



Memorial

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Professor Emeritus Chaleow Piyachon, 1938-2023

Professor Emeritus Chaleow Piyachon passed away on May 27, 2023, following an arduous struggle from complications of appendicitis and septicaemia. Professor Piyachon was born in 1938 in the central province of Singhburi, Thailand. He graduated from Chulalongkorn University Hospital before receiving radiology training in the School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, USA.

After completion of the radiology programme, Professor Piyachon returned to Thailand, Bangkok and then to Chiang Mai, where he served as an instructor in the early days of Department of Radiology, Faculty of Medicine, Chiang Mai University. He was promoted as the head of the department, subsequent to the title of Director of Maharaj Nakorn Chiang Mai Hospital and Director of the Northern Thai Cancer Foundation, the latter position which he held until his final days. His academic achievements spanned from his devoting lessons, well-known textbooks, and numerous research papers. His particular interest was directed toward angiography, cardiovascular imaging, and emergency radiology.



*Professor Chaleow Piyachon (left)
with his son (right) and grandson
(middle)*

Apart from the great depths in radiologic interests, his leisure time had been spent profoundly on the domain of art, craft and architecture, particularly that of Northern Thailand. He was involved in various books regarding Northern Thai or Lanna culture, as an author and photographer. Consequently, Chiang Mai University acknowledged his passion and contribution by appointing him as the Head of the University's Centre for the Promotion of Arts and Culture for a while. He was also an enthusiast in watercolour, oil painting, gardening, archaeology, and alternative medicine.

His legacies have been inherited by his cherished pupils and colleagues, along with his family for generations after. Professor Piyachon married Mrs. Nuanjan Wibulsanti and was a father of three sons. He was and is always the best grandfather of two boys, one who has been following his footsteps by pursuing the career in diagnostic radiology at the moment.

This article serves as commemorative statement from our society to the Professor Piyachon's contribution to the radiologic academia, his perseverance toward the medical career, and his unwavering passion.

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