

**Unofficial compilation of information on H.E. General Surayud Chulanont,
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand**

- Date of Birth** - 28 August 1943
- Education**
- Saint Gabriel's College, Bangkok
 - Suankularb Wittayalai School, Bangkok
 - Royal Thai Army Academy (B.S.)
 - Joint Staff College, Thailand
 - Joint Staff College, U.S.A.
 - Infantry Officer Advanced Course, U.S.A. (Fort Benning)
 - Defence Resources Management Program, Department of Defence, U.S.A. (Fort Leavenworth)
 - National Defence College (1993)
- Marital Status** - Married to Colonel Khunying Chitravadee Chulanont (with three sons)
- Previous Position**
- Commanding General, Special Warfare Command
 - Commanding General, Second Army Area
 - Member of the Senate (1992 and 1998)
 - Commander-in-Chief, Royal Thai Army (1998-2002)
 - Military Judge, Military Supreme Court (1999, 2001, 2002)
 - Supreme Commander (2002-2003)
 - Privy Councillor (since 14 November 2003)
- Thai Decorations**
- Freeman Safeguarding Medal (First Class) (1974)
 - Member of "The Rama Medal" of the Honorable Order of Rama (1990)
 - Knight Grand Cordon (Special Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand (1992)
 - Knight Grand Cordon (Special Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant (1995)
 - Knight Grand Commander (Second Class, higher grade) of the Most Illustrious Order of Chula Chom Klao (2001)
- Awards and Accolades**
- "Jak Dao" Alumni Achievement Award, Armed Forces Academies Preparatory School (1992)
 - Doctor of Philosophy in Communication Arts (Honorary Degree), Vongchavalitkul University (1995)
 - "The International Hall of Fame" Award, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth (1999)
 - Doctor of Philosophy in Rural Planning and Development (Honorary Degree), Maejo University (2000)
 - Distinguished Award, General Prem Tinsulanonda Statesman Foundation (2000)

- Recognized by TIME Magazine as one of the “Asian Heroes” in its special issue of April 2003 in the article “Surayud Chulanont, a soldier who answered to the people”.
- Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science, Honoris Causa, Prince of Songkhla University (2004)

Other Positions and Activities

- President of the Foundation for Khao Yai National Park Protection (1997 – present)
- President of the Royal Turf Club of Thailand under the Royal Patronage (2003)
- Chairman of King Mongkut’s Institute of Technology Ladkrabang Council (2005)
- Chairman of the Phetchaburi Rajabhat University Board (2005)
- Board member of the Ananda Mahidol Foundation which offers scholarship for Thai students to study abroad in all fields of study.
- Board member of the Princess Srinagarindra Award Foundation which promotes and supports the nursing profession.
- As Privy Councillor, oversees the development of the educational system in the Muslim dominated southern provinces of Thailand.
- Senior Advisor on conservation of the “Conserving Khao Yai” youth club

Sports and Hobbies

- Reading
- Golf
- Hiking

Achievements during tenure as Supreme Commander and Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Army

- Initiated the downsizing of the armed forces, revamped arms procurement to root out corruption and stop the dispensing of military positions in exchange for political favours.
- Restored the images of the military by promoting professionalism and modernizing the armed forces.
- Created rapid-response units to deal with threats along Thailand’s borders to fend off incursions by foreign troops and guerrillas.
- Ended the policy of pushing displaced persons back across the Thai borders on humanitarian grounds.
- Opened-up the armed forces to the public by initiating projects attracting the public to visit military installations, thus, changing the military motto from “Military Area: No Entry” to “Military Area: Welcome”.
