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AMPHAWAN Temple

The heart of Amphawa is Amphawan Temple. The monument of King Rama II was here where he was born. Why was he born here instead of in the capital? Due to an Amphawa beautiful woman, Miss Nark, who was induced to be the concubine of king Akekatad didn't want to be a concubine. So she consulted to the ruler of Mae klong buri. Then the ruler of Mae klong buri consulted to Luang Pinit Aksorn who was the King Rama I's father. When Luang Pinit Aksorn knew, he had his son, Mr. Tongduang, married Miss Nark, a beautiful woman, at Amphawa, Samut Songkhram district.

In the year of 2310 when Myanmar army attacked Ayutthaya, Mr. Tongduang was a soldier in the battle. He had escaped Myanmar army before he and his wife moved to live with his father-in-law and mother-in-law. Later his wife gave birth to a son named "Chim" on 24 February 2310, who became The King Rama II, at Amphawa. 15 years later, Mr. Tongduang was crowned king, so his wife became a

queen implicitly. When Mr. Tongduang was crowned the king Rama I, his wife was appointed as the Queen Amarin of the King Rama I. Later a king's father-in-law and mother-in-law donated the land to built Ampawan temple for the Queen.

Chim later ascended the throne as the King Rama II. He is a poet of Thailand and the world. He wrote several novels such as Krai Thong. So the first important person born in Amphawa is the Queen of King Rama I who was a mother of the King Rama II. The second important person was also born in Amphawa is kru Ua Suntornsanan or kru Ua. He had skill at composing. He is a music owner of Suntaraporn band. The third important person who composed the music Prelude Alto xylophone was a young man in Amphawa, Luang Pradit Piror or S. Sinrapa Banraeng. The fourth important person was a music teacher, Mr. Toontongchai whose house was near the Sawan Osod drug store.





BANG KAE NOI Temple

Bang Kae Noi temple has a beautiful ubosod, the place where an ordain takes place, that is extremely valuable art, especially the carvers are professional carvers from Petchburi province. Therefore, this ubosod is valuable and well-known as an artistic place and this temple becomes a new tourist attraction of Samut Songkram province. The Bang Kae Noi Temple is on the Mae Klong riverbank. Madam Jui (Noi) Wongsaroj built this temple in B.E. 2441(1898).

The original Ubosod of this temple was built on raft infixed with a Poh Tree, and then an abbot named Athikarn Rod 2nd built a new ubosod on the ground in B.E.2418 (1875). When the first Ubosod was worn out, the abbot, Athikarn Keow 6st , built a new ubosod in B.E.2492(1949). In B.E. 2540(1997),during the world war II, this ubosod was worn out again because it lacked materials to maintain. And then monk Samut Nannatakun has built a new Ubosod.

Every parts of the new ubosod were built of carving teak. The carving is interesting and difficult to see like this because it spent a

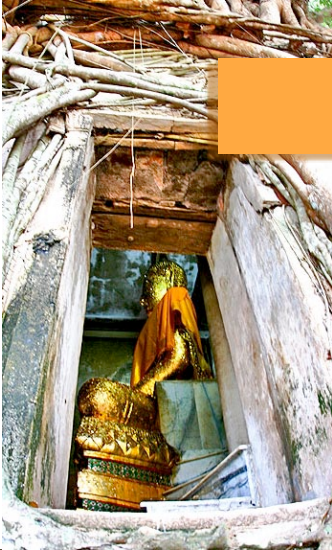
lot of budget, time and skill of the carver who is delicate to work. The carving work is against the clock.

The base that supports the image of the Buddha was made of a large Makha wood, 2.5 meter wide, 3 meter long, 4 inches thick.

The image of the Buddha is on a carved wood floor of ubosod, which is made of Hopea tree with 2 inches of thickness, 40–44 inches in width. The wall is a 6 -inches thick wood carved as pictures of human, animals, trees and sheep.

The wall opposite the image of the Buddha was carved as a picture of the Buddha of Prang Chana Marn, the left and right walls were carved as a picture of the Buddha when he was born, enlightened and nirvana. The 2 shutters on the wall were carved as a picture of Vessantara.

