

# Hagan invited to join philanthropic group



Stephen Hagan with Thailand's Minister for Social Development and Human Security, Dr Paiboon Wattanasiritham, Henrietta Marri (The Christensen Fund, US) and Evelyn Arce-White (International Funding for Indigenous Peoples, US) at the Bangkok conference.

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ACTIVIST, academic and author Stephen Hagan has accepted a position with a group of international philanthropists. The 2006 NAIDOC Indige-

nous Person of the Year last week addressed the prestigious WINGS International Conference in Bangkok. He said he hoped, through new contacts with the philanthropic group, to raise awareness and funding to help indigenous communities in Australia and that Australians would be more char-

itable toward the underprivileged in their own backyard. Mr Hagan and his family will visit the United States to feel out his new appointment in January.

"I have agreed to take on a three-month, short-term contract with the company and will confirm a longer-term arrangement with them after a couple of weeks working in their San Francisco office in late January," he said. Mr Hagan would still be based in Toowoomba and continue his links to the University of Southern Queensland.

He said he would spend several weeks each year based in the United States.