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In Memoriam: Dr. Kanjanaa Adulayanukosol

As we learned of the passing of Dr. Kanjanaa Adulayanukosol on January 10, 2015, our hearts are filled with sadness and sorrow. She was an inspirational scientist and wonderful friend to all the members of the Save the Dugong Campaign Center and to the Okinawa dugong.

We met Kanjanaa for the first time in 2003 at the 15<sup>th</sup> conference of the Society for Marine Mammalogy in North Carolina, USA. We met her again at the 2004 meeting of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in Bangkok, Thailand. At the time when few Japanese scientists were able to speak out for the conservation of the Okinawa dugong, Kanjanaa, a young and promising Thai scientist, stepped in and promised to help us through our endeavor.

Since then, our partnership and friendship with her and our admiration for her and her work has grown stronger and deeper.

We were very fortunate to have Kanjanaa come to Okinawa and other parts of Japan to give lectures and workshops in 2006 and 2009. With her scientific knowledge and experience, she helped us better understand the dugong in Asia and our Okinawa dugong. With her determination and caring heart, she helped us strengthen our commitment to the conservation of the Okinawa dugong.

We were also very fortunate that Kanjanaa encouraged us to participate in the meetings of the Dugong Memorandum of Understanding in 2010 and 2013. As she played a significant role for the establishment of this important international MoU, she understood that the participation of local communities and NGOs like us in the Dugong MoU was critical. Indeed, that has proven to be true in the case of our struggle for the conservation of the Okinawa dugong.

We were also very fortunate to have Kanjanaa join many times our "Dugong's Day" campaigns, which we hold on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month. With her friendly smile and cheerful mind, she would wear her dugong hat, which we made and sent to her, and she would ride on the train in Bangkok, letting the people know there are dugongs in Thailand, Okinawa and many other parts of the world that need to be protected.

Kanjanaa showed us how science, with caring heart, determination, and cheerful mind, can lead to a better world for the dugong and for us human beings.

Kanjanaa, we miss you and we thank you.

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