



**Mr. Somchai Wongsawat**

**Minister of Education**

### **Personal Data**

**Name** Mr. Somchai Wongsawat  
**Date of Birth** August 31, 1947  
**Marital Status** Married  
**Address** 100/159 Soi 23/2 Chonlada Village, Bangkruay - Sainoi Rd.,  
Bangbuathong, Nonthaburi

### **Educational Background**

**2002** Master of Public Administration (Public and Private Management (MPPM)), National Institute of Development Administration  
**1996** National Defense College of Thailand  
**1973** Barrister-at-Law, the Thai Bar  
**1970** Bachelor of Laws, Thammasat University

### **Work Experience**

**February 6, 2008 - Present** Minister of Education  
**2008** Committee Member of the Thai Bar under the patronage of His Majesty the King  
**2007** Member of the House of Representatives (Party List)  
**2007** Deputy Leader of People Power Party  
**March, 8-September, 2006** Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour  
**November 11, 1999 – March, 2006** Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice  
**1998-1999** Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice  
**1997** Chief Justice, Court of Appeal Region II  
**1993** Justice, Court of Appeal Region III  
**1990** Chief Justice, Thonburi Criminal Court  
**1989** Chief Justice, Nonthaburi Court  
**1988** Chief Justice, Chonburi Court  
**1987** Chief Justice, Rayong Juvenile Court  
**1986** Chief Justice, Pang-nga Court  
**1983** Judge, Chiangrai Court  
**1977** Judge, Chiangmai Court  
**1976** Judge, Chiangmai-Kwaeng Court  
**1975** Judge, Ministry of Justice  
**1974** Assistant Judge, Ministry of Justice

## **Other experience**

### **1999-2006**

Chairman of Committee (Laws field), National Research Council of Thailand  
Member of Board, Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand  
Member of Board, Electricity Generating Public Company Limited  
Member of Board, Krung Thai Bank Public Company Limited  
Member of Board, PTT Public Company Limited  
Member of Board, Airport of Thailand Company Limited  
Member of Board, Thai Oil Public Company Limited  
Member of Committee, Office of the Narcotics Control Board  
Member of Committee, Anti Money Laundering Board  
Member of Committee, the Council of State  
Member of Committee, Board of Royal Thai Police  
Member of Committee, the Civil Service Commission  
Member of Committee, Attorney Commission  
Member of Committee, Judiciary Commission  
Member of Committee, the Government Lottery Office

## **Decorations**

1999 Chakrabarti Mala Medal  
1997 Knight Grand Cordon (Special Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant  
1992 Knight Grand Cordon (Special Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand  
1989 Knight Grand Cross (First Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant  
1986 Knight Grand Cross (First Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand  
1984 Knight Commander (Second Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant  
1980 Knight Commander (Second Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand



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