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Marital Status Married to Yumi Shiraishi and have one daughter

Education:

June 1993 Master of Arts in Music Theory and Composition from
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, USA
May 1990 Bachelor of Arts with honors in Music from St. Olaf
College, Northfield, MN, USA
Oct 1988 Bachelor of Arts in English and Philosophy from
Chiangmai University, Chiangmai, Thailand

Career:

July 2014-Present Member of the National Legislative Assembly, Royal Thai
Parliament
February 2008-May 2014 Member of the Senate, Royal Thai Parliament
January 2013-present Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights
of Persons with Disabilities
July 2003- July 2008 Assistant Manager, DAISY for All Project
1993- April 2002 Faculty, Deputy Director, Ratchasuda College, Mahidol
University, Thailand
1999-September 2016 Founder/Secretary General, TAB Foundation
September 2016-present President, TAB Foundation

Other positions:

August 2016-president	Honorary Life Member, World Blind Union
2016-present	Member of the Committee for the Promotion and Development of Civil Society Organizations
2014-present	Member of Asian Advisory Group of Parliamentarians for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNISDR
2002-present	Executive Committee Member, Foundation of Asia Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD Foundation) under Royal Patronage, and Asia Pacific Development Center on Disability
2013-2018	Member of the Experts Committee of China Braille Press
2011-2012	Chairman of Local Organizing Committee, World Blind Union (WBU) and International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) General Assembly 2012 in Bangkok – November 2012
April 2004–April 2012	President, Thailand Association of the Blind
2003-2006	Representative from the Thai government to the UN ad hoc committee for the elaboration of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
2001-2005	Member, Advisory Committee on Disability to the Prime Minister of Thailand
2001-2005	Member, Information Technology Committee, Ministry of Education
2000-2002	Member of the National Broadcasting Commission Search Committee
2000-August 2016	Executive Committee Member, World Blind Union (re-elected in 2004, 2008 and 2012)
1999-present	Founder and Vice Chairperson, Thai National Research and Development Institute for the Blind
1999-present	Founder and Coordinator, Thailand National Committee on Digital Accessible Information System Production and Services (DAISY Thailand)
1999-2001	Member, Committee on the Educational Reform for Persons with Disabilities, other Disadvantage groups and gifted children, Ministry of Education

Awards:

Presented with an Alumni Achievement Award by St. Olaf College, Minnesota, USA (October 2017)

Awarded with an honorary doctored in Social Science by Chiang Mai University Thailand (January 2015)

Awarded with the plaque of honor as the person with high morality of the year by National Committee on Ethics (August 2013)

Declared with the Plaque of Honor as an Asia-Pacific Champions of Disability Rights by The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Government of the Republic of Korea during the UNESCAP High-level Inter-governmental Meeting to Conclude the Decade for Persons with Disabilities 2003-2012 in Asia and the Pacific and to Declare the Decade for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific 2013-2022 (November 2012)

Awarded with the certificate of honor as person who devotes to the well being of the society by Sathira Thamasathan (Buddhist Meditation Center) May 2012

Awarded with the plaque of honor from The Nation Multimedia Group project on “Following good citizens to pay back to the Land” October, 2009

Awarded with the plaque of honor from Prime Minister of Thailand as an outstanding advocate for the rights of the child for the year 2009

Awarded with Plaque of Honor as an outstanding alumni from Chiangmai University January 2009

Announced by the media as good parliamentarian of the year December 2008

Awarded as the person who contributes to the betterment of life for the blind by the Takeo Iwahashi Award '04

Awarded with a Plaque of Honor from the Prime Minister of Thailand in 2001 as an Outstanding Individual whose contributions have made significant improvement to the lives of PWDs in Thailand

Awarded the Most Outstanding Person with Disabilities in Thailand from Council on Social Welfare in 1995

Awarded “Outstanding Member of the Year” from the Alumni Association of Chiangmai School for the Blind in 1988

Recent Publications:

Most recent writing has been centered on keynote speeches, presentations and short articles, a selection as listed below:

- 16.05.12: “ICT Accessibility: one of the Core Components to ensure ICT for Sustainable and Inclusive Development”, presented at the ITU (International Telecommunication Union) Asia Pacific Regional Forum on ICT for Sustainable and Inclusive Development held UNESCAP Bangkok Thailand

- 14.03.12: Opening Address to the UNESCAP Regional Preparatory Meeting for the High Level Intergovernmental Meeting on Final Review of the Implementation of the Asia and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, Bangkok Thailand

- 3.02.12: Address on behalf of the Thailand Delegation to the 50th Session of UN Commission for Social Development, New York USA

- 21.06.11: “Basic Principles to Ensure ICT Accessibility for All and Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)”, delivered at ITU Asia Pacific Regional Forum on Digital Inclusion for All, Singapore

- 12.04.11: “Accessible Tourism: A Strategic Example of CRPD Implementation”
Delivered at International Conference on Accessible Tourism Taipei, Taiwan

- 4.03.11: “International Cooperation in Developing Countries: Let’s Make It More Disability-Inclusive”, delivered at Opening Ceremony UNESCAP Social Development Committee Meeting

References: Available Upon Request