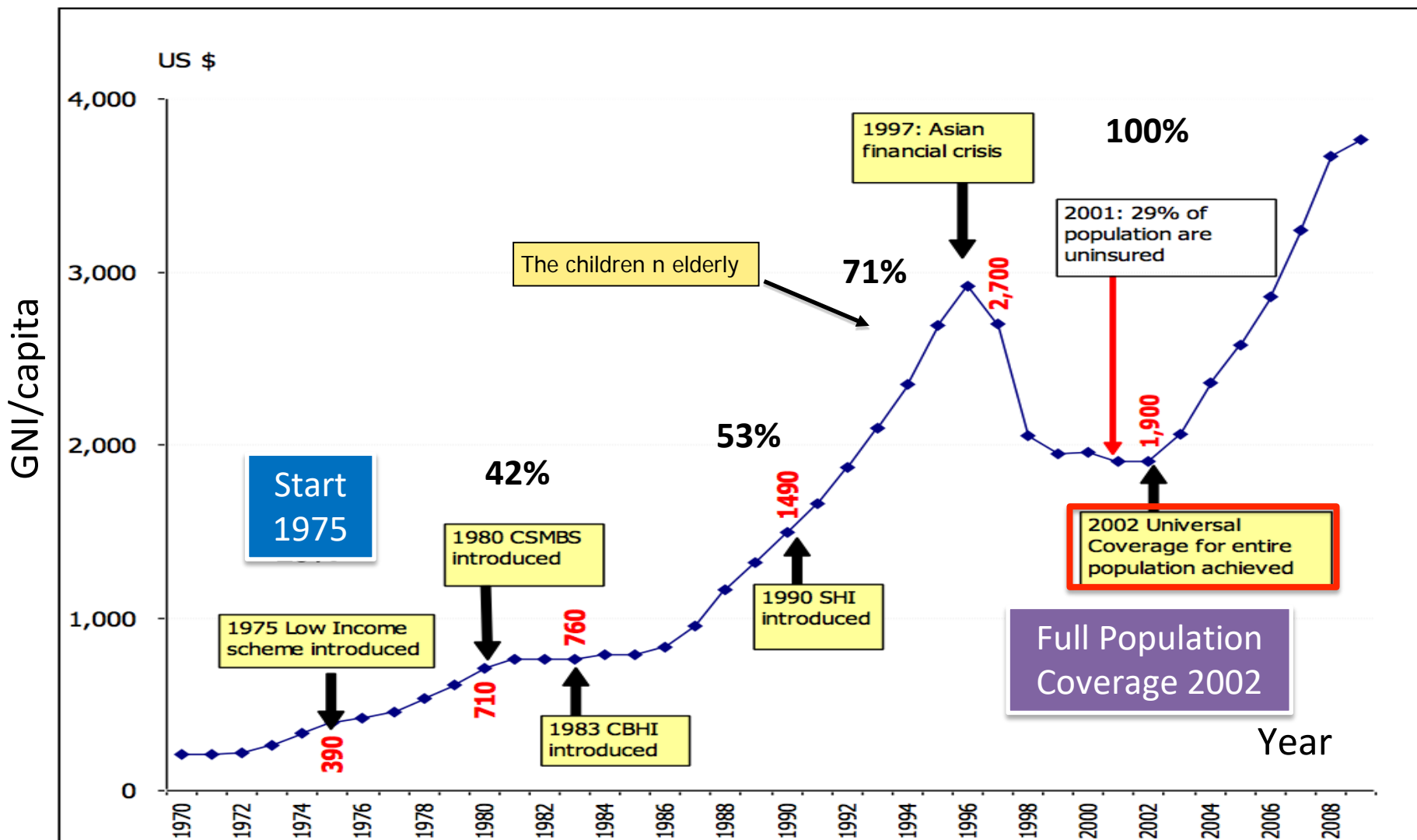


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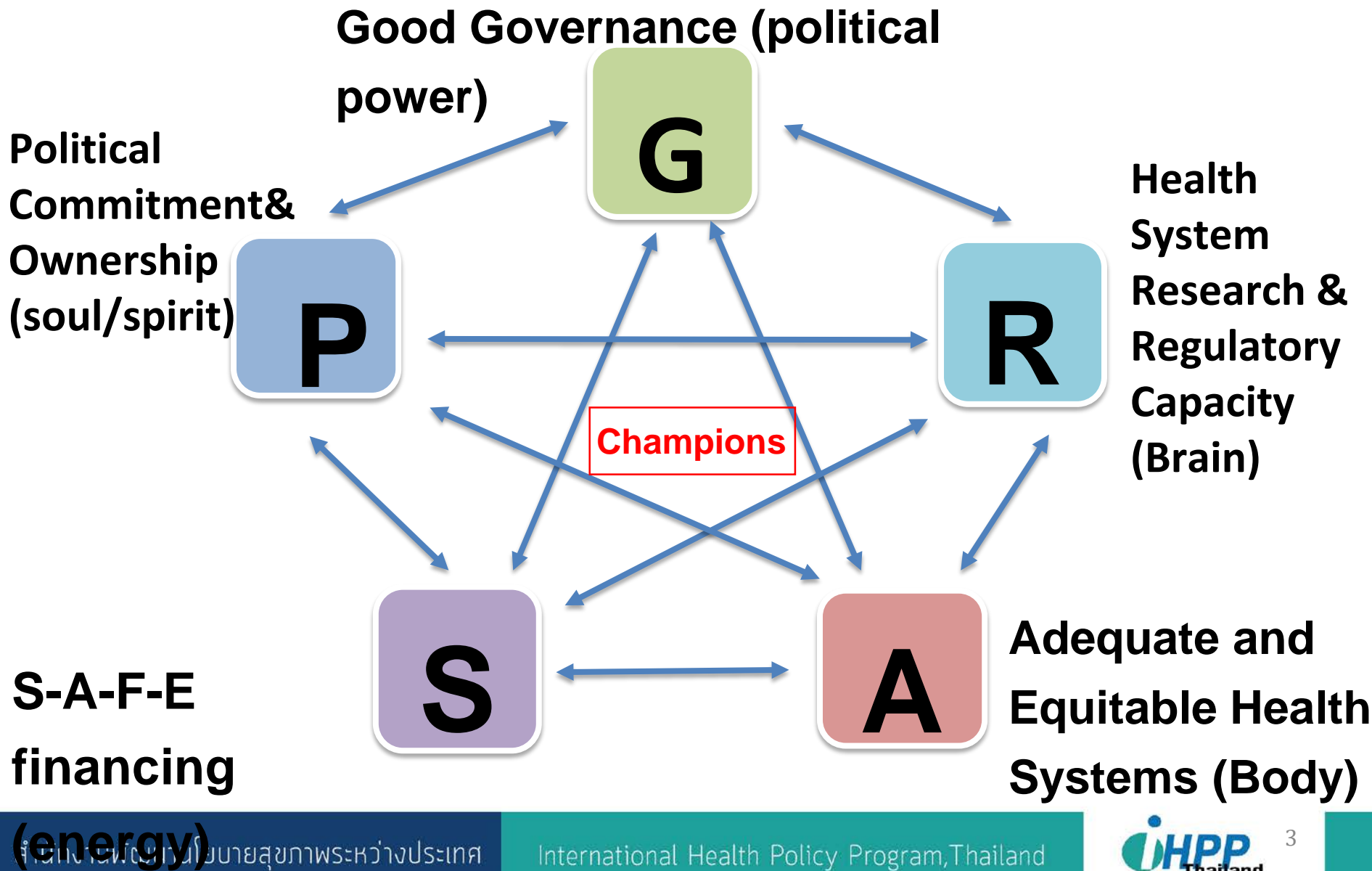
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THAI UHC IS A 27-YEAR LONG JOURNEY (1975-2002) – ACHEIVED AT THE PEAK OF ECONOMIC CRISIS



Five lessons learnt – ‘G-R-A-S-P’



G- GOOD GOVERNANCE

- **Transparency** – all information on web, live webcast of board meeting - ‘it s very difficult to be selfish in front of the public’
- **Accountability** – responsiveness and auditing systems
- **Participatory** –members of the board, subcom, annual public hearing
- **Rules by law** – clear legal frameworks
- **Fair** – to both providers and patients
- **Efficiency** – best value for money

R – HEALTH SYSTEMS RESEARCH AND REGULATION CAPACITY

Established

- Health Systems Research Institute in 1992
- Health Care Reform project in 1994
- International Health Policy Program in 2000
- National Health Security Office in 2002
- Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program in 2007



Based on in-country research and regulation capacity

– built under the INNE model.

A - ADEQUATE AND EQUITABLE HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS BASED ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

- Strong political will to reallocate resources to build up good rural infrastructure in 1980s
- Extensive production of rural community health workers and health professionals
- Measures to retain and motivate/incentivized health professionals

S - SAFE financing systems

- **Sustainable** – long term affordability by the people (OOP<14%), the Government (TGHE<20%), and the country (GDP on Health<5%)
- **Adequate** – TGHE>17%
- **Fair** – Fair and progressive financial contribution based mainly on Tax
- **Efficient** – measures to ensure 'more health for money'

P- POLITICAL COMMITMENT AND OWNERSHIP

- **Make it a popular political issue** – ownership by the people – best timing is linked to election!!
- **People's Act** - 50,000+ citizens proposed UHC bill in 2001 – Sat in the commission to shape the bill in detail – board composition, annual public hearing
- Gone thru 7 PMs, two main parties, two military governments – everyone commit with increasing budget

Opportunities favor prepared mind – Champions ‘GRASP’ any political, economic and social opportunities

G

Good Governance

R

HPHS Research n Regulation Capacity

A

Adequate & Equitable Health Systems.

S

SAFE Financing

P

Political Commitment