**Phra Chao Hao Hall**

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Phra Chao Hao Hall is located near the southern wall of the outer court in Phra Narai Ratchaniwet palace. The name of the building has been a topic of much speculation. King Chulalongkorn believed that it derived from Khmer language meaning to call for or to convene. However, French records indicate that a temple was located where Phra Chao Hao Hall is today. Because a base of the Buddha image was also found inside the hall, it is therefore probable that Phra Chao Hao Hall was a palace’s Buddha image hall and Phra Chao Hao was the name of the principal Buddha image.

At present, only the wall remains and arch doors and windows in Thai architectural style can still be seen. The wall enclosing the building has niches for placing oil lamps.

Duringthe later part of King Narai’s reign, King Narai fell seriously ill and he appointed Phra Phetracha as a regent to administer the kingdom. Phra Phetracha used Phra Chao Hao Hall administer official affairs and it was also here that Phra Phetracha made a declaration to dethrone King Narai.

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