BANGKUNG Temple



Bang Kung Camp has historical significance since it used to be a Thai Navy camp. After Thai was independent from Myanmar, it was deserted for ages until the establishment of the Great King Taksin. Whereas the Great King Taksin was in the capital, the Chinese from Chonburi, Rayong, Ratchaburi and Kanchanaburi gathered people to set up a military camp. One of them was called "the Chinese Bang Kung Camp". In the year of 2311, the ruler of Angwa City of Myanmar advanced his troops through Kanchanaburi to surround the Chinese Bang Kung Camp. The King Taksin asked for assistance from the Chinese military to repel the Myanmar military. After that,

some of these camps were left fallow until almost 200 years. Later in the year of 2510, the Ministry of Education set up the Chinese Bang Kung Camp as a Boy Scout camp and built the monument of the King Taksin.

Bang Kung temple
Bang Kung Temple is an old temple in the reign of Ayuttaya. There is a middle road in the temple. On both sides of the middle road, there are Bang Kung Camps. Inside the temple, there are ancient medicine books. In front of the Temple is the Mae Kong River, which is full of different kinds of freshwater fish, is called "Wang Matcha".

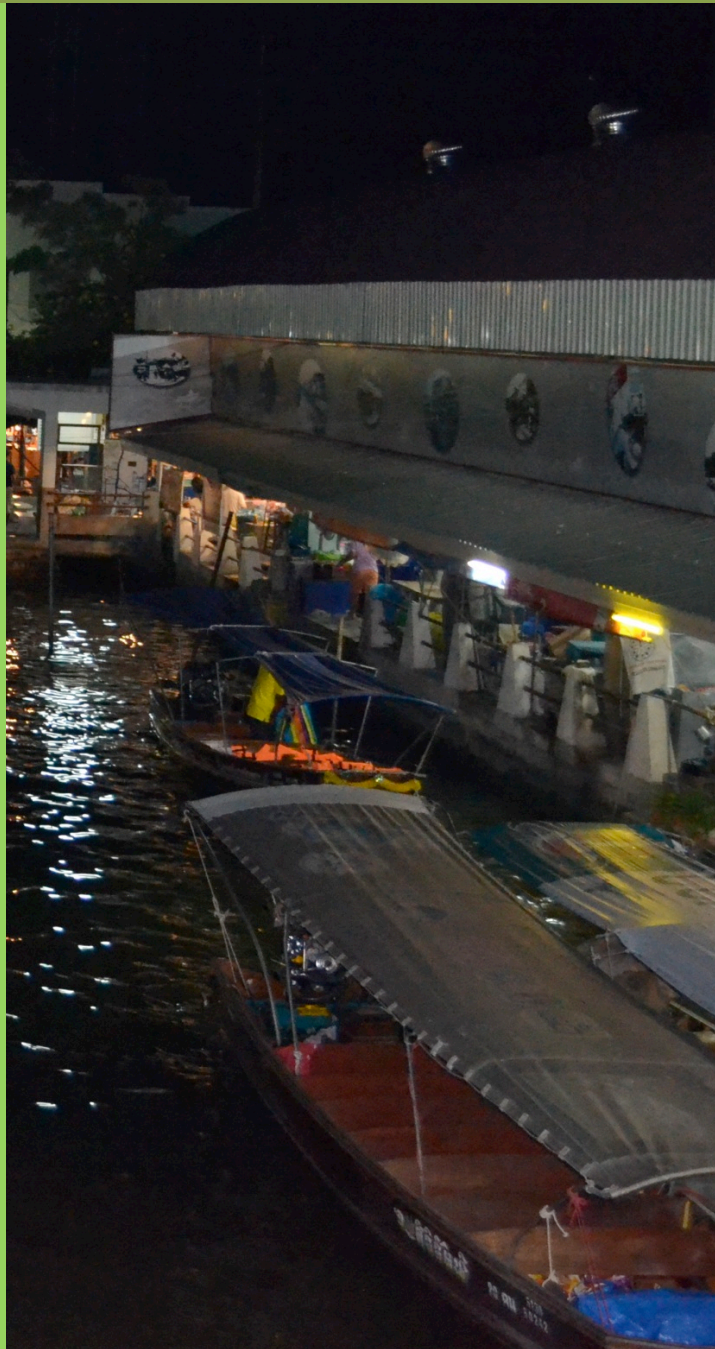


Watching Firefly

Popular night activity at Samut Songkram is watching fireflies cruise. Normally, there'll be a lot of fireflies in rainy season from May to October. You should go to watch in waning moon or a dark night because you can see the light of fireflies more clearly. In addition, you should choose the time of backwater because Samut Songkram is near the sea. Backwater boat can approach Lampoo trees that fireflies attach on. (but do not get closer than 20 meter because that will disturb fireflies!)

