Honorary Doctorate Degree in Arts (Tourism)

H.E. Dr. Thong Khon was born on November 23rd, 1951. He had a Diploma of Doctor of Medicine from Faculty of Medicine of University of Health Sciences, Phnom Penh; and followed by the graduation of a Diploma of post-graduate in Public Health and Community from Faculty of Medicine, University of Nancy in France in 1997. In 2011 he held a Doctor of Philosophy in Tourism Management (Ecotourism) from the National University of Economic, Hanoi, Vietnam. In 2014 he was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of University of Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia in recognition of his distinguished service to develop a sustainable and responsible tourism especially in the CBET and the pro-poor tourism in Cambodia. He is currently Minister of Tourism of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

His academic achievement was widely recognised. He was awarded many titles and decorations such as a World Leadership Award, presented during the World Ecotourism Conference in 2011; and a Gwanghwa Medal by H.E. Roh Moo-Hyun, Ex-president of the Republic of Korea in 2008. Additionally, he was awarded a Cheatopaka Medal by Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

His social work includes holding a wide range of chairmanship of other entities such as: Chairman of the Committee of ASEAN's Most Beautiful Bay Contest, President of the National Olympic Committee of Cambodia (NOCC), Chairman of National Committee for Tourism Professional of Cambodia, Chairman of the National Committee for Clean City Assessment and Chairman of the Inter-ministerial Committee for facilitating the travels and transports of tourists and travelers at international borders check points. Besides, he has held some other positions as a chairman and vice-chairman of inter-ministerial commission within the Royal Government of Cambodia.

His relations with Rajamangala University of Technology Thunyaburi (RMUTT) importantly supported to academic cooperation in tourism with Faculty of Liberal Arts including student professional internship, and MOU signing for academic collaboration with the university.

His knowledge and capability, and career success with his strong dedication to the society have been widely recognised at the national and international levels. Rajamangala University of Technology Thunyaburi (RMUTT) conferred and awards the Honorary Doctorate Degree in Arts (Tourism) as his great contribution to the society.