

Curriculum Vitae

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Candidate for a member of ICF Canoe Slalom Technical Committee



Biographical Data

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Educational Background

Graduation: Bachelor's degree in Communication Arts, Chulalongkorn University
Career path: More than 10 years in private companies holding the last position as Marketing Manager of AIS public company. During 1992 - 2009 setting up and running a trading company (importing and distributing modular systems from Europe)
Current Occupation: Half retired, working on account payables and overseeing accounting activities of another major-shareholder business firm (approx. 4-5 million Euro annual revenue)

Canoeing-related Background

Federation: The Rowing and Canoeing Association of Thailand (RCAT)
Current position: Committee member of Canoe Slalom Discipline

Past Experiences:

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| 2008 | Canoe Slalom National Team Leader, 2008 Asian Canoe Slalom Olympic Qualifier in Nakhon Nayok |
| 2009 - present | Actively involved in championship competitions in national, regional and world levels, taking various roles and positions from transmission, gate judge, start judge, chief judge, chief of scoring and competition manager. |
| 2010 - present | Speakers in seminars on Canoe Slalom Rules for athletes, NTOs and those who have keen interest in becoming IJCSL |
| 2018 | Chief of Scoring, 2018 Asian Games (Jakarta & Palembang Games) |
| 2021 | Competition Manager, 2021 Asian Canoe Slalom Olympic Qualifier |

Additional information:

Involvements in canoeing related activities is on a voluntary basis. I have been a whitewater paddler for fun with my daughter and friends, which led me into canoe slalom in 2005 when I allowed my daughter to represent Thailand to join the ICF TIP camp and I have become a strong supporter and diverted my role as technical official while maintaining whitewater kayak recreation.

Aim for Canoe Slalom Development in Asia

- More sport personnel including athletes, coaches and technical officials
- More competition events in all age-categories
- Inclusion of canoe slalom in multi-sport events of the continent

I wish to see more Asian competitors on the world stage and as such, structural development programs must be laid out and well organised in an ongoing manner. Opportunities to sport accessibility should be extended to people of all (or as many as) Asian countries including west and south Asia. If choosing Thailand as a base in development this aim may not be too hard to achieve considering the strategic location of the country, the training facilities to choose from, in the north where the Mae Tang river lies, in the central where the Nakhon Nayok river used to be competition venue several times, or in the east where there is an artificial course for higher performance of development and venue for international standard competitions. Not to mention the weather, the people and the political situation in general. More importantly, the Thai Federation is in good potential to shares the goal to promote the sport multiplied by strong support from ICF.

One jigsaw is missing: the one who can actively put the idea into action.