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SECRETARY TO THANPUYING CHONGKOL

Nilawan Pintong

Pronunciation: NINH-AH-WAHN PIN-TAWNG

May be addressed as: Miss Nilawan or by Thai title Nangsao (meaning Miss)

Miss Nilawan Pintong, Secretary to the wife of the Prime Minister, Thanpuying Chongkol, is one of the most influential and active women in Thailand and an active participant in women's activities and community services. Needless to say, she is excellently qualified for her current role as an interpreter for Thanpuying Chongkol. She is Chairman of the Executive Board of the Thai National Council of Women; Acting President of P.E.N. International Thailand Center; a member of the committee of the Thai Library Association; and an adviser to the Board of the Buddhist Association of Thailand. She is also editor of several popular Thai magazines.

Miss Nilawan was born December 6, 1915, and graduated from Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok with a B.A. degree in 1937, majoring in English. She taught school for about two years before being appointed Chief of the Official Publications Section of the Thai Public Information Department. In 1945, she transferred to the Foreign Press Section in the same department and headed that section until 1949. She then resigned to devote full time to her editorial and publishing interests: Satri Sarn, Thailand's most widely read women's magazine; Sapdha Sarn, a news weekly; and Daroon Sarn, a bi-weekly student's magazine.

In 1951, Miss Nilawan visited the United States as a "leader grantee" guest of the United States Government. She attended the Third Conference of the World Fellowship of Buddhists in Rangoon in November 1954 and an International Writers Association conference in Dacca, Pakistan, in February 1955, following which she again visited the United States under sponsorship of the Town Meeting of the Air. She has also visited a number of other countries.

Miss Nilawan speaks excellent English.

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