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99th Anniversary of the Royal Society of Thailand

On the occasion of its 99th anniversary, observed on Saturday, April 19, 2025, the Royal Society of Thailand held a celebratory event on April 18, 2025, from 8:00 to 13:00 at the Royal Society's Office, Chao Chom Manda Luean Residence. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapol Issaragrisil, M.D., President of the Royal Society, led Fellows, Associate Fellows, government officials, and staff in a solemn homage ceremony, seeking blessings from the deities and sacred objects enshrined at the Residence. Participants also paid tribute to the royal statues of His Majesty King Prajadhipok (Rama VII), His Majesty King Chulalongkorn (Rama V), and His Majesty King Vajiravudh (Rama VI), as well as to the statues of His Royal Highness Prince Urupong Ratchasompoch and Chao Chom Manda Luean. The event featured a Buddhist monastic ceremony, the presentation of Fellow pins and Associate Fellow pins, and an honoring ceremony for Fellows and Associate Fellows aged 80 years and above. A total of 151 individuals attended, comprising 51 Fellows, 43 Associate Fellows, and 57 officials and staff members.





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Royal Society's "Knowledge for Society" Project, Fiscal Year 2025

Led by Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapol Issaragrisil, M.D., President of the Royal Society, the Royal Society continued its flagship initiative, the Knowledge for Society Project, with the objective of disseminating scholarly insights cultivated by the Royal Society and its members for public benefit. The objective is to foster understanding and empower the public to apply this knowledge for the betterment of their quality of life. The project organizes academic lectures on important and urgent contemporary issues, as well as other topics of interest. Commenced in Fiscal Year 2024, the initiative has continued into 2025, with monthly lectures held via Zoom Cloud Meeting. Between October, 2024 and April 2025, five academic lectures were organized:



1. "Application of Generative AI in Academic Work" - October 30, 2024, featuring Piyalitt Ittichaiwong, M.D. and Kanyakorn Veerakanjana, M.D., physicians from Siriraj Informatics and Data Innovation Center, as the speakers

2. "PM2.5 Crisis Again: What to Do?" - January 31, 2025, featuring Prof. Emeritus Dr. Thanawat Jarupongsakul, Fellow in Natural Sciences, Earth System and Environmental Sciences Branch, Academy of Sciences, as the speaker



3. "Performing Arts Make You Rich" - February 25, 2025, featuring Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapone Virulrak, Fellow in Fine Arts, Dramatic Arts Branch, Academy of Arts, as the speaker



4. “The Evolution of Thai Law in the Early Rattanakosin Era: From the Reign of King Rama I to King Rama V” - March 21, 2025, featuring Prof. Emeritus Dr. Wissanu Krea-ngam, Fellow in Law, Administrative Law Branch, Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, as the speaker

5. “The Evolution of Thai Law in the Rattanakosin Era: From the Reign of King Rama VI to King Rama IX” - April 30, 2025, featuring Prof. Emeritus Dr. Borwornsak Uwanno, Fellow in Law, Constitutional Law Branch, Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, as the speaker



Academy of Moral and Political Sciences

Centennial Conference:

The Thai Monarchy and the Promotion of Knowledge for the People

In commemoration of the approaching centennial of the Royal Society of Thailand, the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences is scheduled to organize a multi-session academic conference titled “The Thai Monarchy and the Promotion of Knowledge for the People.” This event aims to commemorate a significant milestone for the Royal Society, while also providing an opportunity to exchange knowledge and celebrate the immense royal patronage of the Thai monarchy in fostering various academic disciplines for the benefit of the people. It honors the monarchy’s instrumental role in advancing academic disciplines which has laid a strong foundation for national development, and focuses on creating academic benefits for Thai society. This conference unfolded in three sessions:



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1st Session: Held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at the Lecture Room, 5th Floor, Building B, Bank of Thailand Learning Center, Bangkok. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapol Issaragrisil, MD., President of the Royal Society, presided over the opening ceremony. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Puntip Sirivunnabood, Fellow and Chair of the Relationship Building Working Group, gave a welcoming speech, and Prof. Emeritus Dr. Piyanart Bunnag, President of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, reported on the event.

