



## Trustee At Large Candidate Nares Damrongchai, Ph.D.

### Professional Experience

- Chief Executive Officer, Thailand Center of Excellence for Life Sciences
- Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Center for Technology Foresight

### USP Experience

- Actively engaged with USP via the APEC Life Sciences Innovation Forum

### Additional Information

- Member of the Thai National Committee on Science and Technology Ethics

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## Biography

Dr. Nares Damrongchai is Chief Executive Officer of the Thailand Center of Excellence for Life Sciences, a public organization with a mission to foster the life sciences industry in the country known as Asia's medical hub. Dr. Damrongchai also serves as Co-Chair of Life Science Innovation Forum, APEC's leading initiative on health and health sciences innovation. His leadership in APEC science and technology extends back to the early 2000s, when he was the Executive Director of the APEC Center for Technology Foresight and led the Center's successful international foresight research and trainings in collaboration with the Rockefeller Foundation, Rand Corporation, Institute of Alternative Futures, Asian Foresight Institute, and others.

Dr. Damrongchai was elected as Lead Shepherd of the APEC Industrial Science and Technology Working Group during the early 2010s and led the Group's transformation into APEC Policy Partnership in Science Technology and Innovation. Earlier, Dr. Damrongchai was a laboratory scientist before pursuing his career as a policy researcher. He was instrumental in the success of Thailand's first and second National Biotechnology Policies.

Dr. Damrongchai has published many books and articles on science, technology, and foresight. He jointly translated a comprehensive popular science book, *Almost Everyone's Guide to Science: The Universe, Life and Everything* by John and Mary Gribbin from English into the Thai language. Currently, he is on the editorial board of *Asian Biotechnology and Development Review*, published by the Research and Information System for Developing Countries in New Delhi and supported by UNESCO. Dr. Damrongchai obtained the degree of master of philosophy in technology management from the University of Cambridge and holds a doctorate from Tokyo Institute of Technology, with research focused on tissue engineering.