

**Biographical Note: Vimolsiddhi Horayangkura, Ph.D.**

Professor Vimolsiddhi Horayangkura, a former dean and founder of the Faculty of Architecture and Planning, Thammasat University, is currently Chair, Ph.D. Program in Integrated Science of Built Environment. He was honored as a Distinguished Professor in Science and Technology of Thammasat University. A Laureate of the National Award for the Distinguished Researcher of the National Research Council of Thailand, he has also received several distinctive research awards.

Having received a Fulbright Scholarship and a Ford Foundation Fellowship, he pursued urban design and transformation in his graduate study programs earning master of Architecture at MIT and Ph.D. in Architecture at Princeton University respectively. He received his first professional degree with distinction from Chulalongkorn University where he was later a lecturer and Deputy Dean, Research Affairs. With extensive professional and academic experiences in architectural design and campus master planning, he has currently been elected a member of Architect Council, Thailand.

His research and publications cover intriguing issues in a wide range of topic such as low – income housing, architectural development and cultural identity, human behavior and built environment, and livable urban development. His current researches on the contemporary transformation of Thai architectural identity (sponsored by The Thailand Research Fund) and the rail-canal hybrid connectivity (sponsored by The Rockefeller Foundation) should be noted. However, his underlying academic interests are focussed on issues of education and architecture/urban design. He has decisively initiated the 4+2 year Architecture Program as well as the more recently Urban Design and Development International Program (UDDI) for Faculty of Architecture and Planning, Thammasat University.