

The Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC), Hong Kong
with the cooperation of
The Institute of Asian Studies and Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University
and
NGOs Coalition for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, Thailand
is pleased to announce

The 2nd Asian Human Rights Defenders Award Presentation Ceremony
for
Mr. Somchai Neelaphaijit (posthumous)

On Saturday, 11 March 2006, Saranithet Room, Main Auditorium, Chulalongkorn University

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| 1:00 – 1:10 pm | Opening remarks by Professor Supang Janthawanich, Director, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University |
| 1:10 – 1:20 pm | Readings (1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Messages from Professor Stephen Toope, Chairperson of the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, and Ms Hina Jilani, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on the situation of Human Rights Defenders• Poem: 'By the wayside', by Mr Basil Fernando |
| 1:20 – 1:50 pm | Speech by Professor Vitit Muntarbhorn, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Professor, Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University |
| 1:50 – 2:00 pm | Readings (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Message from Mrs Suciwati Munir, labour union leader and wife of murdered Indonesian human rights defender Mr Munir Said Thalib• Poem by Mr Sarkareya Amatya |
| 2:00 – 2:30 pm | Video of Somchai's last public discussion, on torture, followed by comments from Associate Professor Jaran Dithapichai, Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission of Thailand, and Mr Danthong Breen, representative of the Union for Civil Liberty |
| 2:30 – 2:40 pm | Readings (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other selected messages, including from Professor Kwak Nohyun, Secretary General, National Human Rights Commission of Korea; Justice Michael Kirby, High Court of Australia; Justice D K Basu (retired), Calcutta High Court, India• Poem: 'Death', by Mr Harold Pinter, translated by Mr Pojana Chandarasanthi |
| 2:40 – 3:00 pm | Slide presentation: 'Somchai Neelaphaijit and his life' |
| 3:00 – 3:30 pm | Speech and award presentation by Mr John Joseph Clancey, Chairman of the Board, Asian Human Rights Commission; Receipt of award by Mrs Angkhana Neelaphaijit (on behalf of Mr Somchai Neelaphaijit) |
| 3:30 – 4.00 pm | Appreciation speech by Mrs Angkhana Neelaphaijit, followed by group photos |

Host: Ms Supinya Klangnarong

Programme will be conducted in Thai and English, for further inquiries please contact:

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