The event featured a discussion divided by four academic disciplines and their pertinent discussion topics: Communication Arts on “The Monarchy and Communication Arts”, History on “The Monarchy in the Rattanakosin Era and the Promotion of Knowledge: A Reign-by-Reign Analysis,” Geography on “The Geographical Genius of Thai Monarchs,” and Business Administration and Economics on “The Royal Philosophy and Sustainable Economic Development.” A total of 48 Fellows, Associate Fellows, and interested individuals attended the event.



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2nd Session: Held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at the Lecture Room, 5th Floor, Building B, Bank of Thailand Learning Center, Bangkok. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapol Issaragrisil, M.D., President of the Royal Society, presided over the opening ceremony. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Puntip Sirivunnabood, Fellow and Chair of the Relationship Building Working Group, gave a welcoming speech, and Prof. Dr. Manas Suwan, Fellow and Project Chairman, reported on the event.

The event featured a discussion divided by four academic disciplines and their pertinent discussion topics: Education on “Learning for a Valuable and Happy Life: Guidelines for Responding to His Majesty King Vajiralongkorn’s Royal Policy,” Psychology on “Monarchs’ Use of Psychology for National Resilience,” Philosophy on “The Monarchy and the Advancement of Philosophy and Religion,” and Law on “The Monarchy, Law, and the Justice System.” A total of 65 Fellows, Associate Fellows, and interested individuals attended the event.

3rd Session: Held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at Room BB-201, 2nd Floor of Centara Life Government Complex Hotel & Convention Centre Chaeng Watthana Bangkok. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapol Issaragrisil, M.D., President of the Royal Society, presided over the opening ceremony. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Puntip Sirivunnabood, Royal Fellow and Chair of the Relationship Building Working Group, gave a welcoming speech, and Pro. Dr. Manas Suwan, Project Chairman, reported on the event.

The event featured a discussion divided by four academic disciplines and their pertinent discussion topics: Political Science and Public Administration on “Appointing Good People as Rulers and Righteous Governance,” Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work on “The Monarchy and the Development of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work,” Law on “The Monarchy, Law, and the Justice System,” continuing from the 2nd session, and a summary discussion of the entire project titled “The Thai Monarchy and the Promotion of Knowledge: Analysis and Integration.” A total of 59 Fellows, Associate Fellows, and interested individuals attended the event.



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Academy of Sciences

Royal Fellow Outreach and Earth Science System and Environmental Science Intellectual Hub Projects

On March 18, 2025, the Academy of Sciences organized the “Royal Fellow Outreach Project and Earth Science System and Environmental Science Intellectual Hub Project” for Fiscal Year 2025. This included an academic seminar titled “Sustainable Solid Waste Management” held at M3 Science Park, Khon Kaen University, and via electronic system. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapol Issaragrisil, M.D., President of the Royal Society, delivered the opening remarks. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Savitree Limtong, President of the Academy of Sciences, and Mr. Krisada Kongkajan, Secretary-General of the Royal Society, also graced the event. A total of 74 participants attended in the meeting room, and 109 participants joined via the electronic system.





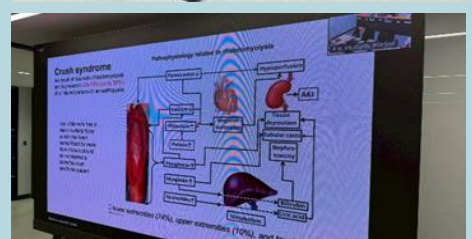
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Royal Society's Knowledge for Society Project: Academic Seminar on "Earthquakes are Closer Than You Think: Causes, Effects, and Preparedness"

On April 10, 2025, from 8:30 to 12:00, the Academy of Sciences organized the "Royal Society's Knowledge for Society Project" featuring an academic seminar titled "Earthquakes are Closer Than You Think: Causes, Effects, and Preparedness." The event took place at the Office of the Royal Society, The Government Complex Commemorating His Majesty the King's 80th Birthday Anniversary, 5 December, BE 2007, Zone C, and was also broadcast via Zoom Cloud Workplace. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapol Issaragrisil, M.D., President of the Royal Society, delivered the opening remarks. A total of 89 participants joined the seminar via the electronic system.



Conference on "Impacts of Earthquakes and Preventive Measures for Bhumibol Dam (Yanhee Dam)"



The Academy of Sciences co-hosted an academic conference titled "Impacts of Earthquakes and Preventive Measures for Bhumibol Dam (Yanhee Dam)" with the Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University, and the Aroon Sorathes Foundation on May 6, 2025, from 10:00 to 12:00 at the Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University.

