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Dr. Kitipong Promwong is the President, Office of National Higher Education Science Research and Innovation Policy Council (NXPO) which is the Secretariat of the National Policy Council on Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation. The Council is chaired by the Prime Minister responsible for policy decision on issues related to higher education, science and innovation. His main responsibility is directing and managing formulation of the policies and strategies submitting to the National Policy Council and the Cabinet. He was the Secretary General of the National Science Technology and Innovation Policy Office. He has been playing important role in the development and reform of the national innovation system in Thailand. He is one of the key persons who drafted the concept of the establishment of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation. As a policymaker, Dr. Promwong successfully initiated a number of policies and strategic programmes related to science, technology and innovation development. His achievements include policy to establish regional science parks, 'Food Innopolis' (Food Innovation Parks), the Company R&D Centers Facilitation Center, the Talent Mobility Programme that mobilises scientists and technologists from the public sector to work with private companies to help strengthen competitiveness, along with a host of other projects aimed at developing the STEM workforce and promoting work-integrated learning education. He is appointed as a member of various committees and subcommittees related to policy decision making and system reform at the national level. These encompass, for instance, Thailand's Board of Investment, The National Legislation Council's Steering Committee on the Improvement of Ministries and Departments (the establishment of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation) and Board Member of organizations including National Food Institute, Chiang Mai University Council, and Centre of Excellence on Petrochemical and Material Technology. Dr. Promwong holds a Doctoral Degree in Development Studies (Science and Technology) from the University of Strathclyde, UK. He also received B.Sc. in Biochemistry from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand.