

PUEY UNGPHAKORN

'Teacher, you have come back home'

Former students bid a tearful farewell

A solemn ceremony was held at Thammasat University yesterday to receive the ashes of Dr Puey Ungphakorn, a former rector and leading economist who passed away late last month.

Hundreds of people including politicians, academics and social activists turned up to pay their respects.

Among those present at the university's Tha Phra Chan campus were PM's Office Minister Khunying Supatra Masdit, former commerce minister Narongchai Akaraseranee, New Aspiration secretary-general Chaturon Chaisaeng, Deputy Commerce Minister Kornpote Asavinvijitr, deputy Thai Rak Thai leader Sutham Saengprathum, and senior Democrat Marut Bunnag.

Thammasat students who studied there when Dr Puey was the rector were also present.

A 46-year-old woman who was once his student, said tearfully that Dr Puey had greatly influenced her life. "I will always be proud of having been his student. He was kind, polite and had a simple way of life," she said.

The ceremony began at 8.30am in front of the grand auditorium after Dr Puey's son, Giles Ungphakorn, brought the ashes to the venue.



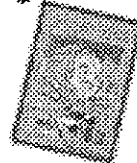
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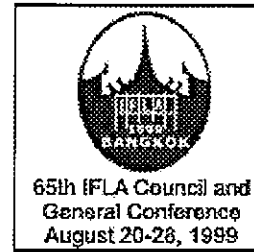
Wanchai Thanawangnoi, of Thammasat's Faculty of Journalism, made a speech dedicated to Dr Puey: "Teacher, now you're back home, back at Thammasat again. Though we're aware that all is uncertainty, we cannot help but grieve. We're sad because our respected teacher, a really good man of society, has left us. Please allow us and many Thai people to pay respects to you. The Thai people will always love you." An emotional song called Santi Prachatham composed by poet laureate Naowarat Pongpaiboon, was played at the ceremony.

Thammasat rector Naris Chaiyasut and Thammasat Council chairman Khunying Nongyao Chaiseri then led the procession taking the ashes to Thammasat Dome Building. Teachers and students of 14 faculties also lined up in the procession, carrying a picture of Dr Puey, the university's and faculties' flags to the Dome.

A Buddhist service had been held in front of the Dome Building before the ashes were taken to the Pridi Bhanom-yong Memorial Room, where members of the public can pay their respects from 8.30am-8pm until Aug 22. His ashes will then be scattered in the sea.

Khunying Nongyao said the university was thinking of enshrining some of his ashes in the Chamber of the Buddha in front of the grand auditorium, but the idea had yet to be discussed with his family.

Regarding Mr Giles' request that the true story of the October 6, 1976 bloody event be written to reveal the exact circumstances, Khunying Supatra said the process was now being carried out by the education minister.



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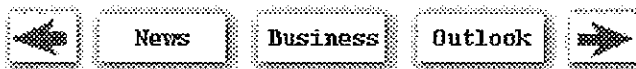


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The ashes of probably Thailand's most respected economist and teacher were returned to Bangkok yesterday. Expressions of respect will be received until Sunday at Thammasat University. The following is the first of a two-part tribute.

A senate committee vetting an anti-graft bill has agreed to establish the National Counter Corruption Commission as the country's sole anti-corruption agency.

PM's Office Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva, the panel's chairman, said the bill was accepted by the majority of the members and no vote had been cast.

While the government wants a single agency to tackle corruption, certain senators including Senate Speaker Meechai Ruchupan, want the existing Counter Corruption Commission to remain, with the NCCC to be established separately.

Acharn leaves enduring legacy

Thitinan Pongsudhirak

Rarely has the glorification of a Thai individual been so justified. No adulation can do justice to a man who suffered so much for his integrity and intellect, his courage and conviction. No amount of praise can testify fully to the spirit of public service Dr Puey Ungphakorn engendered and to the force of example he set for Thai society.

Those who were born early enough to study and/or work with Dr Puey have the privilege of calling him "Acharn", an elastic term for "teacher". The younger generation who were still either unborn or grappling with multiplication tables during Dr Puey's heyday are left to learn about the man mostly from the writings by and about him.

Fortunately, there are enough of these writings around to stitch together a colourful tapestry of this extraordinary man.

Regrettably, in 1977, Dr Puey suffered a debilitating stroke that deprived him of speech and penmanship. No doubt the stroke was caused by the trauma and stress from the political persecution

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caused by the trauma and stress from the political persecution perpetrated against him a year earlier. Otherwise we would have learned more from him in the past 22 years.

Perhaps his intellect is an apt starting point.

While his mother struggled to put him through school, Dr Puey excelled in all academic pursuits. First, it was in French at secondary school. After graduation, the school made him an instructor in the subject. While in that job, he enrolled at Thammasat University and obtained his first degree there in law and politics, having studied and done homework at weekends and in the hours of twilight and early dawn.

He then became an interpreter for a year for a French researcher before winning a government scholarship to study at the London School of Economics. Dr Puey travelled to London in 1938 aboard an ocean liner. On the ship, he wrote a letter to one of his professors back home indicating how he had managed to already grasp some words of English.

His French must have come in handy for his English and his maths must have been as solid as his French because, three years later, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics-and with more than flying colours. Dr Puey came in first of all first class honours students at the school. This feat has seldom been matched by foreign students and has never been surpassed by a Thai. It promptly earned him an LSE scholarship for PhD studies.

But World War Two postponed his PhD aspirations.

After spurning the Thai government's recall of its scholarship recipients, he joined the Allied war effort. Dr Puey enlisted enthusiastically in a Thai volunteers unit, the "White Elephants", and played a leading role in it throughout the war.

His wartime heroics were somewhat constrained by circumstances. In a second attempt to parachute him into Thailand for intelligence work, Allied pilots made the drop 30km off target. He was seized by local villagers and state officials, but eventually sympathisers in Bangkok put him in touch with national resistance leaders.

The following anecdote particularly captures his sense of self-deprecating humour in the face of challenge and uncertainty.

According to his recollections, prior to the successful landing, he had a close encounter with seeming death during the previous parachuting mission. He hung for an hour from the edge of the plane's parachute door with cold winds blowing beneath his feet. He wrote later: "I felt like it lasted a year. I thought about life and death,

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about [the Buddhist] impermanence and Anatta (non-self). At least I had the certainty that I was not descending into hell because there were no hot flames down below."In late 1945, after lobbying to lighten the war reparations the Allied powers were exacting on Thailand, Dr Puey returned to the LSE.

He proceeded to complete a PhD degree in economics in three years. His thesis, its pages now dusty and yellowish, was on the international tin industry during the inter-war years. Some years later, he wrote that he re-read his thesis and did not think it was so good. Dr Puey's writings are generally devoid of ego.

His claim to fame had to do with the power of expertise and the powerful role of ideas. The LSE of the late 1930s and 40s was a hotbed of economic and social ideas. Neoclassical economics with its reliance on the free market reigned, but so did the ideal of social justice.

Dr Puey studied with a handful of this century's finest economists, particularly Friedrich von Hayek, who probably could have been at least as famous as John Maynard Keynes had Hayek been inclined towards policy-making circles. Another influential figure in Dr Puey's academic training was Harold Laski, a political scientist who championed the cause of the poor and the disadvantaged.

When he returned to Thailand in 1949, Dr Puey found an economy in tatters, ravaged by the damages of war. He soon became an expert in public finance, based initially at the Finance Ministry and then at the Bank of Thailand.

For the next 20 years, his efforts would modernise the Thai economy and public administration. He had to rely on the World Bank and IMF for both the funding of Thailand's post-war reconstruction and the modernisation of its public administration.

