

Editorial PSA

Honoring a Distinguished Career and Enduring Legacy

The July 2026 issue of Pharmaceutical Sciences Asia is an issue dedicated to honoring **Associate Professor Dr. Satit Puttipipatkachorn**, whose contributions to the journal, to pharmaceutical sciences, and to generations of students and colleagues have left a lasting and meaningful legacy. This issue is particularly significant as Dr. Satit will complete his term as an Editor of The Pharmaceutical Sciences Asia Journal at the end of September 2026, concluding more than a decade of dedicated service to the journal and its scholarly community.

For more than ten years, Dr. Satit has contributed his time, expertise, and energy to the development of the journal. His commitment has extended far beyond the formal responsibilities of an editor. He has approached editorial work with a genuine sense of responsibility toward authors, reviewers, readers, and the broader pharmaceutical sciences community. Through his careful attention to manuscripts, thoughtful communication with authors, and constructive engagement with reviewers, he has helped strengthen not only the quality of individual publications but also the overall editorial standards and processes of the journal.

One of Dr. Satit's most important contributions has been his tireless effort to improve the editorial experience for authors and reviewers. Scholarly publishing is often perceived primarily through the final published article; however, behind every publication lies a complex process involving submission, peer review, revision, editorial assessment, communication, and decision-making. Dr. Satit understood the importance of making these processes transparent, rigorous, fair, and constructive. His enthusiasm and passion for working with authors, reviewers, and the journal staff have contributed significantly to improving the clarity and efficiency of the submission and peer-review processes.

His editorial philosophy has always reflected an important principle: the role of an editor is not simply to decide whether a manuscript should be accepted or rejected, but also to help authors develop their work into the strongest scientific contribution possible. His comments and recommendations have often gone beyond technical corrections, encouraging authors to strengthen scientific reasoning, improve clarity, address methodological concerns, and communicate their findings more effectively. At the same time, he has maintained the scientific rigor necessary to protect the integrity and credibility of the journal.

Dr. Satit's contribution has been particularly valuable in the area of pharmaceutical manufacturing and pharmaceutical technology, where his scientific expertise has provided an important foundation for the journal's development. Through his editorial service, he has helped ensure that research published in Pharmaceutical Sciences Asia meets high standards of scientific quality and contributes meaningfully to the advancement of pharmaceutical sciences. His expertise has also helped broaden the journal's ability to serve researchers working across different areas of pharmaceutical research, connecting fundamental scientific discoveries with applications relevant to pharmaceutical development and manufacturing.

However, the impact of Dr. Satit's career cannot be measured by his publications or editorial contributions alone. Perhaps his most enduring legacy is reflected in the people he has supported and inspired throughout his academic career. His influence extends across generations of undergraduate and graduate students, doctoral researchers, postdoctoral fellows, academic colleagues, and collaborators from universities and institutions in Thailand and internationally. Through teaching, supervision, research collaboration, mentoring, and professional service, he has contributed to the development of scientific capacity and to the growth of individuals who will continue to advance the field.

Academic leadership is often described in terms of positions held, projects completed, publications produced, or awards received. Yet there is another form of academic leadership that is less easily measured: **the ability to create opportunities for others, to encourage young researchers, to share knowledge generously, and to help colleagues become better scientists**. Dr. Satit has demonstrated this form of leadership throughout his career. His willingness to provide advice, review scientific work, discuss research ideas, and support colleagues reflects a deep commitment to the academic community.

This spirit may be best described as **altruism in pharmaceutical sciences**. Scientific progress is inherently collaborative. It depends on individuals who are willing to contribute their knowledge and experience not only for personal achievement but also for the advancement of others and of the discipline as a whole. Dr. Satit's career provides an excellent example of this principle. His contributions to the journal and to academic life demonstrate that excellence

in science is strengthened when expertise is shared generously and when professional responsibilities are approached with integrity, collegiality, and a genuine desire to serve.

Although Dr. Satit will complete his formal editorial term at the end of September, his relationship with Pharmaceutical Sciences Asia will certainly not end there. We are very pleased that he will continue to support the journal in a different capacity—as a distinguished reviewer, mentor, and valued member of our scholarly community. His continued involvement will be greatly appreciated, particularly by the editorial team and by the many researchers who have benefited from his scientific insight and constructive guidance.

As Editor-in-Chief, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to Dr. Satit for his extraordinary commitment to Pharmaceutical Sciences Asia. Working with him has been both a privilege and an inspiration. His dedication has contributed to the journal's development in ways that extend well beyond the manuscripts he has handled. He has helped build a culture

of constructive peer review, professional integrity, and mutual respect.

This tribute issue is therefore not simply a collection of scientific articles. It is also a celebration of a distinguished academic career and of the people, ideas, and communities that Dr. Satit has helped nurture. Each contribution in this issue represents, in its own way, the continuing vitality of pharmaceutical sciences and the importance of collaboration across generations of researchers.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, reviewers, authors, staff, and readers of Pharmaceutical Sciences Asia, I extend my sincere gratitude to Associate Professor Dr. Satit Puttipatkhachorn for more than a decade of dedicated editorial service and for his broader contributions to pharmaceutical education, research, and professional development. His formal editorial role may be coming to an end, but his influence will remain embedded in the journal, in the researchers you have mentored, and in the scientific community you have helped strengthen.

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