

B I O G R A P H Y

Mr. Vincent C. SIEW

Date of Birth: January 3, 1939

Native of Chiaya City, Taiwan

Family: Married, 3 daughters

Education:

- 1965 Master of Laws in International Law & Diplomacy,
National Chengchi University, ROC
- 1982 Leadership Seminar in Georgetown University, USA
- 1985 Eisenhower Fellow, USA
- 1999 Honorable Doctor of Public Service, The Ohio State University,
USA

Career:

- 1966-1969 Vice Consul, Consulate General in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1969-1972 Consul, Consulate General in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1972 Section Chief, Asia Pacific Affairs Department, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs
- 1972-1974 Deputy Director, 4th Department, Board of Foreign Trade,
Ministry of Economic Affairs
- 1974-1977 Director, 4th Department, Board of Foreign Trade, Ministry
of Economic Affairs
- 1977-1982 Deputy Director-General, Board of Foreign Trade, Ministry
of Economic Affairs
- 1982-1988 Director-General, Board of Foreign Trade, Ministry of
Economic Affairs
- 1988-2000 Kuomintang Central Committee Member
- 1988-1989 Vice Chairman, Council of Economic Planning and
Development, Executive Yuan
- 1989-1990 Director-General, Department of Organizational Affairs,
Central Committee, Kuomintang
- 1990-1993 Minister of Economic Affairs
- 1993-2000 Kuomintang Central Standing Committee Member
- 1993-1994 Minister of State; Chairman, Council for Economic
Planning and Development, Executive Yuan
- 1994-1995 Minister of State; Chairman, Mainland Affairs Council,
Executive Yuan
- 1996-1997 Legislator
- 1997-May 2000 Premier
- June 2000 Vice Chairman, Kuomintang

Declaration of Merit

Award of the Honorary Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy, Politics and Economics

to

H.E. Mr. Vincent C. Siew

Former Premier of Taiwan, and Vice Chairman, Koumintang

The Rangsit University Council, at its first meeting of 1999, and with the approval of the Ministry of University Affairs on March 31, 1999, accords the highest honor of this university to His Excellency Mr. Vincent C. Siew, the former Premier of Taiwan, and Vice Chairman of Koumintang Party at present, in recognition of his outstanding civil services to, and exemplary leadership of the people in Taiwan.

His Excellency Mr. Vincent C. Siew, the former Premier of Taiwan, and Vice Chairman of Koumintang Party at present, has demonstrated exceptional skills in Politics, Economics and Diplomacy. In politics, he is consistent and caring towards his people. A good example is after the presidential election in 1996, Mr. Vincent C. Siew returned to his duties as a legislator, maintaining his humility and affection for Taiwan and its people. Mr. Vincent C. Siew frequently visited his vote service office in his hometown where he addresses the demands of his constituents. His Excellency Mr. Vincent C. Siew, the former Premier of Taiwan is also a true achiever leader. This is evident when being appointed the Premier of Taiwan on September 1, 1997, Mr. Vincent C. Siew's immediate action led to six major points as the axis of his administration policies. These six points were improving law and order, sustaining economic development, raising the standard of living, strengthening cultural and educational development, promoting cross-strait relations and consolidating the national security. In order to attain these goals, Mr. Vincent C. Siew has vigorously pushed for streamlining the government to make it as efficient as a business operation. His Excellency Mr. Vincent C. Siew's achievement in this indicates his individual quality as a great philosopher, who manages to implement his ideal policy into action.

Declaration of Merit

In view of the need for greater national competitiveness and economic revitalization, His Excellency Mr. Vincent C. Siew, the former Premier of Taiwan works hard to promote consensus-building among legislators of ruling and opposition parties, and hasten the enactment of urgently needed financial and economic legislation. As a result of Mr. Vincent C. Siew's efforts, a caucus to expedite financial and economic legislation was organized on September 6, 1996, with 77 legislators from various parties as member and Mr. Vincent C. Siew has been selected to head the caucus with the overwhelming support of its members.

His Excellency Mr. Vincent C. Siew, the former Premier of Taiwan's outstanding achievement indicates his distinguished individual traits as a successful politician and economist who leads Taiwan to a success in economic development and growth. Moreover, Mr. Vincent C. Siew is well-respected by the public due to his earnest, modest and pleasant personality as well as his constant smile which earns him the nickname "Smiling Siew"

His Excellency Mr. Vincent C. Siew, the former Premier of Taiwan is a person and leader of the highest merit. Rangsit University, therefore, unanimously agrees to confer upon His Excellency Mr. Vincent C. Siew the former Premier of Taiwan the Honorary Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy, Politics and Economics as a testimony to his achievements and a symbol of the lasting friendship between Rangsit University and Taiwan.