Roads were built, irrigation and other basic utilities were set up. Together with his finance ministry colleagues, Dr Puey eliminated the state's monopoly of the rice trade. The distorted multiple exchange rates were unified. Foreign reserves were built up. The budgetary process was streamlined.

In the 1950s and 60s, Dr Puey moulded a handful of organisations that were to form the backbone of Thailand's staunchly conservative fiscal and monetary discipline, including the Budget Bureau, the Fiscal Policy Office, the National Economic and Social Development Board, and especially the Bank of Thailand. It was the latter that gave him distinction among his peers.

At the central bank, he instituted a blueprint for macro-economic management that was to maintain the price stability of subsequent

years.

His conscious effort to bolster human capital at the Bank of Thailand was legendary. To this day, many promising young Thais have benefitted from the seeds he sowed. Some of today's leading economics PhDs are the offspring of Dr Puey's scholarship programmes at the central bank.

In those two decades, Dr Puey was a consummate technocrat who moulded Thailand's technocracy. And it lasted well after his time in the sun.

The macro-economic technocracy he built eroded in the early 1990s, collapsing in 1997 under the weight of unscrupulous bankers, bureaucrats, and politicians, many of whom, ironically, were the fruit of his human capital development programmes.

As a technocrat, Dr Puey had to rely on a working relationship with the military dictators of the day.

From 1947-73, Thailand was ruled by three successive military-authoritarian regimes. Naturally, the corrupt military dictators wanted to get their hands on as much of the economic spoils as possible. But Dr Puey's unwavering integrity kept the military's graft out of the macro-economic technocracy.

Because Thailand was short of economic experts in those days, Dr Puey's chief weapon was his actual, or threatened, resignation, although it was brandished gingerly alongside his tough bargaining skills. More often than not, the generals gave in to Dr Puey's advice. They trusted his ideas and expertise, and respected his integrity and courage for speaking his mind.

In the late 1960s, Dr Puey began to devote his expertise to higher education.

He finally left the central bank in 1971, and immersed himself in developing the country's younger generation at Thammasat University.

By then he admitted that Thailand's economic development hitherto had failed, and he shared the blame. The poor had become poorer, the rich richer. The disparity between the haves and have-nots had widened inexorably. It was better, as he put it, to weave a new sheet of cloth rather than keep sewing up a worn and torn piece.

At Thammasat, like the Bank of Thailand, he implemented human resource development programmes to great success.

Bright graduates were sent abroad for training before returning to

join the university's economics faculty. Most famous were his rural development programmes. Graduate volunteers were encouraged to do field work, helping to teach villagers to help themselves.

Inevitably, Dr Puey's rural development ideas soon became a threat to "The Establishment".

The nobility, landed gentry and private sector interests, among others who had a stake in the existing order, vehemently opposed the emphasis on economic equality and social justice. Together with the military, which wanted to restore its lost supremacy, they colluded to destroy Dr Puey's career under the guise of anti-communism.

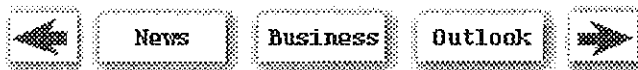
He was forced to leave Thailand on Oct 6, 1976, the day of infamy when a three-year nascent liberal order came to an end.

Perhaps the lasting image of Dr Puey is that of a man who stood by his ideas through thick and thin. His career was testimony to sacrifice over capitulation. His life was an unrivalled example of conviction and compassion.

Upon turning 25, a high-water mark in the life of a male in the Thai belief-system, he penned a punchy Thai verse, declaring his intention to make a difference in the world. This he did, and so much more.

Dr Puey inspired a generation. We should ensure that his legacy will inspire generations to come.

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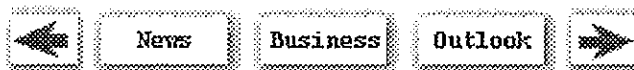
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TRIBUTE / THE WISDOM OF DR PUEY UNGPYAKORN

Death revitalises old questions

In the second and final part of this tribute to the late economist and teacher, we look more closely at the reasons he is revered, and was also reviled in some quarters.

Thitinan Pongsudhirak

No story should be one-sided. And so with the life of Dr Puey Ungphakorn.

While his passing has occasioned us to remember his illustrious life, it should also remind us of the questions and issues that pre-occupied him in the years of his prime.

These questions and issues have reverberated to this day.

As much as he has been eulogised since the news of his death, Dr Puey was not without critics and adversaries in his heyday and well after.

His critics have portrayed him indirectly as an early designer of Thailand's misguided economic development path that opened up the Thai economy for exploitation by foreign predators.

He had worked closely with the World Bank and IMF, international



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He had worked closely with the World Bank and IMF, international money lenders which often conditioned their loans on domestic economic liberalisation. In fact, he had trained at the World Bank as well as the Bank of England.

To many of today's dedicated bashers of Thailand's outward economy, Dr Puey was representative of a Trojan Horse, implanted with mainstream "Western" neoclassical economic ideas of the free market.

These ideas, according to such criticisms, spawned Thailand's modern economic policy-making agencies in the late 1950s, including the National Economic and Social Development Board, the Budget Bureau, and the Board of Investment.

These agencies gave rise to Thailand's export-oriented economy that has relied on foreign investment to fuel growth. As a result, poor little Thailand has become a pawn in the hands of foreign institutions-the World Bank, IMF, multinational corporations, and foreign investment funds-to clobber and exploit as they please.

But the perennial critics of Dr Puey's economic statecraft have conveniently omitted at least two critical points.

Economic policies in 1959, as in 1999, must invariably be chosen from hard choices. The Thai economy in Dr Puey's time, for instance, was a mess.

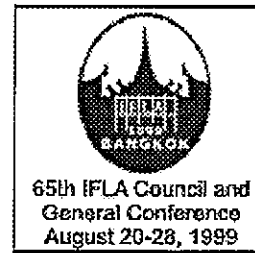
In the late 1940s, if international loans were not taken, post-war reconstruction and basic infrastructural needs would not have been met. If public administration was not modernised, the economic bureaucracy would have been unworkable.

Equally important, the domestic reforms attached to such loans were often needed to break up the domestic monopolies and oligopolies. In many cases, it was the locals, not foreigners, who most exploited the Thai economy.

The ability to use foreign involvement for local benefit is a major component of Dr Puey's legacy.

Admittedly, after his exit from the scene in Oct 1976, the economic openness Dr Puey had pioneered became lopsided over time. The subsequent generation of technocrats lacked his wisdom, foresight, compassion and pragmatism.

To expose the roots of Thailand's economic ills over the past two decades, critics of openness should look at a turning point in the mid-1970s. The World Bank/IMF are not the culprits we would like them to be. The answer lies much more within.



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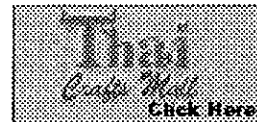
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By the late 1960s, Dr Puey knew that something was amiss in the development plans he and his technocratic colleagues had laid out.

The provincial poor were not getting the opportunities to reap the gains from growth. Practically alone among his peers at the Finance Ministry and Bank of Thailand, Dr Puey spearheaded broad-based rural development programmes.

In the early 1970s, based at Thammasat University, he enlisted a wide coalition of progressive segments of society who were willing to work in grassroots areas. These segments included university students, doctors, enlightened bureaucrats and businessmen.

Dr Puey never renounced capitalist development per se. Nor did he blame the plight of the poor on the economy's outward orientation. Instead, he laboured on distributional issues, trying to bridge the rich-poor gaps from the bottom up.

His logic was simple. We must help the poor, as he put it, because the rich will always take care of themselves.

This did not endear Dr Puey to the rich and powerful. The promising efforts of his progressive coalition ran counter to the interests of local elites who controlled the Thai economy.

