



Tarisa Watanagase joined the Bank of Thailand in 1975 and was Governor between 2006 -2010. Her long career at the Bank included responsibilities in economic research, money market operation, payment systems, banking sector policy and supervision, and monetary policy. She also worked as an economist at the International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C. between 1978-1990 and an IMF-World Bank FSAP independent assessor in 2002.

She was instrumental in the 1997 Thai crisis resolution and the ensuing supervisory and financial sector reforms, the establishment of the Thai Real-Time-Gross-Settlement (RTGS) system in 1995, the first in Asia, to eliminate settlement risk in high-value fund transfers, and the passage of the new BOT Act in 2008, which guarantees the central bank's independence. Currently, Dr. Watanagase is a member of the board/advisor to several public, private and non-profit organizations, both domestic and international.

Education

B.A. (Econ) and M.A.(Econ), Keio Univ. Tokyo, Japan, 1975

Ph.D. (Econ), Washington Univ., St Louis, Missouri, 1988

Ph.D. Honorary (Econ), Keio Univ. Tokyo, Japan, 2007

Advanced Management Program, Harvard Univ., Massachusetts, Spring 1999

Major Past Experiences

Governor, Bank of Thailand, 2006-2010

Chairperson, Monetary Policy Committee, Bank of Thailand, 2006-2010

Chairperson, Financial Sector and Institution Policy Committee, Bank of Thailand, 2006-2010

Chairperson, Payment System Policy Committee, Bank of Thailand, 2006-2010

Member, Board of Directors, National Economic and Social Development Board, 2006-2010

Member, Board of Directors, Securities and Exchange Commission, Thailand, 2006-2010, 2011-

Member, Board of Directors, Office of the Insurance Commission, Thailand, 2006-2010

Member, Board of Directors and Audit Committee, Office of Insurance Commission, 2011-2017

Advisor to CEO, DTAC, Thailand, on mobile payments, 2012-2014

Member, International Advisory Panel, State Bank of Vietnam, Vietnam, 2012-2013

Member, Board of Directors and Audit Committee, the Siam Cement Public Company Limited, Thailand, 2013-2022

Economist, International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C., U.S.A., 1987-1990, on leave from the BOT

Member, APD Advisory Group, Asia Pacific Department, IMF, Washington D.C., 2011-2014

Member, International Advisory Panel, State Bank of Vietnam, Vietnam, 2012-2013

Member, World Bank-IMF Joint Committee on Remuneration of Executive Directors and Alternates, for 2013

Associate, Alliance for Financial Inclusion, Thailand, 2013-2015

Senior Advisor, Promontory Financial Group, Washington D.C., U.S.A., 2013-2016

Major current experiences

Member, Board of Directors and Risk Committee, the Mitsubishi UFG Financial Group, Japan, since 2017

Member, Chulalongkorn University Council, Thailand since 2017

Member, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Thailand, since 2020

Chairperson, Board of Directors, Childline Thailand Foundation, Thailand, since 2017

Chairperson, Board of Director, Bangkok Patana International School Foundation, Thailand, since 2020

Vice Chairperson, Board of Directors, Thai-Japanese Association, Thailand, since 2015

Member, Board of Director, Ramathibodi Hospital Foundation, Thailand, since 2011

Member, Board of Director, the Heart Foundation of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of the Crown Princess, Thailand, since 2011

Member, Board of Directors, Private Sector Collective Action Coalition Against Corruption (CAC), since 2012

Member, Advisory Board, Central Banking Publication, U.K., since 2013