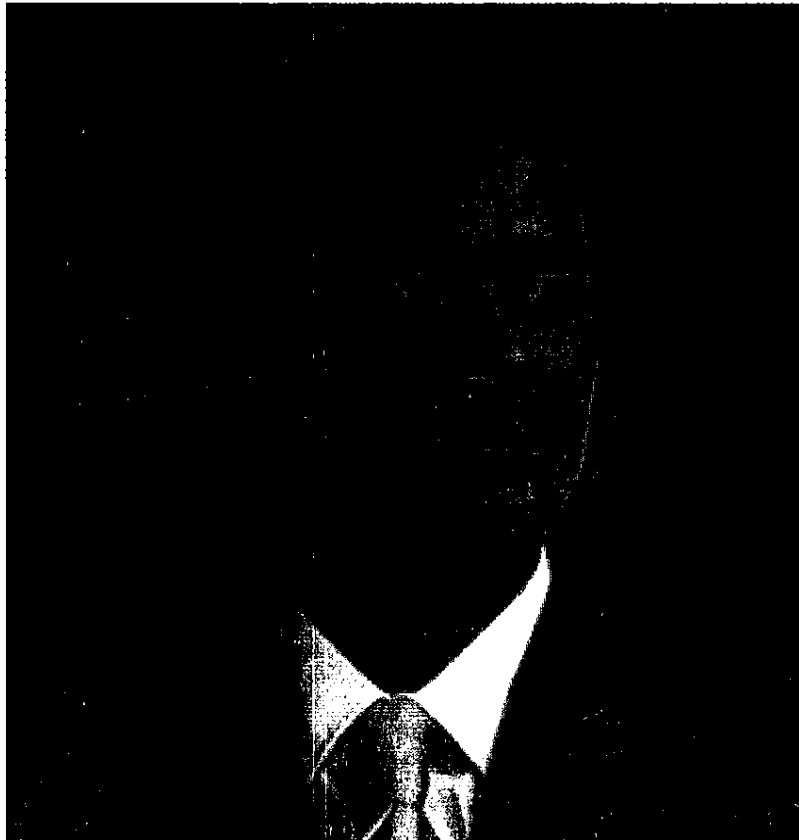




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**Biography of Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva 27th Prime Minister of Thailand (18/12/2008)**

Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva 27th Prime Minister of Thailand

Personal Information

Born 3 August 1964 (Newcastle, United Kingdom)

Father Dr. Athasit Vejjajiva

Mother Dr. Sodsai Vejjajiva

Spouse Assistant Professor Dr. Pimpun (Sakuntabhai) Vejjajiva – Lecturer at the Faculty of Science's Department of Mathematics, Chulalongkorn University

Children Prang Vejjajiva and Pannasit Vejjajiva

Education

- Honorary Doctorate in Law, Ramkhamhaeng University Schools

- Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in Economics, Oxford University, UK- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE), First Class honours, Oxford University, UK
- Bachelor of Law, Ramkhamhaeng University
- Eton College, UK - Chulalongkorn Demonstration School, Thailand

Professional Experience

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| Prior to 1992 | - Special lecturer in Economics at Oxford University |
| | - Lecturer at Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy (rank 2nd Lieutenant) |
| After 1992 | - Lecturer at Thammasart University's Faculty of Economics |
| | Member of Parliament, Democrat Party |
| | - 1992 Bangkok District 6 |
| | - 1995 Bangkok District 5 |
| | - 2001 Democrat Party List |
| | - 2005 Democrat Party List, until February 2006 |
| | - 2007 (23 Dec 07) Democrat Party List Zone 6 |
| 1992 – 1994 | Government Spokesperson |
| 1994 | Deputy Secretary-General to the Prime Minister (for political affairs) |
| 1995 | Chair, House Committee on Education Affairs |
| 1998 | Chair, Committee to Consider the National Education Bill of 1999 |
| 2001 | Minister to the Prime Minister's Office, in charge of - Board of Investment (BOI) - Counter Corruption Commission- Office of the Education Council - Office of the Decentralization to Local Government Organization Committee |
| 1999 | Deputy Leader, Democrat Party |
| 2005 | Leader of the Democrat Party |
| 2005(Feb 2006) | Leader of the Opposition, House of Representatives |
| 2008(27 Feb- Dec 2008) | Leader of the Opposition, House of Representatives |
| 17 December 2008 | Present Prime Minister |

Decorations

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| 1998 | Knight Grand Cordon of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand |
| 1999 | Knight Grand Cordon (Special Class) of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant |

International recognition

- One of 100 Global Leaders for Tomorrow, by World Economic Forum 1992
- One of 20 Leaders for the Millennium Politics & Power, by Asiaweek magazine 5 November 1999
- One of 6 up and coming leaders for Asia, Time magazine 6 October 1997, New Voices for New Asia