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1. Education Society of Thailand (EST)

Background: EST was founded on August 30, 1955.

Philosophy: Education is power for development and peace.

Objectives:

- 1) To give recommendation on policy and educational development program to Thai Government.
- 2) Enhancing scientific, technological, environmental awareness in educational development.
- 3) To promote research on education.
- 4) To promote career on education.
- 5) To provide educational resources for members and all interests.
- 6) Enhancing local networking and international linkage and cooperation.

Emblem: Torch; Education is light that lead to prosperity.

President: Dr. Numyoot Songthanapitak



2. Private School Teachers' Association of Thailand (PSTAT)

The Private School Teachers' Association of Thailand (PSTAT) was established on March 30, 1957. It is affiliated with the World Confederation Organization of the Teaching Profession (WCOTP) since 1964; the International Federation of Freedom Teacher Union (IFFTU) now the Educational International (EI) since 1976.

It is composed of the President, the Secretary-General and a Committee Officers

PSTAT consists of 1, 763 teacher members, and 50 school members whereas;

- Ordinary Member includes teachers, administrative officer, board of Director within educational institutes
- Institutional Member includes all schools and institutes organizations, associations, centers, and associations
- Honorable Member would be appointed by the Committee.

Since 1999 during the time of Dr. Usira Anomasiri, as President, the association was fully recognized as a registered organization of teachers. To date, Dr. Usira is still the elected President of the association along with her appointed Secretary General Dr. Mantrika Vitoonchard and 27 committee members.

PSTAT Objectives:

- 1) To develop and promote professionalism in Education and Teaching Profession
- 2) To assert and protect the rights of private teachers and private schools
- 3) To honor, sustain, and promote member's welfare and prosperity
- 4) To collaborate with the public sector, arrondissement, provincial, and private sector for the benefit of national education.
- 5) To coordinate and support private education management by cooperating with The Government, National Education Alliances in Thailand, and other Educational Organization/Association Alliances all over the world.
- 6) To improved quality of Thai education, religion, and culture
- 7) To promote the conformity and harmony of the member within the association

Important and successful activities

- During the year 1965 – 1975, Thai government announced the National Education Plan, to systemized Private School Sector, which created problems between private school teachers and the school owner. The issues involved salary, welfare, working hours, and other benefits teachers should have. PSTAT collaborate

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between teachers and schools to negotiate with the government in raising private teachers' welfare. Since then, teachers in Private Sector have the benefit of the equal status and equal welfare to teachers in the Government Sector.

- During the year 1990 PSTAT successfully organized an English Training for Private School Teachers all over Thailand to promote better quality English Language teachers within the Private Sector, in collaboration with CTF (Canadian Teachers Federation).
- Teacher Council Act 1999 called for all foreign teachers to have a Teacher License. In consequence, PSTAT, who have been authorized by Kurusapha, then organized the Training in Thai Language, Thai Culture, and Profession Codes of Ethics.
- PSTAT campaigned against Private School Act 2007 in many issues that partial the rights of Private School, main focus is in the asset transfer to school, and teachers and education personal welfare.
- PSTAT in collaboration with Education International (EI) to assist teachers since 1976 – present
- PSTAT has been joining Education International Regional Conference to create a strong affiliation within the region until present.
- PSTAT together with Education International Asia Pacific Region (EIAPR) working in improving the quality of Asian woman Teacher's life.
- Since the year 2007 until now, PSTAT successfully organized Thai Language, Thai Culture, and Teacher's Code of Conduct Training for foreign teachers all over Thailand in response to the new rules and regulations concerning Foreign Teacher License under the requirement of Teacher's Council of Thailand.



3. Secondary School Administrator Association of Thailand (S.A.A.T.)

SAAT is an association of Secondary School Administrator in Thailand. It was established in 1971. The association has 5,057 ordinary members, 716 Non-ordinary members, and 2,130 school teacher members.

Secondary School Administrator Association of Thailand

Mr. Suwan Jansom, the direction of Secondary School Division, had signed his name for setting Secondary School Principal Association of Thailand (S.P.A.T) since 1971.

S.P.A.T Office was in Triam-Udomsuksa School, Phyathai, Bangkok. Now, S.P.A.T has changed its name to S.A.A.T for 38 years.

S.A.A.T had moved to the Ministry of Education. It's located in the Office of the Secretary General, the Teachers' Council of Thailand.

Location of Association

Secondary School Administrator Association of Thailand
Office Building 2, Room 102
Office of the Secretary General, the Teacher Council of Thailand
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Symbol of Association

A shiny flame of Candle which both in Thai and English abbreviation, ส.บ.บ.ท. and S.A.A.T, inside the candle.

