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Prof. Pichet Udomratn received his MD (Hons.) in 1980 from Prince of Songkla University, Songkhla, Thailand. After receiving a World Health Organization (WHO) fellowship, he worked as a research fellow and visiting psychiatrist during 1988-1989 at the Department of Psychiatry, Royal Edinburgh Hospital and at the Division of International Medical Education, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom. He was also twice awarded a British Council Fellowship. In 1988 he attended the British Council course on Psychogeriatrics at the University of Nottingham and in 1992 he attended the British Council course on Recent Developments in Psychiatry at the University of Cambridge. In 1994 he was funded by the Exchange Fellow Program of the Thai Ministry of University Affairs and the Federal Ministry of Science and Research of Austria to work as a visiting researcher at the Division of Pharmacopsychiatry and Sleep Research, Department of Psychiatry, University of Vienna, Austria. In 2001, he was awarded a Fellowship to attend the University of Melbourne-Harvard Medical School Leadership Program in International Mental Health at the University of Melbourne, Australia.

He was elected by Thai psychiatrists to be President of the Psychiatric Association of Thailand (PAT) for two consecutive terms (2006-2007 and 2008-2009). Later, during 2010-2019 he was elected to be the Founding President of the Thai Society for Geriatric Psychiatry and Neuropsychiatry (TSGN).

He is now a Senior Professor of Psychiatry at Prince of Songkla University in southern Thailand and was recently appointed by the Thai Medical Council to be the first Chairman of the National Board Examination on Geriatric Psychiatry.

His role in international psychiatry is highlighted by involvement with various professional organizations. He is currently holding these positions.

- Vice President, World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation (WAPR)
- Scientific Section Chair of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) on Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- Immediate Past President, Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists (PRCP)
- Immediate Past President, Asian College of Schizophrenia Research (ACSR)
- Honorary Treasurer, Asian Association of Neuropsychopharmacology (AANP)
- International Advisory Committee of Japanese Society of Psychiatry and Neurology (JSPN)

Moreover, in the past he served in these international organizations.

- International Advisory Group for World Health Organization (WHO) on the revision of ICD-10 Mental and Behavioral Disorders
- Working Group for World Health Organization (WHO) on Psychotic Disorders in ICD-11
- President, Asian Federation of Psychiatric Associations (AFPA)
- President, ASEAN Federation of Psychiatry and Mental Health (AFPMH)
- Vice President for Outreach, International Society for Bipolar Disorders (ISBD)
- Chairman and Founding Member, Asian Network of Bipolar Disorder (ANBD)
- Vice Chair of the WPA Working Group for the Revision of Curriculum on Psychiatric Education
- Member of the WPA-Lancet Psychiatry Commission on the Future of Psychiatry

Prof. Udomratn has received the following awards from both national and international organizations.

- WPA Honorary Membership for excellence in service to the World Psychiatric Association (2017)
- ISBD Scholar Award as the Asian Regional Leader for his novel idea to propose the World Bipolar Day to be celebrated on the 30th of March every year (2015)
- Outstanding Thai Psychiatrist who Devoted Himself for the Benefit of the Professional Community (2013)
- Outstanding Research Psychiatrist from the Psychiatric Association of Thailand (2001)

He has worked with many leaders in the field of psychiatry by involvement in these international congresses.

- Member of the Scientific Committee of the 20th WPA World Congress of Psychiatry (Thailand, 2020)
- Congress President of the 18th International Congress of PRCP (Myanmar, 2018)
- Congress President of the 5th World Congress of Asian Psychiatry (Japan, 2015)

Prof. Udomratn now serves as a member of editorial boards of many international journals that include the Psychiatry and Clinical Neuroscience, the Asia Pacific Psychiatry Journal, the Asian Journal of Psychiatry, Taiwanese Journal of Psychiatry, and the International Journal of Social Psychiatry. He also serves as a peer reviewer for many international journals, and the Journal of the Psychiatric Association of Thailand, of which he is a former editor.

He has authored more than 150 publications including books, research papers, reviews, and special articles. His major fields of interest and research are wide. These fields include psychotic disorders, mood and anxiety disorders, psychopharmacology, geriatric psychiatry, and psychosocial rehabilitation. Recently he has joined other co-authors to write the chapter on “Psychiatric Rehabilitation in the 21st Century” in the WPA book titled “Advances in Psychiatry”.