

Commendation
Of
Mr. William Henry Gates III
For the Honorary Doctorate Degree in
Philosophy in Business Administration
University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce
Class of 2005

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Born in Seattle on October 28th, 1955. Mr. William (Bill) Henry Gates III, Chairman of the world renowned Microsoft Corporation, took interest so young in software and computer programming at the age of only 13 and continued to pursue this course of his interest while he was at Harvard University that he entered in 1973. After having left Harvard in his junior year, the visionary Mr. William Henry Gates III devoted his energies to Microsoft Company that he and his Childhood friend Paul Allen founded in 1975 and began to develop software for personal computers that he rightly foresaw the importance as a valuable tool on every office desktop and in every home. On account of this accurate foresight of his, Mr. William Henry Gates III finally become the world most prominent and most successful businessman in the field of high technology who is not only endowed with prodigious success in business but also charitable heart and great humanitarian concern.

In light of the above, the Governing Council of the University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce has, in its Meeting on October 21st, 2006, unanimously recognized that Mr. William Henry Gates III, fondly known to the public throughout the world as “Bill Gates”, is the most striking iconic figure in the Business Administration circle, not only because of his fabulous wealth and legendary success, but also and indeed more importantly on account of his sense of corporate responsibility towards the global society, which is world-widely exemplary for all businessmen. He has, in effect, largely contributed to the equality of chance for the people of all walks of live in four corners of he Earth by having, through the development of his indispensable software technology, Microsoft Window and Microsoft Word, enhanced the potential and efficiency of information super-highway,

which has rendered boundless sources of knowledge and wisdom accessible to all even in the remotest lands. He has created jobs for more than 61,000 people and allowed the world to share his savoir faire in how to succeed in doing computer business by writing *The Road Ahead*, a bestseller, published in 1995, followed by *Business@ the Speed of Thought*, another bestseller, which was published in 1999 in 25 languages and available in more than 60 countries and out of his charitable heart Mr. William Henry Gates III has donated the proceeds of both books to non-profit organizations that support the use of technology in education and skills development. Moreover, he and his spouse, Melinda French Gates, have endowed a foundation with more than \$28.8 billion to support philanthropic initiatives in the areas of global health and learning, with the hope that in the 21st century, advances in these areas will be available for all people. Furthermore, for humanitarian purpose, Mr. William Henry Gates III will, as of July 2008, transition out of a day-to-day role in the Microsoft Corporation to spend more time on his global health and education work at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Thai Society has a great esteem for such an ideal and unique quality in a businessman. Hence, as the token of its admiration and high regards, the University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the Thai people as a whole, has the great pleasure and honor to bestow upon the highly meritorious Mr. William Henry Gates III the Honorary Doctorate Degree in Philosophy in Business Administration in the academic year 2006 in order to promote the noble integrity and emulative character with which the legendary Mr. William (Bill) Henry Gates III serves as exemplar to the business world.