



OPENING

**THE OPENING SESSION OF PRINCE MAHIDOL AWARD CONFERENCE 2021 &
ARMCHAIR CONVERSATION**

| BACKGROUND

- Remarks by **Dr. Vicharn Panich**, Chair of the PMAC 2021 International Organizing Committee
- Opening Speech by **HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn**
- Video of Prince Mahidol Award Foundation
- Video of PMAC 2021
- Opening Remarks by **Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General of WHO
- **Armchair Conversation**

| OBJECTIVES



Panelist

Anutin Charnvirakul

Deputy Prime Minister and

Minister of Public Health
Thailand

H.E. Mr. Anutin Charnvirakul is the Minister of Public Health since July 2019. He formerly served as the Deputy Minister of Public Health during July – October 2004 and March 2005 – September 2006 and as the Deputy Minister of Commerce during October 2004 – March 2005. He is a leader of the Bhumjaithai Party since November 2012.

Mr. Anutin Charnvirakul graduated from Hofstra University, United States with Bachelor Degree in Industrial Engineering. He has also received Honorary Doctorate Degree in several fields, including Civil Engineering, Management, Public Administration, and Economics. He was the President of Sino-Thai Engineering and Construction Public Co., Ltd during March 1995 – June 2004. He also served as the Director to the Federation of Thai Industries and Thai Contractors Association Under H.M. the King's Patronage.

In serving as the Minister of Public Health, he brings to the position over 25 years of experience in business development and organizational management. His priorities in public health are to "Reduce health expenditures, increase revenue, make people healthy, and make the nation wealthy". Under his leadership, Thailand is the first country in Asia to legalize medical cannabis.