the establishment of the College of Nursing in that country's Institute of Health Science.