The tourists who want to cruise for watching fireflies can contact with a local resort or home stay in Amphawa. A boat will float in the Mae Klong river that has Lampoo trees.

Before renting the boat, a tourist should check the distance and time of cruising to watch fireflies from the rower, otherwise fireflies may scatter everywhere in Mae Klong river before the boat reach the spot. If your rower has no experience about the route, that will make a tourist watch fewer fireflies. It is better to watch lots of fireflies, and you will feel like you are on the top of the world.



Amphawa Chaipattananurak



Amphawa Chaipattananurak is a small community of people in the floating market. They have an old wooden house that parallels two sides of the canal for trading and people have spent their homespun life together and conserved the civilization.

These things make a lot of Thailand and international tourists come to travel at Amphawa Floating Market.

One day Chaipattana office was a part for conserving and developing Amphawa community named 'Amphawa

Chaipattananurak'. Princess Maha Chakri Sirinthorn has the idea that office uses the land of Mr. Prayong Nakawarang, Amphawa local, who donated the land to make a benefit for Amphawa.

Amphawa has a history about how to live like Thai style that makes lineage can see a past of heritage of Thailand. The development is proceeding in a true way and the important thing is that this project receives cooperation from Amphawa people.



Nong Oom Restaurant

Nong Oom Restaurant is in Amphur Amphawa if you have a chance to go to Samutsongkram and want to taste some delicious of food we will present for this restaurant that have a lot of menu for you just like river crab , shrimp , sea crab and other

seafood you can choose as you like.

When you come in you will you will seen the fine weather that fit for who want to escape hustle bustle of city



Swan Osod Pharmacy

Sawan Osod is a pharmacy which sells traditional medicine. Sawan Osod is being at the Amphawa Floating market over 100 years. The owner of this pharmacy is Mr. Bancha Triyamaykin. Inside the pharmacy there is an ancient drug grinder which can make an ancient drug formula. Mr. Bancha also gives an advice to customer as well.

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Chinese herbal medicine is based on an individual pattern diagnosis as well as a disease diagnosis. The patient's pattern is made up of your signs and symptoms, and the constitution of the patient's body (weak, strong, hot, cold, young, old etc.) Herbal treatment is designed to treat the patient's individual pattern as well as the symptom or disease. Western medicines are prescribed for their effectiveness on a group of people with a disease, such as bronchitis. In Chinese Herblogy a condition such as bronchitis can be classified and treated as one of many diseases such as Lung dry heat, Lung Hot Phlegm, Lung Cold Phlegm, Liver attacking Lung etc.

and each conformation is treated differently based on the symptoms and the patients constitution.

In addition, Chinese herbal medicines often have unexpected positive effects. For example, the patient who came in for lower back pain and received acupuncture and herbs came back a few weeks later and reported that her chronic asthma had disappeared miraculously. For the reason of this according to the diagnosis, the cause of the lower back pain was that her kidney Qi (energy) was deficient. This was also the cause of the patient's asthma. When the kidney was strengthened, not only the lower back pain was stopped but also the asthma naturally went away.

You can see many of tradition medicines that it's difficult to see in a supermarket just like Chrysanthemum , liquorice , Angelica , Ginseng , Astragalus root , Codonopsis root , Cordyceps , Dry tangerine peel , Ginkgo nut, Poria , Red dates , Solomon's seal , Millet , Bolus and Sand ginger.

Vocabulary

individualized รายบุคคล

diagnosis การวินิจฉัยโรค พิจารณา

symptom อาการ

bronchitis หลอดลมอักเสบ

acupuncture การฝังเข็ม

chronic เรื้อรัง

asthma โรคหอบหืด

drug grinder ที่บดยา

drug formula สูตรยา

symptom อาการ

diagnosis การวินิจฉัย



An Ancient Thai Houseboat is a golden teakwood houseboat floating in the Maeklong river. It is an interesting place for tourists who come to visit Amphawa Floating Market.