His coalition represented an alternative liberal socio-economic order. It had the ingredients for a welfare state. It was "capitalism with a human face" before its time.

Dr Puey's endeavours were complicated by the polarisation of the Cold War. In a country steeped in its anti-communist zeal, it was easy to associate those who wanted to help the poor and the disadvantaged in the countryside with communist sympathisers. This is what Dr Puey's enemies did to him.

Threatened by the more egalitarian society he envisioned, they branded him a communist. In doing so, they knocked off two birds with one stone. Dr Puey's budding coalition was nipped in the bud, and the student movement was rendered illegitimate.

But if the communist threat had not been present back then, "The Establishment" still would have destroyed Dr Puey and his coalition by other means.

What he represented was a third way, neither communist nor establishment.

Once The Establishment consolidated their control after Dr Puey's expulsion, the Thai economy turned more outward, gathering force in

the 1980s and 90s. But this time, Dr Puey's emphasis on equity and social justice was long gone.

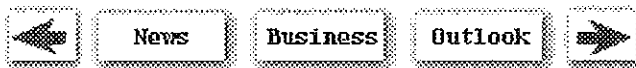
While his passing has given us a chance to celebrate his life, it also brings up disturbing, recurrent questions about ourselves. These are long-closeted questions that beset Dr Puey in the twilight of his career.

How, for instance, are we to come to terms with the tumultuous days that climaxed on Oct 6, 1976? And why, as a noted Thai scholar asked at a recent conference, is there a monument to commemorate the Oct 14, 1973 uprising but nothing to honour the memory of the students gruesomely killed and maimed on Oct 6, 1976?

The latter event was sparked by the return from exile of Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn, the long-time dictator who had been overthrown legitimately three years earlier. How was his return possible, and why did we tolerate it?

These are possibly cathartic questions whose answers would provide some justice to Dr Puey's memory. After all, it is a sordid twist in the annals of modern Thai history that FM Thanom should be allowed to die on Thai soil when Dr Puey did not.

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1,000 pay solemn tribute to Puey

THE ashes of late former central bank governor and Thammasat rector Puey Ungphakorn were placed yesterday in a ceremonial pavilion during a Buddhist service and will be moved to the Pridi memorial on Soi Thonglor, where they will be kept until Aug 22.

The Buddhist service yesterday was joined by 1,000 people including Deputy Prime Minister Trairong Suwannakhiri, PM's Office Minister Supatra Masdit, former parliament president Marut Bunnag, senator and former GF Finance Co executive Narongchai Akrasanee and Board of Investment director Sathaporn Kavitanon.

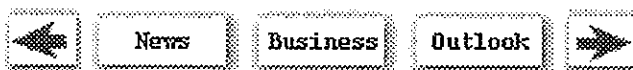
Puey's ashes which arrived in a ceramic urn carried by his youngest son Giles were delivered to Thammasat University rector Dr Narit Chaiyasut, who placed them in a ceremonial pavilion where a Buddhist service took place.

After the service the ashes were placed at the Pridi memorial where they will remain until the weekend.

The dirge was to the accompaniment of the tunes of a requiem thoranee kansaeng (Mother Earth Wails), alternated by those of Santiprachadharm (Dharma for Popular Peace) and the diao nokkhamin (Wait, Canary), tunes from a bamboo flute, said to be late Puey's favourite when he was alive.

Puey was cremated on Aug 6 in London, where he had lived in exile for nearly 20 years until his death on July 28. He had suffered a massive stroke in 1977, which partially paralysed him. In 1991, he was admitted to a hospital to be treated for aortic aneurysm. He died of complications from aortic aneurysm, an abnormal dilation of a blood vessel filled with clotted blood.

The Nation



Commentary

by Kanjana Spindler

It's been a bad week for Thailand

In the life of a nation, a week may not seem like a very long time. But these last seven days have been totally depressing. Whatever momentum the Thaitanic wreckage might have picked up over the last two years seems to have been dissipated almost overnight.

Firstly, there was the news of Dr Puey Ungphakorn's death which reminded me how two-faced this country can be. After more than 20 years of exile during which hardly a single voice was raised in his honour, Dr Puey's ashes returned to a hero's welcome. While this may have been comforting to his family, this hero's welcome would have been better directed at honouring Dr Puey while he was still alive.

Now the question arises as to the most appropriate form of memorial for the man whose intellect and moral integrity helped shape Thailand's modern political rebirth. His son Giles suggests that an objective history of the events surrounding Oct 6, 1976 would be the most fitting memorial, and I couldn't agree more. But according to PM's Office Minister Supatra Masdit, such a history is already being prepared by the Ministry of Education.

I don't think Giles Ungphakorn had an "official" history in mind. In fact I have no faith whatsoever in our official histories. What is needed is an independent study by a team of independent historians.



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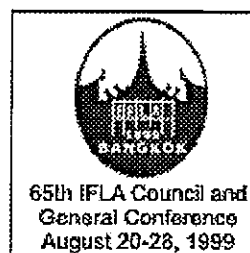
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needed is an independent study by a team of independent historians. The results of their research should be widely disseminated.

Khunying Supatra was off-base again during the week with her apparent support for the removal of the director of the Official Information Committee (OIC). This appears to be a major setback, driven by political intervention, for a terribly important new institution. Unfortunately the OIC is dominated by the government and civil servants. It should be reconstituted as an independent agency with minimal interference from officialdom. Only in this way can it truly fulfil its vast potential to unlock the secrets of power.

Bangchak Oil Refinery remained in the news with the about-to-resign president and his entire staff seemingly devoted to manipulative public relations efforts. The Bangchak Lovers Club collected over 70,000 somewhat meaningless signatures and Maj-Gen Chamlong Srimuang jumped on the bandwagon with tens of thousands more. What do these signatures mean? They are not real, contractual commitments to buy Bangchak's shares since no offer price has yet been set. All this effort would be better directed at allowing the rapid completion of an independent audit of the company's true financial situation. As for Maj-Gen Chamlong, his return to public life would be welcome if only he had selected a more useful springboard.

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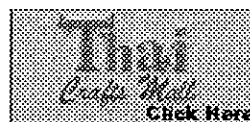
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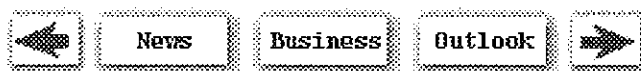


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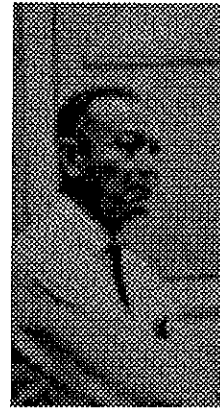
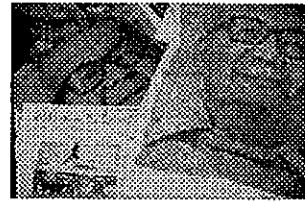
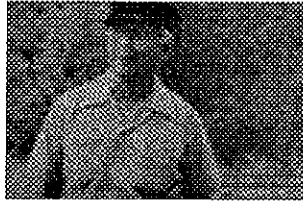
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Archarn Puey, Thank you very much for everything that you had done for our country. Love,
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Thank you Ajarn Puey, for the very best things that you have done for our country and for being a guiding lamp to a lot of Thai people. We will remember you and your exemplary life. We will try to live our lives as you wrote in " from womb to tomb". Please rest in peace.

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As a researcher on Thai economy and society, I have been long dreaming of meeting Dr Puey for asking how his view was about current Thailand. In spite of his education and his so many devotees in Thai society, why Thai society is so cruel to the poor and the rural people. Are there

somekind of consciousness of social justice among Thai elite and thai politician. I feel very sad to hear Dr Puey's passaway for the Thai society. Who will be the next Dr Pridi and Dr Puey.

