



Michel THAO CHAN

French citizen of Vietnamese origin,, born in Laos, raised in a Confucian tradition, educated in a Jesuit school, ordained later on as Buddhist Bodhisattva, lover of sports and poetry, Michel Thao Chan is a man with an open mind, an open heart and an open will.

Born in Vientiane, Laos on 7 September, 1953, naturalized Laotian he left Laos at the age of 18. Today, as a naturalized French citizen, Michel Thao Chan is married and has one son. He currently lives in Paris and has travelled and worked in more than 30 different countries. After attending high school in Vientiane, he pursued studies predominantly in sciences and management, and has received five doctorates

- 2000 **Doctorate in Business Administration** (Finance) DBA, International School of Management - Paris/New-York.
- 1995 **Doctorate in Metaphysics Sciences** – Hollywood, California, USA
- 1991 **Doctorate in Clinical Hypnotherapy**- American Institute of Hypnotherapy, CA, USA
- 1989 **Doctorate ès Sciences (Physics)** – University of Technology of Compiègne- France
 - Graduated from the Institute of International Commerce France (**MBA**)
 - Certified International Negotiation – Harvard, USA
- 1982 **PhD in Bioengineering** - University of Technology of Compiègne, France
- 1979 **BS** in Fluid Mechanics – University of Bordeaux, France

Although a devoted Buddhist, Michel Thao Chan is open to all religions. He exchanges with many spiritual Jews, Christians, Buddhists, Muslims and Hinduists. He is lecturer on the topic of “science and religion” and “predestination and human free will” at different Philosophical and Religious Centres in Paris, France and Santa Ana, USA. He is a lover of poetry and sports, including being the **Champion of Table Tennis of Laos from 1968 to 1972**. He also practises other sports such as tennis, judo, karate and soccer, but his main **passion** that he has devoted in his life is: **Peace servant and Sustainable Development** in this world

This life of rich and diverse activities has allowed him to live and work in different countries (Benin, Cambodia, France, Indonesia, Korea, Laos, USA, Vietnam) as well as collaborations with many different nations (Algeria, Brazil, Canada, Germany, India Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Switzerland, Syria, Turkey, United Kingdom, Venezuela).

Michel Thao Chan speaks **5 languages**: English, French, Vietnamese, Laotian, and Thai.

Researcher, Professor, Entrepreneur and International Consultant

He is a Man of Science and Enterprise

Specialist of Clinical Hemorheology and International Negotiations, Michel Thao Chan devotes his essential career to the Health area.

Upon finishing graduate school, he decided to devote his attention and energy to medical and scientific progresses aiming to relieve human sufferings. He started his professional career as a manager of Microcirculation Department at the **University of Technology of Compiègne** from 1979 to 1982.

From 1982 to 1988, he was in charged of the Clinical Biology Antenna and Scientific Coordinator of the Marketing Department at **Hoechst Laboratories France** (now **Sanofi-Aventis**). At the same time, he assumed a position as a Visiting Professor at **Colombia University**, New York in 1987, biophysics expert in vascular diseases and General Secretary of the '**Société Française d'Hémorhéologie Clinique**' from 1984 to 1990. In this context, he was editor of "Revista Portuguesa de Hemorreogia" from 1987 to 1991.

In 1989, he assumed a position as "chargé de mission" of the Marketing Vice President of **Rhône Poulenc Santé** (now **Sanofi-Aventis**), and gained insights into the global socio-economic aspects of pharmaceutical industries in worldwide markets. He joined one year later the '**Centre National de Transfusion Sanguine**' (now **LFB**) and until 1992, served as the regional manager of Asia and South America at the International Operations Division. Aware of the scope of the disaster of blood contamination scandal in France and worldwide, and the unavoidable stop of LFB international development, he switched career and became an international consultant, offering his experience in international negotiations and project management.

Since 1991, he shares his living experience in international negotiations through conferences at the **International Commerce Institute** in Paris, and carried out extensive research on Human Capital up to 1995.

From 1995 to 1997, assuming the position of Associate Professor of Management at the **Faculty of Laws and Economics in Phnom Penh**, he founded '*Cambodia Management Institute*,' the first MBA program in Cambodia since the genocide. Unfortunately, this project was stopped following the political upheavals that occurred in Cambodia, two months before its opening.

