

# Prof. Mella Receives Princess Srinagarindra Award for the year 2015 at Bangkok, Thailand

Professor Pauline Peter Mella, of Hubert Kairuki Memorial University, has been selected Winner of the Princess Srinagarindra Award, for the year 2015, in Bangkok-Thailand, at an Award ceremony which took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015. Dr. Rose Ndlovu from Zimbabwe, also won the Princess Srinagarindra Award, for the year 2015.

The Princess Srinagarindra Award for the year 2015, was presided over by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, and is conferred annually upon a distinguished nurse/midwifery leader, who has made a significant contribution, though direct care, research, education or management, for the development of the nursing profession in her/his country.



*Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn presents the Award to Prof. Pauline P. Mella of HKMU at the Royal Palace in Bangkok, Thailand on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015.*

Professor Mella, former and founding Dean of the Faculty of Nursing at HKMU, is a pioneer of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education in Tanzania. It was Prof. Mella's dedication to nursing profession that led to the development of a Tanzanian curriculum for teaching Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in Tanzania. She started working on a programme of teaching BSc Nursing in 1983, when she was employed at the Muhimbili University College of Health Sciences (MUCHS), but encountered several hurdles, before the Government agreed to welcome aboard her idea in 1989. The first intake of BScN students was in 1990.



*Her Royal Highness Princess Sirindhorn looking at the carvings from Tanzania given to her by Prof. Pauline Mella as a gift.*

Prof. Mella is the author of many publications, and has been the recipient of numerous awards. In 2002 she became the first African to win the Taylor and Francis Lectureship Award in South Korea. The award was given to an outstanding woman, who made significant contribution in her own country in relation to women's health as well as in her chosen professional.



*President of the Princess Srinagarindra Award Foundation, Dr. Tassana Boontong at the centre, Prof. P.P. Mella on the right side and on the left is Dr. Rose Ndlovu from Zimbabwe, another Winner of the Princess Srinagarindra Award, for the year 2015 from Zimbabwe.*



Currently, Prof. Mella, although retired, consults and lectures on Paediatric Nursing, Ethics and Legal Issues in Nursing, Reproductive and Child Health, Community Health Nursing, Leadership Management and Trends and Issues in Nursing and Health Care Systems, at the Faculty of Nursing as well teaching Information Management in Nursing to the Diploma and Certificate students at the Mikocheni School of Nursing.

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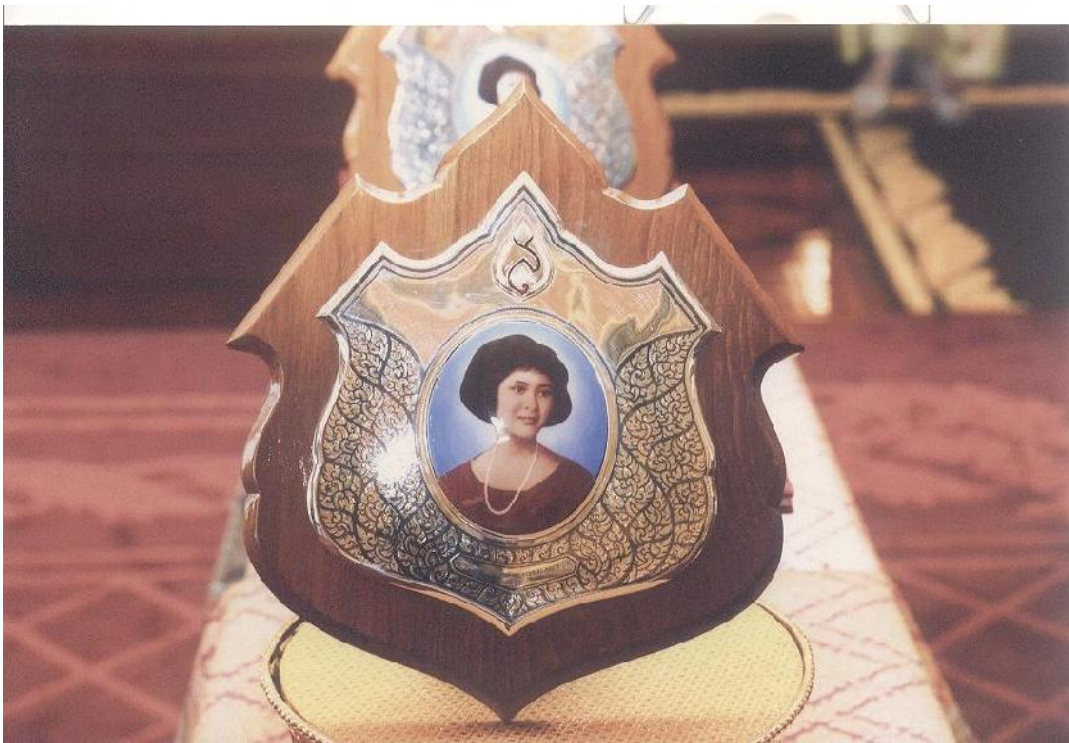
*Prof. Mella and Dr. Rose Ndlovu at the Royal Grand Palace.*



*Prof Mella giving a word of acknowledgment for the award. On the right is another Princess Srinagarindra Awardees, Dr. Rose Ndlovu from Zimbabwe.*



*The two Princess Srinagarindra Awardees (Prof. P.P.Mella & Dr. Rose Ndlovu centre) in a group photo with the President of the Princess Srinagarindra Foundation, Dr. Tassana Boontong (left seated) and the Award Selection Committee.*





**Back to Tanzania with her award.**



*Prof. Godwin Ndossi-DVCFPA in his office, looking at award ceremony pictures. On the left is Prof. Mella.*



*Prof. P.P.Mella displaying her Award and a Silver plate presented to her by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn as a gift.*

On behalf of the staff, students, and the entire community of Hubert Kairuki Memorial University, we wish to congratulate Prof. Mella and her family for the award. You have well represented Africa, Tanzania and the MMHEN institutions at large. We are proud of you Mama.

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