Academy of Arts

Centennial Seminar: “Performing Arts Research in the Changing Context”

On February 14, 2025, the Academy of Arts, Royal Society, organized the “100 Years of the Royal Society Project: Academic Seminar” on “Performing Arts Research in the Changing Context” at The Theater of Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts, Khon Kaen University, Khon Kaen Province. This event was a collaboration between the Academy of Arts, Royal Society, and the Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts, Khon Kaen University, and the Art Centre Khon Kaen University. The speakers included:



1. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapone Virulrak, Fellow in Fine Arts, Dramatic Arts Branch,
2. Dr. Phairoj Thongkumsuk, Fellow in Fine Arts, Thai Dramatic Arts Branch,
3. Prof. Pornrat Damrhung, Associate Fellow in Fine Arts, Thai Arts Branch,
4. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anukoon Rotjanasuksomboon, Associate Fellow in Fine Arts, Dramatic Arts Branch,
5. Assist. Prof. Dr. Suksanti Wangwan, Assistant Dean for Cultural Arts and Creative Economy Division, Khon Kaen University,
6. Assistant Prof. Dr. Pongsatorn Yoddamnoen, Lecturer, Performing Arts Program, Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts, Khon Kaen University,
7. Assistant Prof. Dr. Manissa Vasinarom, Lecturer, Performing Arts Program, Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts, Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University, and
8. Dr. Sakgavin Siri wattanakula, Lecturer, Department of Dance, Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts, Chulalongkorn University.



The event was attended by 247 people (target: 200 people).



Royal Fellow Outreach Project, Academy of Arts, 2025

From March 10-12, 2025, the Academy of Arts, Royal Society, organized the “Royal Fellow Outreach Project, Academy of Arts, Year 2025” on the topic of “Development of Silpacheep’s Ceramic Design, Silpacheep’s Members, Suan Phueng, Ratchaburi Province.” The event was held at The Suan Phueng Royal Folk Arts and Crafts Center, Queen Sirikit Royal Jubilee Park Project, Suan Phueng District, Ratchaburi Province. Prof. Sukumarl Sarakasetrin, Associate Fellow, was the project manager.

The project aimed to develop ceramic product designs and showcase the working potential of Silpacheep members in Suan Phueng, Ratchaburi Province, and to disseminate the created knowledge for the benefit of the public. This was done in collaboration with The SUPPORT Foundation of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, The Queen Mother, which provided training on appropriate ceramic working techniques for developing future prototype designs. Prof. Sukumarl Sarakasetrin, Associate Fellow in Applied Arts, Handicrafts Branch, and her team served as instructors for this creative workshop. A second workshop will be held to analyze the works, develop designs and additional decorations, and select works for an exhibition, with cooperation from the Office of Arts and Culture Management, Chulalongkorn University.





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Royal Society's Knowledge for Society Project, Academy of Arts, 2025 Topic: "Thai Songkran Tradition: Identity Construction in the Context of Globalization"



On March 31, 2025, the Academy of Arts, Royal Society, organized the "Royal Society's Knowledge for Society Project, Academy of Arts, Year 2025" on the topic "Thai Songkran Tradition: Identity Construction in the Context of Globalization" at the Pinklao Room, S.D. Avenue Hotel, Bang Phlat, Bangkok. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapol Issaragrisil, M.D., President of the Royal Society, presided over the opening ceremony.

The seminar featured eight Fellows and Associate Fellows as speakers, including: Special Prof. Dr. Prakong Nimmanahaeminda (Fellow), Prof. Emeritus Dr. Cholada Ruengruglikit (Fellow), Assoc. Prof. Kannika Wimonkasem (Associate Fellow), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Santi Pakdeekham (Associate Fellow), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Trisilpa Boonkhachorn (Associate Fellow), Prof. Dr. Pornrat Damrhung (Associate Fellow), Dr. Anant Laulertvorakul (Associate Fellow), and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anukoon Rotjanasuksomboon (Associate Fellow). The event also included an opening traditional dance performance titled "Songkran Saranchai," choreographed by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Anukoon Rotjanasuksomboon. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Trisilpa Boonkhachorn and Dr. Anant Laulertvorakul were responsible for the project. The seminar was highly successful, with 147 attendees.



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