Members of Association

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| 1) Ordinary Member | 5,057 members |
| 2) Extraordinary Member | 716 members |
| 3) Institute Member | 2,310 members |

Objectives of Association

- 1) To be a center of supporting the academic progress which members and association should have for education and country development.
- 2) To be a center of advice or suggestion for the members and general government office to do their duty and solve the problem of Secondary School Division.
- 3) To be a center of learning and experiencing about the member duty and problem of Secondary School Division and General Education.

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- 4) To support a relationship between S.A.A.T and other Teacher Institute or other institute relating with teacher, both inside and outside country, which objectives are alike.
- 5) To be a center of promoting an information of Association and General Government Office to the member.
- 6) To support a friendship among members and the member welfare.
- 7) To support a quality and efficiency in management of members.
- 8) To maintain the right of members by the law and rule of general government office and member welfare.
- 9) To share a practicing public benefit and charity.

Role and Activity of S.A.A.T under the leader, Mr.Wittaya Bariboonsap, in 2007-2009

- 1) Doing personal development program such as speech, debate, seminar, and doing research in quality and efficiency development of Secondary School Administrator.
- 2) Improving an educational development by contacting with other institute inside and outside country for a high professional standard of Secondary School Administrator.
- 3) Supporting an international education management for the members such as the exchange program of administrator, teacher, and student with international institute network.
- 4) Doing the unity and Cooperating on Education by setting up the academic exhibition every year, meeting and sharing experience among the professional members in education management and increasing a high standard of Secondary School.
- 5) To maintain the rights of member by forming a committee to response for the right of member.
- 6) To support and courage the members and give an honor and esteem the member who do a good benefit to the Secondary School and join the farewell party of a retire members.



4. National Thai Teacher's Union Association (NTTU)

The National Thai Teachers Union (NTTU) was established in 1999. The NTTU reports a membership of approximately 10,000 teachers and school administrators. At this time, it does not have other sorts of education system personnel in the membership. NTTU members can come from all types of schools – Government, private, and vocational – though the vast majority comes from Government schools at primary level and secondary level. The NTTU has a 30 member Executive Committee.

The objectives of NTTU

- 1) To support the aim to protect the rights of the teachers to practice their profession according to the Thai Constitution and National Education Act, the suggestion of the UNESCO, ILO, and Education International (EI).
- 2) To be the representative agent for the negotiation on the welfare and benefits of teachers and any conflicts in the working employment between teachers and the government or local administrative agencies and educational institutions.
- 3) To disseminate knowledge and new technologies to the members including other activities supporting the development of teachers to be proficient teachers which are beneficial to country.
- 4) To support the independent administration of education and promote the academic freedom among the teachers.
- 5) To co-ordinate and collaborate with the Government, government agencies and private organizations both inside and outside country relating to education, teaching profession, culture, peace and humanitarian issues without binding conditions.

Important and successful activities

- 1) Successful negotiation for the depressed school administrators to be promoted “School administrators with complicated work in remote areas”.
- 2) To be the membership of Education International (EI) in 2000.
- 3) Women teachers being appointed women teachers’ committee of EI Asian Pacific Region (EIAP).
- 4) Development of women leadership with EI support from 2003 – recent.
- 5) Co-ordination with private organizations bringing flags of peace to the three southern provinces and movement to urge the Government to solve the terrorism problem in the three southern provinces of Thailand.



5. Federation of Teachers Association of Thailand (FTAT)

Symbol of the Federation

Outside circle is the name of the Federation in Thai language (“สมาพันธ์สมาคมครูแห่งประเทศไทย”) on top of the circle and the name of the Federation in English (“FEDERATION OF TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF THAILAND”) in below of the circle and inside circle is the picture of join right hands and the blackboard with abbreviation in Thai alphabet (“ส.ค.ท.”) or “FTAT” in English on triangle easel.

Objectives of the Federation

- 1) The central of cooperation of teacher organization for knowledge, opinion and experience exchange.
- 2) To encourage set up and operation the teacher organization.
- 3) To encourage guard the rights for teachers as United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and International Labor Organization (ILO) recommendation.
- 4) To disseminate ideology and knowledge to members including to activities that support the teacher operation efficiency.
- 5) To support education management independent with the nation policy.
- 6) To cooperation with the government, agency and others organization in Thailand and the national about developing teachers education, culture, peacefulness, the right of the Child and human.