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Seoul, Korea - Sunday, August 22, 1999 at 10:34:12 (GMT)

" กุชายชาติเชื้อ ชาตรี กุเกิดมาก็ที่ หนึ่งเฮ้ย กุคาคก่อนกุสิ้นชี วาอาตม์ กุจักไวลายไว้ โลกให้ แลเห็น "
อาจารย์ป่วยทำได้อย่างที่ท่านเคยพูดไว้จริง ๆ พวกเราจะไม่ลืมท่านตลอดไป

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Thailand - Thursday, August 19, 1999 at 11:42:55 (GMT)

to ajarn puey, ajarn puey, i'm not one of your students but i have to be here and could not refrain myself from saying something to you, my highly respected person. it is my pride as a thai that our beloved country once used to have a great man like you here where you had done so many things useful to this country but there are some questions that i could not find answers i want to know why a good man doing good things for his country had to be forced to live and die in exile. ajarn puey, a great simple man like YOU do deserve to be loved, admired, honoured... but its sad that our beloved country never care to embrace good man. even now it seems quiet from our politicians who can enjoy today's democrazy partly because of ajarn puey's contribution. but for me i believe that a good man deserves good things. at least it proves now that even our beloved and highly respected ajarn has already passed away but his passingaway has ignited something in our society. ajarn is not with us now but i strongly believe that he is still in our hearts forever. my heartfelt condolence to ajarn's family and my highest respect to you, ajarn puey, YOU are my hero forever. i hope to rest peacefully forever.

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samutprakarn, thailand - Tuesday, August 17, 1999 at 23:49:26 (GMT)

I want to express my deepest respect and love for Ajarn Puey. I learned the news of a simple man who had a great heart from the newspapers in the Internet. I have learned that he lived here for many years after Thailand didn't want her beloved son called Puey any more. She doesn't want him, the man who devoted most of his life for her, to live on her land and die on her soils, but she allows that bastard to live happily and luxuriously despite his evil deeds in the past. I am not weak. I cried while i was reading the news that Ajarn Puey had passed away. I am sorry for him. I don't know I just love him, respect him. Sometimes when i think about what and how

Thailand treated him. I feel so pity for him. Thailand never embraced a good man in the past... and i doubt, it never will in the future...I hate that. and i don't see clearly in the future if she will learn how to love a man who deserves to be loved the most. Ajarn Puey left us the good memory about him and his good deeds. Ajarn Puey deserves every goodness and respect from everyone of us. It's pity that in our history Thailand only praises the great heroes in the long past, the kings and the Gernerals who battled for the country, but she hardly tell her sons and daughters about the great stories of the present heroes. We never praise the great men while they were alive so that they would be happy in their living life. We only give them our love and respect when they were dead from us... That's how we are... and I don't feel to love it that way. When will Thailand learn how to love a man who deserves to be loved? When???

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Coventry, England - Tuesday, August 17, 1999 at 18:56:46 (GMT)

It is not so often that Thailand lost the most respected man, the real hero of the nation. This occasion is a very special one. We lose the legends of leading economist and philosopher. I am too young to share an experience with the October era people but old enough to be one part of the black May. The country has radically not changed so much. The political strongman and green speciy still alive and healthy together with the group of politician that already through away their political ideology. In contrast, Dr. Peuy life and his works, have ignited the fire inside some new generation to follow his legacy and ideas. His unfinished goal now is in our hands. It depends on us to make it real. I have a chance to visit Dr. Peuy house last year to bless his young grand son "Chan". Instead of say sorry to his family, I would like to greet that Dr. Peuy do not left us (Thai people) alone but he will be beside us forever. Best wish to Tamsin and Aj. Giles

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Aalborg, Denmark - Tuesday, August 17, 1999 at 17:26:29 (GMT)

I do not know what is the different between a dictator Vs an intellectual person, but I would like to see the profile of both Dr.Puey and Mr.Thanom to be published in a newspaper. I think it might make people understand more why did they do or create things to Thai society at that time differently. Probably the worst thing I have ever seen is how can that gentleman who is not gentle has laready come back to wear the Green uniform again. I do not think it is a good idea to invite a killer to be a General again it just make people think that it is O.K. if they do that.

However we are Thai, are'nt we? I just do not understand! Good Luck Thailand, Chai-Yo, Chai-Yo, Chai-Yo, Long Live dictator!!!

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London, England - Sunday, August 15, 1999 at 21:55:34 (GMT)

แม้ว่าตัวเองจะไม่ใช่นักประวัติศาสตร์ แต่ก็รู้สึกนับถืออาจารย์มาก สิ่งที่จะทดแทนคุณอาจารย์ ก็คือ การที่เราไม่ทำตัวให้เป็นภาระของสังคม และหาโอกาสตอบแทนสังคมและประเทศชาติบ้าง เท่าที่จะทำได้ สุดท้ายนี้ ขอให้ดวงวิญญาณของอาจารย์ซึ่งสะสมแต่ความดี จงไปสู่สุคติด้วยเทอญ

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Bangkok, Thailand - Sunday, August 15, 1999 at 20:36:59 (GMT)

Greatman.....was gone But his memory....still alive forever...through day and night... Puey still alive....in our heart.

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BKK, Thailand - Saturday, August 14, 1999 at 14:27:50 (GMT)

I remember when this man came to the US in the late 1970's. Sure, he was honest, honorable, and brave. Actually, I hadn't heard anything about him for a long time and thought he may have already passed away. Sorry to know he is gone. But I'm pretty sure I know where he is now and I'm even more sure where Kittichakorn is. Share what you know, learn what you don't.

Richard Moorman <moorman@worldnet.att.net>

Dallas, TX USA - Saturday, August 14, 1999 at 11:11:42 (GMT)

It was deepest regret to learn about the demise of Dr. Puey Ungpakorn. He lived an exemplary life and sacrificed his personal comfort to help better the lives of mankind. I only wish we could learn a lesson from him. Though I doubt many will be able to fully live, think, do the things he did, a fraction only from each of us should help make this world a better place to live in for everyone.

Lucy Tan <rosey@bkk2.loxinfo.co.th>

Bangkok, USA - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 23:51:27 (GMT)

ท่านเป็นทั้งวีรบุรุษและรัฐบุรุษของผม รวมทั้งจะเป็นแบบอย่างที่ผมจะนำมาสอนตัวเองและลูกต่อไป ในยุคหนึ่งของประเทศ มีคนไทยเช่นท่านแม่เพียงคนเดียว แผ่นดินศักดิ์สิทธิ์แห่งนี้ก็อยู่รอดรุ่งเรืองได้ ผมเชื่อเช่นนั้น

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กรุงเทพฯ, ประเทศไทย - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 22:51:49 (GMT)

The news about Archan Puey was a heart-breaking piece for me to read right after coming out from a two weeks works in the the quasi-desert provinces of Ningxia, Gansu and Inner Mongolia. The news made me feel like I were walking deeper into the desert. The memory of this great man came back to me quite vividly. Archan Puey was the Rector of Thammasart during the years I was a student there. He walked around the campus and talked to students very often. He was no less than a father figure to most of us. During those years of the 1970s we had many demonstrations, big and small, and Thammasart was the center of those demonstrations. I learned my freedom of expression there in Thammasart. I still remember the last demonstration of October 1976 where I last saw Archan Puey. It was the day before the crack down of October 6, we were camping out in Thammasart for almost two weeks as the negotiations with the Tyrant got more and more serious. Probably Archan Puey got the threat of the possible crack down and responded by preparing to close down the university. That afternoon that I remember, many students were surrounding him asking why we couldn't persistently protest the Tyrant, as we were representing the majority of Thai who suffered their suppression; and we were ready to fight and to take its consequence. I remembered vividly his very gloomy face and kind eyes that looked at us kids while he said: "Because your lives are most important to me than anything else" and he pulled his heavy steps away. The university was ordered closed. It will not take anymore demonstrators, but majority of student therein refused to go home. The closed down of the university was not enough to satisfy the Tyrant. The crack down still happened. The shooting from helicopters into the football field of Thammasart happened before dawn of October 6, 1997. The Tyrant called him the communist and issued an arrest warrant. That was the last time we saw our Archan. Now that he departed this world which had treated him unjustly, we had absolutely no more chance to see him, but the memory of him, his kindness, and his righteousness are always with us. Supee Teravaninthorn, Beijing, China

