**Lomphok**

The lomphok is a headgear worn by the nobility to indicate their rank during the reign of King Narai of Ayutthaya. It was probably influenced by the Persian court turban and Siamese crown. When a Siamese embassy led by Kosa Pan arrived at the Versailles Palace to present King Narai's letter to Louis XIV on 1 September 1686, Siamese clothes, particularly lomphok, attracted much interest from the French.

Simon de la Loubère, a French envoy to the Kingdom of Ayutthaya in 1687, recorded that:

“The king wore the lomphok, ringed by a royal crown at the base. The nobles’ lomphok had gold, silver, and gilded rings that indicated their rank, though some did not have rings. The nobles wore the lomphok during the audience with the king, jury meeting, and ceremony and did not remove it when showing a gesture of respect.”

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