British Council Thailand, together with the British Embassy Bangkok, Launches Alumni Awards 2017, Celebrating Distinguished Alumni Achievements





12 September 2016, Bangkok – The British Council Thailand, together with the British Embassy Bangkok, has launched the first year of three prestigious awards celebrating outstanding achievements of the UK's international alumni in Thailand.

Alumni Awards are prestigious recognition for UK alumni who have used their experience of studying at a UK university to make a positive contribution to their communities, professions and countries and celebrate their outstanding achievements. The awards also highlight the long-standing educational relationship between Thailand and the United Kingdom and emphasise the British Council's mission to support the future leaders.

There are three award categories: Professional Achievement Award, Entrepreneurial Award and Social Impact Award. The Alumni Awards are open to alumni currently residing in Thailand who have studied in the UK, at an officially recognised provider of UK university degree level study, within the last 15 years. Award winners and finalists are leaders in their fields. Alumni can apply themselves or be nominated for the awards from 7 September 2016 through www.britishcouncil.org/education-uk-awards/enter. Nominations close on 16 October and applications on 31 October 2016. Award nominees are announced in December and the winners will be announced at prestigious award ceremonies on 14 January 2017.

The British Council organises the Alumni Awards to create global networks for UK alumni with access to influential change-makers and to support university alumni relations around the world. Thailand is one of the 14 locations honoured to be hosting the Alumni Awards 2017: Egypt, Ghana, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Turkey and the USA.

Brian Davidson, British Ambassador to Thailand said "I am very pleased to offer my personal support to the Alumni Awards 2017. I am hugely impressed by the calibre of UK alumni in Thailand and I attach great importance to maintaining the link with alumni. The Awards are a great way to help achieve that. I know we will see lots of outstanding applications across all three categories."

Andrew Glass, OBE, Director, British Council Thailand said "The awards are all about finding and sharing the exceptional stories of UK alumni. We are delighted to be celebrating the tremendous achievements and contribution made by UK university alumni in Thailand who have used their experience of studying in the UK to make a positive impact on their professions, communities and wider society. We look forward to celebrating and sharing their inspirational stories and supporting them as the future leaders."

For more information about UK alumni and the awards:
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