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Beijing, China - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 19:44:09 (GMT)

ผมเป็นน.บ.และน.ศ.ปริญญาโท รัฐศาสตร์ ธรรมศาสตร์ แม้จะไม่ได้เป็นลูกศิษย์ของท่านอาจารย์ ป๋วย โดยตรง แต่รู้สึกผูกพันในฐานะที่ท่านกับท่านอาจารย์ปรีดีเป็นเสาหลักของธรรมศาสตร์ ทั้งในแง่ของสัญลักษณ์ของผู้มีคุณูปการต่อธรรมศาสตร์โดยตรงและต่อประเทศชาติอย่างหาคนเทียบได้ยาก

ผลงานและอุดมการณ์ของท่านทั้งสอง บรรดาศิษย์ธรรมศาสตร์ชาวซึ่งดีและมีการถ่ายทอดจาตุรนต์รื้อรื้อตลอดมา
ผมเชื่อว่าท่านอาจารย์ทั้งสองคงวางใจได้ว่าคนรุ่นหลังยังระลึกถึง แนวคิด ปรัชญา
ความดีงามที่ท่านทั้งสองได้ให้ไว้ต่อแผ่นดินไม่รู้สึก หลังจากท่านอาจารย์ปรีดี ได้จากเราไป เรารู้สึกเสียใจอย่างยิ่ง
แต่ บัดนี้เรามาสัญเสียท่านอาจารย์ป่วยไปอีกท่านหนึ่ง
ซึ่งเสมือนเป็นการสูญเสียเสาหลักของธรรมศาสตร์และของชาติอย่างน่าเสียดายและอาลัยรักอย่างยิ่งเช่นกัน
แต่ผมเชื่อว่าคนไทยและลูกศิษย์ธรรมศาสตร์จะถูกปลุกจิตสำนึกให้ช่วยกันดูแลประเทศชาติโดยสืบสานปณิธานของท่าน
โดยเฉพาะเหล่าเสนาบดีที่เป็นลูกศิษย์ของท่านทุกคน
คงไม่ให้อิทธิพลของรัฐบาลผู้เป็นที่เคารพรักของชาวเหลืองแดงทุกคนจะต้องเป็นเพียงสายลมที่ผ่านไป
หวังว่าท่านทั้งหลายจะนำแนวคิดในการอุทิศตนเพื่อชาติของท่านอาจารย์มาใช้ในการบริหารราชการแผ่นดินอย่างได้
ท่านอาจารย์ทั้งสองจะได้คลายความเป็นห่วงประเทศชาติลงได้บ้างเพราะตลอดอายุขัยของท่านก็ทุ่มเทกายใจให้ประ
ในนามของลูกธรรมศาสตร์ ผมขอให้ปณิธานของท่านมีผู้นำไป ปฏิบัติอย่างจริงจัง
เพื่อจะยังผลให้ท่านได้พักผ่อนในสรวงสวรรค์ตราบนานนับวัน รุ่งเรือง ศิษย์ธรรมศาสตร์
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กรุงเทพ, ไทย - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 19:05:32 (GMT)

แม้จะไม่เคยได้เรียนกับอาจารย์ป่วย แต่ก็จะนำแนวทางที่อาจารย์สอนไปใช้
เพื่อประโยชน์แก่ประเทศชาติเท่าที่จะทำได้
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USA - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 18:31:05 (GMT)

ผมเป็นนักศึกษาเศรษฐศาสตร์ ที่มีโอกาสเรียนหลักสูตรภาษาอังกฤษ ซึ่งอ.ป่วย ริเริ่มขึ้น
ผมเคยเรียนกับอ.ป่วยจริงๆเพียงครั้งเดียวเพราะอ.ป่วยในฐานะคณบดี จะบรรยายให้นักศึกษาปีสุดท้ายฟัง เพียงปีละ
1 ครั้งเท่านั้น สมัยเรียนหนังสือ ผมไม่ทันได้คิดว่าคณะเศรษฐศาสตร์มธ. มีอะไรที่"พิเศษ" ไปกว่าที่อื่น มากมายนัก
วันเวลาผ่านไป จึงเริ่มตระหนักว่า สมัยอ.ป่วยเป็นคณบดีนั้น คือ"ยุคทอง"ของเศรษฐศาสตร์มธ. อย่างแท้จริง
ขอกราบคารวะแด่ดวงวิญญาณอันบริสุทธิ์และยิ่งใหญ่ ของอ.ป่วย อังภากรณ์... บิดาแห่งเศรษฐศาสตร์ไทย วรภัทร
โดธนะเกษม 13 ส.ค. 42
วรภัทร โดธนะเกษม <tris@loxinfo.co.th>
Bangkok, Thailand - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 18:08:26 (GMT)

ในฐานะผู้ที่ได้ร่วมต่อสู้กับอำนาจเผด็จการทั้งในเหตุการณ์ 14 ตุลาคม 2516 และ 6 ตุลาคม 2519
กระผมขอแสดงความเสียใจอย่างสุดซึ้ง ต่อครอบครัวและญาติมิตรของอาจารย์ป่วย
ท่านได้บำเพ็ญคุณประโยชน์อย่างใหญ่หลวงแก่ชาติบ้านเมือง และสังคมไทย คนรุ่นหลังเมื่อรำลึกบุญคุณของท่าน
ควรสานต่อความคิด และวิถีทางของท่าน เพื่อประโยชน์ของชาติสืบต่อไปในภายภาคหน้า สมศักดิ์ อมรรัตนชัยกุล

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Bangkok, USA - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 17:52:52 (GMT)

I would like to pay tribute to Ajarn Puey Ungphakorn for all the things he'd done to our beloved country. I'm so appreciated for all the work he'd done with his strong determination throughout his life. Also, I'm filled with admiration for his courage against betrayal, devil and deceitfulness. He symbolized the pure honesty and sincerity. I think he is generous and filled of aspirations. Although I'm not his student and only a young generation in early 30, I feel so appreciated and grateful to him. Wanthana Tangweerakiet

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Bangkok, Thailand - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 17:28:08 (GMT)

ขอร่วมไว้อาลัยต่อการจากไปของบุคคลที่ทำคุณประโยชน์ต่อประเทศชาติ

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Bangkok, Thailand - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 16:46:40 (GMT)

คนดี อาจารย์ป่วย แม่ชีพม้วย ดับสังขาร คำสอน อุดมการณ์ ควรจดจาร แผ่นดินไทย ศิษย์ของ ธรรมศาสตร์
อภิวาท ร่วมอาลัย ชาตินี้หน้า มีจริงไซ้ไร ให้อาจารย์ คืนกลับมา

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Bangkok, Thailand - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 16:42:52 (GMT)

กราบท่านอาจารย์ป่วยมาด้วยความเคารพรัก โสภณ ธรรมปาโล เศรษฐศาสตร์ ศิลปศาสตร์ รุ่นแรก(2505)

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Bangkok, Thailand - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 12:48:03 (GMT)

