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Dr. Ram Piyaket started his career as a telecom engineer after he received a scholarship to pursue a Master's and a Doctoral degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Minnesota and the University of California at San Diego, respectively. For the past two decades, he has worked extensively in higher education settings both in Thailand and the United States. His involvement ranges from academic program development, human capital development, and enterprise information management.

His early career in academic administration began at the College of Management, Mahidol University (CMMU) where he developed and led the implementation of the very first international Master's degree curriculum in Electronic Commerce Management in Thailand. The program was launched to produce more than 70 graduates in its first two years. In addition to program management, he was also tasked with the development of a five-year IT master plan as CMMU grew quickly to accommodate over 1,500 students in its subsequent years. During his tenure at CMMU, he was also a member of the Executive Committee and was assigned to be in charge of setting up CMMU at the Nakhon Sawan campus.

In 2006, Dr. Ram relocated his family to the United States and began to work at the Vanderbilt University Medical School (VUSM) as part of the team leader of the information systems group. His team was responsible for the development and implementation of many academic Web applications that supported both learning and researching activities of VUSM. The key products of the team included an admissions system, an online grading system, a grants submission system, and the student and faculty databases. His final position at Vanderbilt University was a Program Director, Academic Informatics which he helped VUSM transform its curriculum and deliveries that supported six core competencies of medical students using an individualized learning plan.

Dr. Ram is currently Director of the Office of International Affairs and Global Network (OIA) at Chulalongkorn University, where he oversees and directs three divisions in support of the University's key strategies, i.e., Future Leaders, Impactful Research and Innovation, and Sustainability. His office is responsible for international relations activities, academic exchange programs, student and staff mobilities, research and innovation promotions, and global network partnerships.