Ancient Thai Houseboat

The Ancient Thai Houseboat was built of golden teakwood over 100 years ago. Golden teakwood is resistant to termites because there are special substances in Golden teakwood. The Ancient Thai Houseboat is used to be a grocery store. It locates in the water because it is appropriate to trade. The Ancient Thai Houseboat was built in Thai style. It has Thai style roof that is not too high so that it will not be crashed by the wind.

According to the history of the houseboat, the father of Ms. Peingporn Chaiwat –the owner's houseboat, named Songtan Saetia who came from China and married with her mother ,Yip Vejchakan ,Thai woman, and bought this houseboat from a Chinese. This houseboat has special characteristic

with 3 boats underneath the house. The boats have cut head and rear and lay along the house. The reason that the houseboat doesn't float along the river because it is tied to 4 pillars.

The first and the second boat of house had a hole. One of them called "the escaping hole" because they could flee from a robber through this hole and the other hole called "the wondering hole" was used for a man to piss during nighttime. The ceiling of the house has many planks, but only 3 of them are used to hide gold and money from the stranger. Its roof has shape called "the Chak roof" –the roof which made of leaves. which there is a hole called "the Kon Chak". The door of the house has a characteristic of Chinese – Thai mixing model.

In the past there were two houseboats which belonged to 2 different people. The first one belonged to a Thai Millionaire. It situated at the water edge used for the recreation place. The other belonged to a Chinese who built the houseboat as a grocery store. Like this house boat, it used to be a grocery named "Tia Nguan Hong".

Later, the government said that the houseboat made the river untidy and dirty (because people who live in house boat faeces and pees in to the river) Ms. Piengporn had to demolish 3 boats underneath the house and moved the houseboat up to the river side. They still sold grocery continually but the trade was not good as ever. Later when her parents were older and their children separated to go to get married, they were out of this business. Then the Ancient Thai Houseboat became a dwelling place. In the year of 2541 (BC), the group of undergraduates, staff, and teachers

totaling more than 30 people from the Faculty of Architecture of Chulalongkorn University have to come to study about this house every school year.

Dr. Wannasin, the head of the project of Art Conservation of the Faculty of Architecture from Chulalongkorn University persuaded the owner of The Ancient Thai Houseboat participate in this project supported by Denmark government. The owner of house received enough money from Denmark government to repair the house. After the house had finished repairing, Mr. Richard from Denmark came to visit and said "very good" and conferred a certificate on Ms. Piengporn. After that, Faculty of Architecture, Chulalongkorn University offered the Ancient Thai Houseboat to contest at UNESCO level and received a reward as a house conserving cultural at the level of Asia-Pacific Heritage.



Ancient Thai Cat House



With Mr. Preecha Putkabuth's special interview

The King Rama V gave a Thai cat to Mr. Owen Gould to participate in The World Cat Competition. And then this cat became the champion of The World Cat Competition. And this cat was registered a pure breed animal called "Siamese cat" in B.E.2471(1928). In the following time, Siamese cat was popular in Bangkok. Mr. Preecha's father, live in Prakanong (-name of the area in Bangkok), who was came to Samutsongkram to live and started family life. He received Siamese cat when he came back to Prakanong for met his family. Mr. Preecha also said that he have many Siamese cats in his house.

Originally, according to Samud Koi Thai cat had 23 species. Some species which in Samud Koi considered they were bad cats and the owner must abandoned it in the forest. This make Thai cats left only 17 species in the palace. However, in the reign of Sukhothai which is an epidemic broke out, this made people catch Thai cats to sell because of it's extremely expensive, all of Thai cat were caught in the palace. In the reign of the King Akekatad of Ayuttaya, Myanmar troop marched to Thai. They didn't want to make Ayuttaya a colony but wanted to smash Ayuttaya. They robbed and took away the properties of Ayuttaya including Thai cats since they know from Thai people that Thai cat are very expensive so they thought that it would be property, therefore they take all of the cat in the palace to their country. It's cause of the Thai cat became extinct. Now the Thai cat have 4 species left.