กราบคารวะดวงวิญญาณของอาจารย์ป่วยด้วยเคารพ ท

อาจารย์เป็นหนึ่งในคณะผู้ก่อตั้งและจัดทำหลักสูตรการศึกษาคณะรัฐศาสตร์

แห่งมหาวิทยาลัยธรรมศาสตร์ร่วมกับท่านอาจารย์ดิเรก ชัยนาม และได้เป็นทั้งอาจารย์และกรรมการคณะในยุคแรก

หลังจากกลับจากอังกฤษ เมื่อ พ.ศ. 2492 โดยอาศัยแนวคิดจาก L.S.E. ท อาจารย์เป็นผู้นำเอาวิชาเศรษฐศาสตร์

และประชากรศาสตร์มาประยุกต์เข้ากับหลักสูตรสำหรับนักปกครองไทยเป็นคนแรก

โดยเน้นที่คุณภาพของคนในยุคประชาธิปไตย ท อาจารย์สอนหนังสือด้วยหัวใจ ด้วยจิตวิญญาณ และด้วยความรัก

ทั้งทำตัวให้เป็นตัวอย่างที่ดีแก่ศิษย์ด้วยวิธีจุดประกายความคิดใหม่ๆ ให้เสมอ ท อาจารย์จะให้กำลังใจ

ให้ความเมตตา และความใกล้ชิดกับศิษย์ทุกคน และจะเขียนหรือตอบจดหมายด้วยลายมือตัวเองเสมอ ท
 ผมยังจำความอบอุ่นที่อาจารย์ให้กับผมได้วันหนึ่งที่บ้านพักส่วนตัวของอาจารย์ในแคมปัสที่เคมบริดจ์
 ประเทศอังกฤษ เมื่อผมแสดงความประสงค์จะไปกราบเยี่ยมอาจารย์ ยามที่อาจารย์ไร้แผ่นดินอยู่
 อาจารย์ถึงจักรยานไปรับผมที่สถานีรถไฟ พาผมไปยังบ้านพัก จัดห้องนอนให้หนึ่งคืน ชงกาแฟ เจียวไข่
 และบิงขมนมปังให้ผมตอนเช้า ถึงจักรยานไปซื้อหนังสือพิมพ์มาให้อ่าน แล้วปลุกผมให้มาทานอาหารเช้าด้วยกัน
 แล้วพาผมเดินเที่ยวรอบแคมปัส ท เมื่ออาจารย์ตัดสินใจพักอยู่บ้านอาจารย์ที่ เซาท์ฟีลด์ ลอนดอน
 ผมก็ได้แวะเวียนกราบเยี่ยม และหาของฝากอาจารย์เสมอเมื่อมีโอกาส จนครั้งสุดท้าย (2540) ท
 เมื่ออาจารย์พบกับผมไม่ได้ ได้แต่มองตากัน บีบมือ และแสดงอาการยิ้มอย่างขมขื่นลึกๆ ผมน้ำตาไหล
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Huaykwang, Bangkok Thailand - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 12:39:07 (GMT)

ขอแสดงความเสียใจอย่างสุดซึ้งต่อการจากไปของท่านอาจารย์ป๋วย
 ขอให้ดวงวิญญาณของท่านอาจารย์ได้อยู่ในสุขคติตลอดไป
 และผมหวังว่าสังคมประชาธรรมอันสมบูรณ์ตามที่อาจารย์ได้เคยให้แนวทางไว้
 จะบังเกิดอยู่กับสังคมไทยจนกลายเป็น วัฒนธรรมอันยั่งยืนของสังคมเราตลอดไป
 ด้วยความอาลัยจากครอบครัวเขียนมีสุข

ศิริชัย เขียนมีสุข(Sirichai Khianmeesuke) <sirichai@oaep.go.th>

Bangkok, Thailand - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 10:15:01 (GMT)

ขอให้ อ.ป๋วย ผู้ทรงคุณธรรมอันสูงยิ่ง ผู้สร้างคุณงามความดีให้แก่ แผ่นดินสยาม จงไปสู่สุคติแดนสวรรค์
 ขอกราบคารวะดวงวิญญาณของท่านอาจารย์ด้วยความเคารพอย่างสูง เมธี ตั้งสีบกกุล

MATEE TANGSUBKUL <nitiithor@th.ibm.com>

bangkok, Thailand - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 09:31:27 (GMT)

Even sadness has come to our heart
 It's so hard to forget him and his goodness
 The only best we had ever had
 Let him go but retain his thought forever...

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Orono, ME USA - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 09:17:17 (GMT)

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Please rest assure that Thai people will follow your path, no matter how long it would be.

pricha charusuntonsri <pcharu@asiaaccess.net.th>

Bangkok, Thailand - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 07:37:24 (GMT)

Sir, Dr. Puey Ungphakorn wrote in August 1968 in "Echoes", the yearbook of his former school, Assumption College, a little known article titled "Labor Omnia Vincit", or "Hard work (labour) conquers everything". Any schoolboy attending Assumption will be familiar with the Latin words which are the motto of the school and those of the St. Gabriel group. In the article he mentioned about his experiences in the Pioneer Corps of the British Army during the Second World War, he described how the motto of the school, also that of the Corps, reminded him that hard work and discipline could overcome all obstacles. However, he noted that one would want to know the goals and objectives of the labour and efforts put into anything as well before performing the hard work. He said he found the answer to that at the London School of Economics (LSE). The motto of the LSE, under the School's Beaver sign reads "Rerum Cognoscere Causas", roughly "One should know the causes of everything". Dr. Puey suggested in the article that if one could combine the two mottos, putting efforts in learning the causes of anything and work hard to overcome any difficulties, surely one would become successful. Dr. Puey had demonstrated through out his life by example how he indeed combined the two mottos and applied them in his work and life. Even at the late stage when struck down by a stroke he still continued to write when he could not speak in order to overcome any difficulties in communications. His lifetime of

work and achievements indicated his analytical power, knowledge, farsightedness and intelligence. If only his so called students and followers could demonstrate by following the example, the country would not have been in such chaos. Observe any of those so called followers show any sign of endurance for hard work, or try to learn the causes of anything, lately? Most of those politicians who came forward and spoke highly of him showed one true effort, that they could be successful through their oratorical skills. Surely, if the country's problems could only be solved through debating skills these excellent students of his could have saved the country overnight. Alas! This is not their faults, or is it? How about those public servants who professed to be his followers? Try getting any help from them lately in any of your problems? As public servants who enjoy your tax as their pay, it is incredible that despite the current state that the country is in, they neither bother to labour hard or to learn the causes of anything. Labor Omnia Vincit and Rerum Cognoscere Causas of Assumption College and the LSE had been clearly brought about to a number of people through Dr. Puey's life. Sadly, they have not been learnt by those who claimed to follow him. Yours truly, Boonlert Wongpibul

Boonlert Wongpibul <blspw@asiaaccess.net.th>

Bangkok, Thailand - Friday, August 13, 1999 at 07:27:33 (GMT)

Dr. Puey's decent and dedicated life plus his great contribution to our country recall me of an anonymous poem quoted by my late father:- Some measure their lives by days and years Others by heart throbs, passions and tears But the surest measure under the sun Is what in lifetime for others you have done May his name be an everlasting spiritual monument of how a true man can lead a life.

Somsiri Pramudwinai <somsirip@thai.com>

Bangkok, Thailand - Tuesday, August 10, 1999 at 22:17:36 (GMT)

They said that Thai people always forgets very easily after any big events just passed. It is very sad that it seemed to be true, however, I would like to urge all of Thai people that should this tragedy be the good sign that from now on ,We the normal Thai people consists of any races, religions, careers, etc., will definitely convince of the way to establish and preserve of what Dr. Puey Ungphakorn and other statemen and national heroes had dedicated his life for. Don't let all of them sacrifice barely and die lonely and afterward we just sit with sadness and let things gone again and again. How many good men or women will have to suffer the nation's pains for us.