Back to France in 1998, he managed the technology transfer team for **TMC Development** and **FGene** companies up to 2002. He joined later on **NautiluBiotech** as Deputy General Manager until 2005. At the same time, he maintained his consulting activity in mergers and acquisitions by handling **HealthValue** created in 2004.

In 2005, he joined **Securitas Systems** France, belonging to the world leading group in security. He is adviser of the Board of Management for International Affairs and Director of the Health Market segment.

Michel Thao Chan is a prolific writer. He has written more than **50 articles** in the field science and management, published **3 books**, and produced **a film** in Art and Medicine "*Le Language des Formes*"

President of Cercle de Reflexion des Nations

He is Servant of Peace and Sustainable Development

Educated by the Ancients teachings, Michel Thao Chan cultivates high tolerance of politico-economy in all his deeds. A supporter of non-violence and the United Nations peace philosophy, he is deeply convinced that only the “Duty of Man” awakened by virtue can generate within each individual and at the nations scale, efficient actions in favour of sustainable peace and prosperity. For the past 12 years, he has passionately devoted his life to serve this cause.

In this respect, he co-founded the **Cercle de Réflexion des Nations** (CRN) inaugurated at the United Nations on 25 July, 1994 and became President in January 2000. This international organization with governments participation, aims to achieve concrete peace projects in accordance with the United Nations philosophy. 25 July, 2004 was proclaimed “Peace Social Day” in Washington State (Longview, Kenso, and Vancouver). This celebration was also extended to Burkina Faso (Africa). This Commemoration gave birth to the movement of ‘*We Are Peace*’.

In 1995, following the Sarajevo massacres, he proposed the inauguration of a hospital-ship project for the United Nations to heal the suffering and destitute humanity. After laborious negotiations, he obtained the official support of the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

Convinced that our planet is heading towards disaster by fratricidal wars and unprecedented socio-economic development that lack respect for its unique life space, and the awareness of this emergency could generate within each individual and at the nations scale, efficient actions to save the earth, he conceives two specific programmes for respectively to “*opinion leaders*” and “*executive leaders*”, respectively

- **In 2002**, he launched the programme of « **Doctorate of Peace Administration** (DPA) » for training and exchanging between “*opinion leaders*” coming from multiple sectors and countries. Two promotions (“Dag Hammarskjöld » and « Sergio Vieira De Mello”), are under way. Candidates are diplomats, NGO presidents, and religious leaders.

In 2006, he signed a cooperation agreement with Al Akhawayn University (Morocco), initiating an anchorage of this programme on an Islamic training ground. The future DPA centres will germinate at the birthplace of needed sustainable peace.

- **In 2005**, he launched the **PhD** of «**International Governance and Sustainable Development** » in partnership with UNITAR (United Nations Institute for Training and Research) and NAPA (National Academic of Public Affairs -Vietnam). This programme is reserved for Ministers, Vice-Ministers, Cabinet Directors of State Members or Observers of the UN as well as for Presidents of international companies

These two programmes create original conditions of training and exchanges allowing participants to learn mutually by compassion and to generate new knowledge contributing to sustainable peace and development. The graduates of these training programmes will be the power of promotion and deeds of a new peace approach, shared by all human beings and nations.

Michel Thao Chan considers that the protection of our earth must be set up as the “*Duty of Man*”. That was the origin of the “**Declaration of the Duty of Man**”, proclaimed on 1 March, 2006 at United Nations Headquarters.



Declaration
of the
DUTY OF MAN

Swayed by greed and selfishness, Humanity is heading toward disaster by fratricidal wars and unprecedented socio-economic development that lack respect for its unique life space: the Earth.

Today, man is capable of irreconcilable destruction to life on Earth.

**Earth being the prime Heritage of Mankind
It is the foremost DUTY OF MAN to protect it**

Today, man is equally capable of creating his paradise on Earth.

This duty, awoken by Virtue, will build the prosperous foundation that can lead to lasting peace, fraternity, happiness among individuals and nations for the coming centuries.

United Nations, New York, 1 march, 2006

Cercle de Réflexion des Nations

