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Jagravudh Puangkong, 54, earned the Doctor of Medicine from Srinakharinwirot University, Thailand in 1992. Because of his great interest in Thai traditional medicine, he decided to take more courses in this field and received Diploma of Thai Traditional Medicine (Thai traditional medical practice) from Sirindhorn College of Public Health Phitsanulok, Praboromarajchanok Institute in 2014. Subsequently, he obtained separate license in 4 branches of Thai traditional medicine, namely, Thai

traditional medical practice, Thai traditional pharmacy, Nuad Thai (Thai traditional massage), and Thai traditional midwifery. Moreover, he also received the certificate of acupuncture for medical doctor from Praboromarajchanok Institute in 2008.

He began his job as a medical doctor in Hankha Hospital, Chai Nat Province in 1992 and became the director of several hospitals from 1994 to 2020. Before joining the Department of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicine (DTAM), he served as the director of Tha Chang Hospital, Surat Thani where Thai traditional medicine is well-integrated. He was recently appointed Director of Institute of Thai Traditional Medicine, DTAM in 2021. Currently, he is developing several guidelines and textbooks related to Thai traditional medicine and supervise the project “Mobile Thai traditional medical doctor clinics” to alleviate COVID-19 and long COVID for people across the country.

The study covers explicit knowledge derived from ancient textbooks and treaties, tacit knowledge derived from gurus of Thai traditional medicine and folk medicine, and literature review of Thai traditional medicine and modern medicine in terms of COVID-19. It will show the potential herbal medicines and Thai traditional medical preparations for treatment of COVID-19 and long COVID suggested in Thai Traditional Medicine Practice Guidelines implemented countrywide in 2021 and the treatment in combination with modern medicine according to the Clinical Practice Guidelines for COVID-19 of Department of Medical Services.