Kitti Padungsatayawong <pkitti@ksc15.th.com>

Bangkok, Thailand - Tuesday, August 10, 1999 at 16:20:33 (GMT)

I know his name from his signature on banknote since I was a child in primary school. I read his biography and his ideas from books around 1973-1976 when I was a medical student. I never seen him or knowing him personally. But his way of life-honest, courage, modest- and his contribution for Thai society made me try to make my life beneficial as him. Please sleep peacefully forever-Dr.Puey.

Dr. Boonchai Kijsanayotin <boonchai@health2.moph.go.th>

Sukhothai, Thailand - Monday, August 09, 1999 at 21:20:23 (GMT)

An extraordinary man who led a simple life. 'Uncle Puey' Ungphakorn was the man. Kind, benevolent to everyone, yet mentally strong with a will power to uphold his integrity to which military dictators dared not cross. Albeit a frail small man, yet he was so great to stand up against the almighty crooks of the land, in green uniform and Khakis alike. It was the warmongering blind patriots led by the nose in the mid '70s who made a martyr of Acharn Puey. This nation must have been under a sinful curse that the despots are ushered back time and time again to enjoy their lavish lifestyles, leaving only the fallen heroes to live in exile and die on foreign soils. I hardly see a few Thai public servants in our recent times follow Uncle Puey's footsteps. My hope would nevertheless not vanish with his demise. The torch he had lit and carried should now be passed on to the next generation of Thais. Gone only is his presence, his spirit will always be with us.

Sean Esagtawski <esagtawski@hotmail.com>

Cambridge, MA. USA - Monday, August 09, 1999 at 18:57:15 (GMT)

His death will be the definition of the good man because many people pay respect to him. For some politicians that still do a bad things should think of him and change their behavior. If you do a bad thing, you will get many bad scolds from people and your money can't help you.

สุรชัย <surapat@siam.th.edu>

Bangkok, Thailand - Monday, August 09, 1999 at 15:24:58 (GMT)

This is my first time to know the name of Dr. Puey Ungphakorn through reading the autobiography of Dr. Puey Ungphakorn in both local newspapers - The Bangkok Post and The Nation. The contributions of Dr. Puey to Thai politics, economy, and the society definitely deserve

high commendation. Dr. Phuey self-sacrificial contribution is a good example for everybody, especially the present leaders holding key positions in the government. Although I am not a Thai, I would like to join all the Thais giving my highest respect to Dr. Phuey Ungphakorn. Michael Yap, Ekamai International School

Michael Yap <miyap@samart.co.th>

Bangkok, Thailand - Monday, August 09, 1999 at 14:12:09 (GMT)

Someone has asked me before for who I have the highest faith in? I heartily answered that I respect and have faith in Dr. Puay. I feel extremely sorry for I have no opportunity to meet Dr. Puay when he was still alive. However, I intend to salute his ashes on this coming August 16. There is one question I can never answer; why did good people, who devoted his life for his beloved country, bitterly depart and never want to live in this country again? Love and most faithful to Dr. Puay, Pranee A.Pongsakul Suebwonglee

Pranee A.Pongsakul Suebwonglee <pranee4@hotmail.com>

Pathumthani, Thailand - Monday, August 09, 1999 at 00:55:36 (GMT)

Another candle was passway without take caring and supporting. Now there are many candles still waiting for your support. Don't wait until the big wind comes. You are another candle also. Please lightening the darkness aways from our homeland.

wanchai wongsanganan

bangkok, thailand - Monday, August 09, 1999 at 00:20:32 (GMT)

I heard so much about you- Dr. Puey, Archarn Puey, and Nai Khem Yenying. I am not a student of you, but you are my aspiration in choosing Thammasat's Economics as the first priority. I am not a Thai of your generation, but I learn from words of mouth and books that you are elegant in your intellectual, modest in your manner, highly honest in your profession, and philanthropic to all mankind. I were appreciated with your living philosophy- From Mother's Womb to Crematorium, since I were an teenager. At that time I thought it was just a writing of a wise man. Now you have proven that you are a great, ordinary man who walks your talk until your last moment. If anything left for my generation and my child to learn from your life, I think your living philosophy is. Finally, I urge the press to print his short writing about living philosophy. I love you and hope you are peacefully asleep forever.

Kittisak Sarisdisuk <kit_sarisdisuk@hotmail.com>

Bangkok, Thailand - Sunday, August 08, 1999 at 21:46:20 (GMT)

Dear Dr. Puey, I first heard the news last Friday in a Rotary Club meeting where one of Dr. Puey's scholar student inform the club. We were all feeling sad, I myself, feel sorrow and tears coming out automatically. Even if I did not have a chance to learn from Dr. Puey, but I was so lucky that in 1977, when Dr. Puey paid a visit to Melbourne during his trip to Australia, he visited the La Trobe University and gave a lecture there. I was there and I had the chance to talk to him, listen to what he talk about enocomic. I felt so lucky to have learned Dr. Puey's background. I feel sorry for him to have born in a very corrupted country and no one would dare to do anything even now -- look at the election at Samutprakarn. What a pitty to Thailand and the Thai people.

Mr. Chalit Limpanavech <chalit@thaimail.com>

Bangkok, - Thailand - Sunday, August 08, 1999 at 20:27:21 (GMT)

Farewell to Acharn Dr.Puey: You had not only enlightened and given the sublimed direction to the justice course of development for the general mass in the past and present, you are also in the capacity of still reminding us for the path that would be equally benefits to the next generation.

Mongkol lemsam-arng <mongkol@nakornping.cmri.ac.th>

ChiangMai 50300, Thailand - Sunday, August 08, 1999 at 19:25:02 (GMT)

We agreed with Giles to make statue for all 6 October victims.

chonedao manee@hotmail.com

bangkok, Thailand - Sunday, August 08, 1999 at 08:17:57 (GMT)

Dear Dr Puey, Thank you.

Tulsathti Taptim <tulsat@nationgroup.com>

Bangkok, Thailand - Sunday, August 08, 1999 at 02:25:21 (GMT)

Mourning 'Nai Khem YenYing' It brought me a sorrowful news to hear that Thailand just lost her most brilliant economist of the era who had commanded the highest respect among educated Thais and foreigners alike. His name and lifetime work for the good of Thai people will forever bear in the mind of us all. I remember 'Nai Khem YenYing' (Mr. Tough Extremely-Cool), Archan Puey Ungphakorn's penname signed in his daring yet straightforward letter to then strongman and

