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## Clinic founder honoured

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Cynthia Maung, founder of the Mae Tao Clinic in Mae Sot, has received an honorary doctorate in medicine from Ubon Ratchathani University.

Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn presented the degree to the border doctor yesterday at the university.

This is the first time an academic institution in Thailand has recognised the work of Dr Cynthia and her staff at the Mae Tao Clinic.

"Dr Cynthia is an illustrious example of a medical doctor who has devoted her life to taking care of refugees and displaced people affected by war and ethnic conflict. She has devoted herself to helping underprivileged patients with

limited resources. She embodies the spirit of a true humanitarian. She is a role model for medical and public health professionals who bring benefits to the nation and to international communities," Ubon Ratchathani University said.

Dr Cynthia, an ethnic Karen, founded the Mae Tao Clinic in 1989 to provide treatment for a vast range of injuries and illnesses, to migrants and stateless people along the Thai-Myanmar border.

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