

**Nomination: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Chetana Nagavajara for Outstanding Humboldtian Award**

On behalf of the Humboldt Club Thailand, I have the honor to nominate Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Chetana Nagavajara for the Outstanding Humboldtian Award during the Humboldt-Kolleg 2019 to be held on 19-21 December 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Educated at Cambridge and Tübingen and now Professor Emeritus of German at Silpakorn University, Thailand, Prof. Nagavajara is a scholar of comparative literature with extensive experience in teaching, research and university administration. His scholarly works address such areas as Western, Thai and Comparative Literature as well as Interart Studies. Prof. Nagavajara is a frequent visitor to Germany (Fellow 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17), having been associated with the Institute for Comparative Literature of the Free University Berlin, the Centre for Cultural and Literary Research, Berlin, and the Department of Comparative Literature at Tübingen University. His recent research includes a study on the renaissance of comparative literature in Germany during the immediate post-World War II period, and he has published a volume of collected essays in German entitled *Auf der Suche nach einer grenzüberschreitenden Wissenskultur* (In Search of a Transnational Scholarly Culture). In recognition of his role as a cultural ambassador between East and West, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by Tübingen University in 2009.

Prof. Nagavajara has contributed to the development of excellence academic environment in Thailand through his active public engagement. He was former President of the Humboldt-Club Thailand, Senior Research Fellow of the Thailand Research Fund, Committee Members of the University Council of many universities, including Mahidol University and Prince of Songkla University. Internationally, Prof. Nagavajara used to serve as Committee on Literary Theory, International Comparative Literature Association (ICLA) and Vice President, *Fédération Internationale des Langues et Littératures Modernes* (FILLM). He is the receipt of the Goethe Medal and Bundesverdienstkreuz (First Class) of Germany, the Chevalier dans l'ordre des arts et des lettres of France. Academically, he was a Fulbright visiting Professor at U.C. Berkeley, USA, and the recipient of the Research Prize in the Humanities from the Alexander von Humboldt and Research Fellowship from Free University Berlin.

As a researcher and academic leader, Prof. Nagavajara is a humble, kind, and friendly person and colleague, and thus a role model for young researchers.



Prof. Dr. Wanchai De-Eknamkul  
President, Humboldt Club Thailand



**Nomination: Prof. Christopher C. Bernido for Outstanding Humboldtian Award**

**HUMBOLDT CLUB PHILIPPINES**

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**NOMINATION FOR OUTSTANDING HUMBOLDTIAN AWARD**

for

**Prof. Dr. Christopher C. Bernido**

In behalf of the Humboldt Club Philippines, I have the honor to nominate Prof. Dr. Christopher C. Bernido from the Research Center for Theoretical Physics, Central Visayan Institute Foundation, Bohol, Philippines, for the Outstanding Humboldtian Award during the Humboldt-Kolleg 2019 to be held on 19-21 December 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Professor Bernido is an outstanding physicist, physics educator, and mentor. He is a highly esteemed scientist and has received many national and international awards for his outstanding achievements including the Ramon Magsaysay Award (considered internationally as Asian Nobel Prize) in 2010. Aside from being an exceptional scientist and educator, Professor Bernido is a humble, kind, and friendly person and colleague. Thus, he is a role model for young scientists.

Prof. Dr. Victor Asio  
President, Humboldt Club Philippines



## NOMINATION FOR OUTSTANDING HUMBOLDTIAN AWARD

for

**Assoc. Prof. Leenawaty Limantara Ph.D**

On behalf of the Humboldt Club Indonesia, I have the honor to nominate Dr. Leenawaty Limantara for the Outstanding Humboldtian Award during the Humboldt-Kolleg 2019 to be held on 19-21 December 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Dr. Leenawaty Limantara is an outstanding scientist and a woman leader at higher education institutions in Indonesia. She leads a research group at Ma Chung Research Center for Photosynthetic Pigments, Universitas Ma Chung and also a researcher at the Pembangunan Jaya Center for Urban Studies Universitas Pembangunan Jaya, Banten, Indonesia. As an outstanding Chemist, highly esteemed by Indonesian community, she has received many national and international awards, including the 2nd National Outstanding Lecturer Award 2004, the 8th Indonesian Toray Science and Technology Award, and recently the Humboldt Alumni Award 2018. As a woman leader at higher education institution, she is a successful rector of Universitas Ma Chung (2007-2015), has made the university to be rank in top 5 private university in East Java Province. Since 2015, she moved to Universitas Pembangunan Jaya as the rector.

She contributes to the development of excellence academic environment in Indonesia through her active public engagement. She represented Indonesian delegation as a speaker on the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) Ministerial Conference and the Fourth Bologna Policy Forum (BPF) at Yerevan, Armenia; served as a member of International Selection Committee on In-Country/In-Region Scholarship Programme - Strengthening Higher Education and Research in Southeast Asia (organized by DAAD); a Program Committee member of the Indonesian Dean's Course for Private Higher Education Institution, an intensive leadership and management training for 25 rectors, directors, and deans of higher education institutions in Indonesia, a program of DAAD and German Rectors Conference (HRK); and Since 2014 – now, she also active as a trainer and regional expert for DIES ProGrant workshop of DAAD.

As a women scientist and academic leader, Dr. Limantara has made substantial contribution to foster network between excellence scientist in the region. As a Humboldt ambassador scientist (2011-2017), She has conducted three (3) Humboldt Kollegs in Indonesia in 2011, 2014, and 2017. She is a humble, kind, and helpful person and colleague. Thus, she is a role model for young scientists.

**Dr. L.T. Handoko**

President, Humboldt Club Indonesia



## 1<sup>st</sup> Southeast Asian Humboldt-Kolleg 2019

"Southeast Asian Research without Borders – Alexander von Humboldt's Legacy Today"  
December 19-21, 2019, Bangkok, Thailand



### Nomination: Prof. Dr. NGUYEN Xuan Hung for Outstanding Humboldtian Award

On behalf of the Humboldt Club Vietnam, I nominate Prof. Dr. NGUYEN Xuan Hung, Director, CIRTECH Institute, Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology for the Outstanding Humboldtian Award during the Humboldt-Kolleg 2019 to be held on 19-21 December 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Professor Hung is an outstanding scientist working on Computational materials science. He received the Georg Forster Research Award from the Humboldt Foundation in 2015. From 2016 to 2019 he belongs to the top 1% Highly Cited Researchers of Thompson Reuters.

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Ngo Viet Trung  
President, Humboldt Club Vietnam

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