Brief Biography

1939  Born in Chiang Rai, Thailand
1954-57  Studied at Poh Chang College of Arts and Crafts, Bangkok
1956  First entered the 7th National Exhibition in Bangkok
1958-63  Majored in paintings at the Faculty of Painting, Sculpture and Graphic Arts, Silpakorn University
1962  Won the first prize at a painting contest sponsored by Tourist Organization of Thailand (T.O.T.)
1964-68  Studied at Rijks Akademie van Beeldende Kunsten (Royal Academy of Fine Arts), Amsterdam, the Netherlands
         Invited as artist in residence to West Germany (1972, 74, 85, 86, 91), England (1975), USA (1975, 99), Israel (1977) and Switzerland (1978)
1971  Exhibition was vandalized by students, Bangkok
1983-97  Produced mural paintings at major banks in Thailand and other places
1984  Completed the Spirit and Art Village, Open House for Contemporary Natural History and Ethnology Museum of Nanglae, Chiang Rai
         Invited as artist in residence to Australia (1993), Turkey (1994), and Austria (1999)
2001  Opening of Thawan Duchanee Museum at UCOM Building, Bangkok

Major Exhibitions

1961  First solo exhibition, Suan Pakkard Palace, Bangkok
1964  Solo exhibition, Bangkapi Gallery, Bangkok
1967  Solo exhibition, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam
1968  Mural painting and solo exhibition, Student Christian Center, Bangkok
1971  Solo exhibition, Goethe Institute Bangkok
1972  Solo exhibition, Gallery Downtown Hawaii, Honolulu
1973  Solo exhibition, the British Council Bangkok
1977  Solo exhibition, Israel Museum, Jerusalem
1989  “Contemporary Spiritual Art of Thailand” exhibition, Goethe Institute, San Francisco
1990  Solo exhibition, Fukuoka Art Museum, Fukuoka
1993  Solo exhibition, the Japan Foundation ASEAN Culture Center, Tokyo
2000  “12 Asean Artists” exhibition, National Art Gallery, Kuala Lumpur

Major Works

1961  “Prayer for an Ill Member of Meo Tribe” (oil on canvas, collection of Goethe Institute Bangkok)
1964  “Worship” (oil on canvas, collection of Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka)
1974-76  “Suvannasama Jataka” (oil on canvas, collection of the National Gallery of Art, Bangkok)

* The above Brief Biography and Major Exhibitions were compiled based on data submitted by Mr. Thawan Duchanee.