TPR is pleased and proud to following news regarding an exceptional achievement of one of our group members, Professor Sakamon Devahastin.

**Prof. Sakamon Devahastin is to Receive NSTDA Chair Professor Grant for 5 Years**

Hearty Congratulations, Sakamon…!!!

Dr. Sakamon Devahastin who is currently a professor in the Department of Food Engineering, King Mongkut’s University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT) and is the Editor of Drying Technology will be named by the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) of Thailand as the NSTDA Chair Professor starting in 2021. The NSTDA Chair Professorship is a grant program that aims to support top-tier researchers (either Thai or foreign nationality) working in Thailand to conduct cutting-edge research in any science and technology discipline, with the expectation of publications in top 10% international journals as well as processes and products that can either be readily applicable to industry or have high potential to do so. The grant is worth at 20 million Baht (or around 650,000 US dollars) for a 5-year period.

The proposed Chair Professor Project aims to study and develop selected innovations for the production of food and food ingredients, which are safe both for the consumers and the environment. Emphasis will be on the use of low-value, widely available raw materials and upgrading them to become products that fulfill the various needs of the consumers; these range from natural ingredients to beatify the food to food and ingredients that are safe, health-friendly and able to deliver higher level of satisfaction to those who consume them.

TPR group wish him all best for future endeavors…!!!

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