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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Surin Maisrikrod, Vice-President for Global Engagement and Learning and Teaching Development had been a senior lecturer (Associate Professor) in Politics and International Relations and comparative politics at James Cook University, Townsville, Australia for 20 years. In the meantime, he was also a chairperson of the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) of the Northern Queensland branch, and spearheaded the “Young Ambassador Program”, collaborated between secondary schools in Townsville, Queensland and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During his time in Australia, he earned his credentials through unparalleled expertise in Asian politics as a speaker and a writer. At James Cook University, his role in internationalizing the university was prominent along with his teaching of undergraduate students. In addition, he supervised master’s degree and PhD students of James Cook University and reviewed the theses submitted by the PhD students from a number of universities throughout Australia.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Surin Maisrikrod graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand before pursuing a master’s degree and a doctoral degree in Political Science at the University of Hawaii under the scholarship from East-West Center, granted by the US Government. After graduation, he had practiced journalism for 8 years and became a reporter, a writer and an editor for several major newspapers such as The Nation, the NaewNa News and The Associated Press (AP), an American News Agency. His career path later shifted to academia as he started working as a researcher at Institute of Asian Studies in Singapore for 4 years before becoming a lecturer at James Cook University.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Surin Maisrikrod commenced his executive position as a Vice-President for Global Engagement and Learning and Teaching Development at Walailak University in Nakhon Si Thammarat Province, Thailand on 1 July from 2016 until present. He plays a pivotal role in reforming the university’s educational system by taking initiative on implementation of The United Kingdom Professional Standards Framework (UKPSF) from the United Kingdom. The practice has proved effective in developing professional and pedagogic practices of Walailak University lecturers since 2017. Also, he was one of the founding members of Walailak University Language Institutes (Presently School of Languages and General Education), and supervises the university affairs regarding international relations, promotion of corporate communication, development of the University’s English websites, Walailak Global Program etc. Lastly, he assisted the president in implementing the policies aimed to put Walailak University in the World Rankings and English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI) at the University.