One day, Somdej Puttajan saw a Siamese cat and wanted to catch it but the cat is scared of him and ran out. He discovered 24 Samud Koi books and collect them at the temple. Thonburi people assembled to trap this cat and after they had been able to catch this cat, they gave it to Mr. Preecha's grandfather. The King Rama V think a Thai cat is the symbol of Thailand so the foreigners who came to Thailand would be given 2 Siamese cats for breed but no

one care except English, gave it to Mr. Ulunchun. In B.E.2502(1959) Mr. Johnson came to work at Dorn Muang and he had a trip to Korat province and bought 2 cats. And then in B.E.2509(1966) the cats were registered at England named "Korat cats".

After that Dr. Josept traveled to Myanmar and bought a female Supaluk cat. He could find the male Supaluk to breed but not found. So he came back to America and breed it with male Siamese cat, after that he custom the chromosomes and registered in England called "Supaluk cat".but he can't because he use different species to breed. The staff of England were checked something of cat such as blood, muscle and heart, and the staff founded the cat has one pair of chromosomes. And this cat was registered a thoroughbred cat.

Thais doesn't not keep a Goneja cat because they think it's a ghost cat. When seeking a mate, a Goneja cat will caterwaul so loudly that it gets on people nerve. When the light shines to its eyes, it is very awful because you will see only its eyes shining in the dark. A Goneja cat is known as "A Bombay cat". We presume it was registered by an Indian. And then Mr. Preecha kept a black cat to breed after that we have get Goneja cat again. He gave it a shot to get a Goneja cat again. Mr. Preecha got to the bottom of ancient Thai cat.



A lion, a tiger and a cat is same family animal. They can digest meat and bones, but they can't digest bread, plants and sugar. Don't feed salt to a cat because a cat can't eat it. If it eats salt, it will have calculus and renal failure. Don't give a raw fish to your cat because it has some substances that will damage vitamin B1. This makes your cat convulse. If your cat convulses, take it to a veterinarian. A veterinarian will give a cat vitamins and a cat will get better in 2-3 hours' time. Mr. Preecha met a Burmese cat that was abandoned in a temple and he asked a monk to take it to his house to keep. And then a foreigner ordered 50 cats, he presumes this foreigner will get the cats to be registered because mostly a foreigner now get a Thai cat to be registered. And now they will take it again. He wants to protect a Thai cat for Thai lineage but he doesn't know whether he can do or not because Thai people like to keep foreign cats. Mr. Preecha uses instant food for feeding cats. Mostly, it is America dry meat ball because it's the best in the world and they have used it for more than 10 years. It can protect his cat from renal failure and renal calculus. Vichienmas cat the England peoples called "Siamese cat" has the special identity

such as the body in the white color, 9 brown spot on face, ears, legs, tail and in the sexual organ, all of the thoroughbred of Siamese have blue eyes and dark blue eyes in mature Siamese cat. The burmese has a brown colored on the body, face, legs and tail but in the sexual organ is black colored. The eyes of the burmese is shining yellow. Korat cat, Mr. Johnson took 2 Korat cats to registered in B.E. 2509 named "Korat cat". The character of Korat cat, they have only grey body color and green-yellow eyes. In the past Korat cat used in the rite named "Har nang mao". Goneja cat has black body color and yellow eye.

In the general theory the average old of cat is 13 years old, but Mr.Preecha's cat has 22 years old. He think the other cat except his cat died in 13 years old because they ate salt, but he use american's food for his cat.

After all, he wants to pass the message to people who love cat that please help to conserve a Thai cat that exists more than 10 million years. Especially they now remain 4 species conserved to Thai lineage and this make a foreigner know this is the heritage of Thailand.

Vocabulary

consider - พิจารณา
abandon - ละทิ้ง
troop - กองทหาร
palace - พระราชวัง
assemble - รวบรวม
symbol - สัญลักษณ์

caterwaul - เสียงของแมว
awful - น่ากลัว
renal failure - ไตวาย
veterinarian - สัตวแพทย์
convulse - ชัก(อาการชัก)
presume - เข้าใจ
foreign - ต่างชาติ

It'd be another trip of happiness.

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