dictator Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn, whom Nai Khem named 'Nai Tumnu Kiatkong' (Mr. Conserve de Pervasive Fame). In his historic letter during the reign of the military 'Tyrannical Trio,' Archan Puey not only gave the dictator a lecture in Econ. 101, but also the first-ever sermon on 'Good Governance' (Sangkhom Prachadhamma or Civic Justice Society) to the devils, which include Thanom's son Col. Narong and the young tyrant's father-in-law, Field Marshal Prapas Charusatian. I wouldn't be surprised if foreigners not familiar to Thailand's political affairs might feel that this sounds like what happened in a Banana Republic. Indeed, Thailand was on the verge to be one under the Tyrannical Trio. Thailand has lost one of her most venerable citizens who had been forced to live in exile for the latter part of his life. While Thailand always forgives and keeps honoring the military top brass who crushed down the democracy movements, I hereby call for Thailand, the government and the monarchy, to make it up for him posthumously: naming him a statesman. May 'Nai Khem YenYing' rest in eternal peace. John Watgase Edison, NJ Mourning 'Nai Khem YenYing' It brought me a sorrowful news to hear that Thailand just lost her most brilliant economist of the era who had commanded the highest respect among educated Thais and foreigners alike. His name and lifetime work for the good of Thai people will forever bear in the mind of us all. I remember 'Nai Khem YenYing' (Mr. Tough Extremely-Cool), Archan Puey Ungphakorn's penname signed in his daring yet straightforward letter to then strongman and dictator Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn, whom Nai Khem named 'Nai Tumnu Kiatkong' (Mr. Conserve de Pervasive Fame). In his historic letter during the reign of the military 'Tyrannical Trio,' Archan Puey not only gave the dictator a lecture in Econ. 101, but also the first-ever sermon on 'Good Governance' (Sangkhom Prachadhamma or Civic Justice Society) to the devils, which include Thanom's son Col. Narong and the young tyrant's father-in-law, Field Marshal Prapas Charusatian. I wouldn't be surprised if foreigners not familiar to Thailand's political affairs might feel that this sounds like what happened in a Banana Republic. Indeed, Thailand was on the verge to be one under the Tyrannical Trio. Thailand has lost one of her most venerable citizens who had been forced to live in exile for the latter part of his life. While Thailand always forgives and keeps honoring the military top brass who crushed down the democracy movements, I hereby call for Thailand, the government and the monarchy, to make it up for him posthumously: naming him a statesman. May 'Nai Khem YenYing' rest in eternal peace. John Watgase Edison, NJ

John Watgase <johnwatgase@yahoo.com>

Edison, NJ USA - Sunday, August 08, 1999 at 00:17:09 (GMT)

To sir with love, Dr. Puay will always in my heart and my memory for as long as I live. I remember when I attended Thai school while I grew up in Thailand, this poem is for him. Nora chart wang wai Ma lai sin tung in sea Sa tit tua tae chua dee Pra dup wai ni lo ka Dr. Puay will always be my hero! He had set example for all Thai people. Honesty, ethics , integrity and your country are the most important ingredients of your life. Only if Thai politicians have maybe 10 percent of Dr. Puay's blood, imagine how much better our Thai country will be? Dr. Puay, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you stand for, goodness and honesty. You sacrificed your life for what you believe in and for your country. Like all of our brave and honesty forefather who came before me who died to protect and defend our beloved Thai country. I am forever grateful and indebted to you and them. It is a great loss to Thailand. But your heart and soul, your greatness and your decency will be with us and Thailand till eternity. So long Sir. But remember greatmen will never die, they only fade away!

Adisak Isra <Adi.Isra@Tenethealth.com>

Palm Springs, ca USA - Friday, August 06, 1999 at 23:42:29 (GMT)

Saying good-bye to someone of your grandfather's generation is not an easy thing to do. It is even harder when you are bidding farwell to a famous figure whom you only read and talked about in school. To many people, Dr Puey Ungphakorn was a top technocrat, a brilliant economist, a much loved teacher, a family man, a role model, and above all, a simple person. But why did a simple man had to go out into the wild world and fight freely and fearlessly for a cause he knew was going to be an uphill battle? It was like struggling to reach the top of Mount Everest. There's not going to be an easy answer. Today, Dr Puey will be remembered as a man of great courage and intellect. He has and will always be in the hearts of most Thai people who walk on Houghton Street, the road where he strolled on during his student days at the London School of Economics. I, for one, would remember him for showing how much we can achieve through the power of our own human spirit.

Tanai Khiaonarong <t.khiaonarong@lse.ac.uk>

London, UK - Friday, August 06, 1999 at 22:40:05 (GMT)

For this poor, pitiful and absurd country, losing Puey is like losing Light of Virtue, of Goodness, of Non-Violence, of Awareness for the poverty-stricken people outside Bangkok. How can people in my motherland realize this great loss for our poor country ? As Dr. Puey knows French language very well as he graduated from ASSUMPTION SCHOOL, I would like to dedicate this

french EPITAPH for HIM: Heureux ceux qui sont partis Dans la paix divine, ils vont nous attendre
Du haut des cieux, ils nous font comprendre Qu'un jour vers DIEU, nous irons les revoir. May
your Great Soul Rest in Divine Peace forever, Ajarn Puey.

Widhaya SETHAWONG <wid@tu.ac.th>

BKK , THAILAND - Friday, August 06, 1999 at 22:18:46 (GMT)

Is it just that a man whose whole-hearted devotion only serve to better the country has to live in
exile until his last minute? That fate should be reserved only for the dictator and the corrupted,
and yet they are as of now basking in the land they plundered.

Wanachak Sangers <wanachak@teletech.org>

Seattle, WA USA - Friday, August 06, 1999 at 21:10:07 (GMT)

He is not just a man for a generation but definitely the man for generations to come.

Phermsak Lilakul <pslk116@hotmail.com>

Bangkok, Thailand - Friday, August 06, 1999 at 19:10:04 (GMT)

Another great tree has fallen for Siam and I am certain that all over the country, will appreciate
what you have done. Please sleep and rest now, as the new generation of trees will rise under
your old roots.

Boonyarid Chullasapya <chullas@loxinfo.co.th>

Bangkok, Thailand - Friday, August 06, 1999 at 18:13:24 (GMT)

You are the proud of Thailand, you are the legend that will never vanish from the horizon. You
are the maker of history. I know you are still here with us, in our heart, always. Thank you for
everything you have contributed to our country.

Surin Watanapayungkul <falco@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au>

Melbourne, Vic Australia - Friday, August 06, 1999 at 17:03:19 (GMT)

Archan, You always be the Great Icon for all generations who never give up striving for liberty
and equality, both politically and economically. The modern common heritage of all Thai could
have never been flourished without the seeds you ingrained. Within us, your guidances are our
beacon and, definitely, my most respectful Archan, we promiss, we won't let you down.

Sorasak Samonkraisorakit <kasaros@rocketmail.com>

Calcutta, West Bengal India - Friday, August 06, 1999 at 17:00:46 (GMT)

You set out to build a modern Thailand, secular in its approach, socialist in its structure. It was a task not to be finished in your lifetime. Thailand has lost her most illustrious son.

Suraphatra Wongwiangchan <phatra@hotmail.com>

Soest, Nordrhein-Westfalen Germany - Friday, August 06, 1999 at 14:33:13 (GMT)

Thailand mourns the loss of one of its most respectful and leading figures, Dr. Puey Ungphakorn. Archan Puey laid the foundation for Thammasat University, Bank of Thailand and the nation's economic system. He was a great teacher and economist who served this country with great distinction. I extend my most sincere condolences to Archan Puey's family and all people who love him.

Sittiporn Patchkawn <ksittiporn.th@hunton.com>

Bangkok, Thailand - Friday, August 06, 1999 at 14:04:59 (GMT)

A Great Man who led a normal life, teaching us all by the way he chose to live. A Great contribution to our society and country, though not his way to publicise. A Great Act--a tough one--to follow. A Great Loss to the people and the country. We salute you!

Somchai Kungsamutr <somchai@cptrading.co.th>

Bangkok, Thailand - Friday, August 06, 1999 at 14:01:57 (GMT)

I greatly appreciate the contribution you made to our country. My full moral support to your family members at this difficult time.

Sooksan Kantabutra <benkantabutra@hotmail.com>

Bangkok Thailand - Friday, August 06, 1999 at 13:50:27 (GMT)

Dr. Puey was certainly a far-sighted intellectual and economist with highest moral standard, whose name should forever be engraved in the history of democracy and Human Rights in Thailand.

Dr. Warawit Kanithasen <warawitk@starnet.com.eg>

Cairo, Egypt - Friday, August 06, 1999 at 13:40:16 (GMT)

Thank you so much for what you had done for Thailand. My love goes to you and your family.

Sakchai Chuaycham <james_cc@hotmail.com>

Chino Hills, CA USA - Friday, August 06, 1999 at 13:07:17 (GMT)

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