

Sanphasit KOOMPRAHANT (Thailand)

Date and place of birth: 20 September 1949, Thailand

Working languages: Thai and English

Current position/function:

Director of Center for the Protection of Children's Rights Foundation (CPCR) in Bangkok; managing to protect abused and neglected children and to prevent child abuse and neglect by promoting the multidisciplinary approach through multidisciplinary network; building up multidisciplinary teams in nine major provinces of Thailand; establishing network of agencies in the Mae Kong Region to protect child victims of trafficking in the region and to prevent the vulnerable group from being trafficked.

Main professional activities:

- Identify and investigate child abuse and neglect including child trafficking; develop legislation on child protection; develop instruments for child protective services on monitoring the child and the family; identification of abuse and neglect, family assessment tools, guidelines for management of treatment for child victims and their families, social reintegration of victims and develop prevention measures to make family, school and community be safe places for children
- Participating in many national bodies such as National Child Protection Committee, the Subcommittee on Legislation for the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, to establish National Policy on Child Protection and implement the legal protection of any children in Thailand
- Acting as legal adviser to government and non-governmental agencies on how to implement, interpret and enforce the law, particularly on Child Protection Act 2003, Victim of Domestic Violence Protection Act 2007 and the Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking Act 2008

Educational background:

Bachelor's degree in Economics, Bachelor's degree in Law and Honorable Doctor of Social Work, Thammasat University (Bangkok).

2000 Training on "Child Witness Support" at the Royal New Zealand Police College at Porirua.

1997 International Interdisciplinary Course on Children's Rights, University of Ghent (Belgium).

1985 Law and Human Rights training course, Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague (Netherlands).

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- Member of the National Committee of Child Protection (2004-2010)
- Member of the National Committee of the National Youth Promotion Bureau (2002-2008)
- Member of the Drafting Committee on the Child Protection Act (2003)
- Member of the Drafting Committee on the Thai National Human Rights Commission Act
- President of the Coordinating Committee for Human Rights Organizations in Thailand
- Treasurer of the Coalition to Fight Against Child Exploitation (FACE)
- Legal adviser and assistant to the treasurer of the Foundation for Children
- President of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), 2008-2010
- Advisory board of research on “problems and trend of child labour in Thailand and effect to the child labour future development”, TDRI 2001
- Researcher on Measure of the Suppression and Prevention of Children and Women Trafficking in Thailand (2002-2003)

List of most recent publications in the field:

- *Handbook on the Management of Treatment for Child & Woman Victims of Trafficking*, Thai edition (ISBN 974-91395-3-4), 2003
- *Practical Handbook for Multidisciplinary Team on Handling of Child Protection*, Thai edition (ISBN 974-685-038-5), 2004