

## **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Charun Bunyakan**

### **Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Walailak University**

Assoc. Professor Dr. Charun Bunyakan is a Vice President for Academic Affairs of Walailak University. Since the commencement of this leadership role 2016, his work had been predicated on overseeing management of all the schools through maintaining and enhancing quality education by leading, advising and cooperating with Deans and Heads of Program to ensure quality admission, standard teaching and learning management, student care and production of qualified graduates.

Before assuming an executive position at Walailak university, Assoc. Professor Dr. Charun, after completion of Bachelor degree in Chemical Engineering from Prince of Songkla University (PSU), Thailand, cultivated his expertise in engineering at Thai-German Ceramic Industries Co., Ltd. (TGCI) as an assistant engineer followed by promotion to a chief engineer rank. Then, he shifted to academia as a lecturer in Chemical Engineering at the PSU. Granted a scholarship by the Ministry of Science In 1993, Assoc. Professor Dr. Charun pursued his master's and doctoral degree from Vanderbilt University, the USA before resuming his lectureship at the same university upon completion of the degrees. He taught both undergraduate (Bachelor degree) and postgraduate (Master degree and Ph.D.) students and got promoted to as assistant professor and an associate professor respectively over the course of five years

Regarding his role in an executive position, Assoc. Professor Dr. Charun's leadership commenced with responsibilities as Deputy Head of Department of Chemical Engineering in 1999 and Head of Department of the Department of Chemical engineering within the Faculty of Engineering at the PSU of which he was became an Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies. His eight years in this position had been predicated on restructuring of research operations to benefit both faculty members and post-graduate students. Finally, as Dean of the faculty in 2011, Assoc. Professor Dr. Charun's key responsibility involved supervision of academic affairs including student support schemes of undergraduate and postgraduate levels, setting up facilities and creating research environments to support staff teaching and research.

By virtue of his experience in higher institution's supervision of academic affairs, despite initially joining Walailak University's workforce as Dean of the School of Engineering and Resources in 2014, he assumed his current position as a Vice President for Academic Affairs in 2016 and has been ever since. Apart from his role at Walailak University, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Charun also contributes as part of the national level committees including the Thai University Central Admission System (TCAS), the Academic committee of the Council of University Presidents of Thailand and The President representative in the meeting of Council of University Presidents of Thailand.