

Announcement of Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University on "Declaration of Non-Acceptance of Gifts and Presents in Connection with Official Duties (No Gift Policy)" Fiscal Year 2025

Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University is an institution of higher education without its own classrooms, the objectives of the university are to provide education, promote higher education and professions, conduct research, provide academic services to society, and preserve culture. The university is committed to creating awareness, values, and culture based on the principles of good governance, ethics, and morality, honesty, and living in accordance with the principles of the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy, as well as, how to distinguish between personal and public interests. Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University also recognizes the importance of countering corruption and misconduct. Therefore, the university attaches great importance to prevention and suppression of corruption and misconduct, and aims to promote organizational culture and values of integrity.

By virtue of the power granted under Section 20 of the Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University Act B.E. 2521, I hereby issue the following announcement:

As the highest administrator, I, the president of Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, hereby declare my intention not to accept any gifts or presents of any kind from the performance of my duties. I also declare the intention of all administrators and staff of Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University that the university is an institution where all administrators and staff do not accept any gifts or presents of any kind, whether during, before, or after the performance of their duties that may lead to corruption and misconduct, both now and in the future. We will work together to raise awareness, create good attitudes, and values in the performance of our duties, so that we can distinguish between personal and public interests. We will also work together to create a new organizational culture within the context of the organization that will manage and conduct government affairs with virtue, transparency, openness, good governance, and accountability, without expecting rewards. This is to promote transparency and corruption-free, good governance, ethics, morality,

honesty, and living in accordance with the principles of the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy in the future.

Therefore, I hereby announce this to all, and I ask all administrators and staff of Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University to strictly adhere to this policy in the future.

Announced on 31 January 2025

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Acting President of Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University