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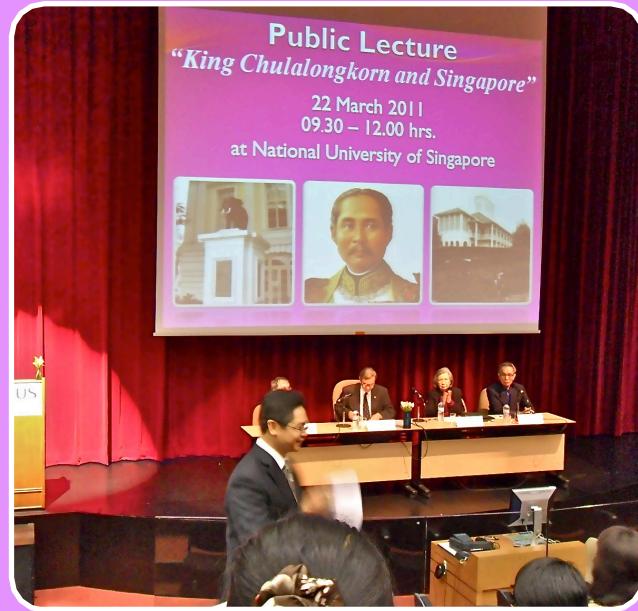
Welcome to the second issue of ไทย ไทย We hope you found our inaugural issue interesting and informative.

Included in this issue are a number of happenings like our very own annual “Wet ‘N Wild” Songkran Celebration on April 9 with great food and entertainment by the Thai musicians, dancers and our dedicated Thai student “Entertainers”; a recap of the seminar on King Chulalongkorn, transporting us back to a century ago; the Thai 1 student’s cultural workshop adding variety and richness to your learning experience; the Thai 2 Songkran presentation, a meaningful and in-depth research into the various aspects of one of the most important festivals celebrated in Thailand; and finally, there are good reasons why students should learn the Thai language. Let’s read from the sharing of previous years’ students.

After having experienced Thai lessons yourself, we do hope that you have been inspired enough to become more inclined to progress to the higher level next semester (and also help to encourage your friends to start taking Thai lessons too♡♡).

In order for our newsletter to serve as a bond between students and teachers, any contribution of articles, comments or suggestions are welcome. Send them across to us via email [ThaiThainews@gmail.com](mailto:ThaiThainews@gmail.com) We hope to receive messages from you.

Editor



## *KING CHULALONGKORN AND SINGAPORE A Glimpse into the PAST...*

The Royal Thai Embassy and the Centre for Language Studies (CLS) jointly organized the public lecture, entitled “King Chulalongkorn and Singapore” on 22 March 2011 at the National University of Singapore. This event was held to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the demise of King Chulalongkorn (King Rama V).

The panel of respected speakers included Dr. Charnvit Kasetsiri, historian and former Rector of Thammasat University, A/P Bruce Lockhart, Assistant Dean and Deputy Head of the History Department, NUS, Datin Patricia Lim and Dr. Tej Bunnag, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand as Moderator.

It was most informative to learn about King Chulalongkorn's 1871 visit to Singapore, the first foreign country visited by a Thai monarch, and his subsequent visits to Europe which contributed to administrative reforms and modernization of Siam during his long reign from 1868-1910 and served as a foundation for friendly relations between Thailand and Singapore.

It was also interesting to learn that besides the present location occupied by the Royal Thai Embassy that belongs to Thailand, the “Hurricane House” located in Draycott Estate once belonged to the King and was used as his residence during his trip to Singapore as well.



## BRAVO Thai 2 For The Songkran Presentation

### A thoroughly fun-filled and informative sharing

In order to enhance language learning, Thai culture and tradition is incorporated in the module allowing students to have a glimpse of Thai lifestyle and customs.

For this semester, students in Thai 2 were expected to do a presentation on 31 March about the Songkran Festival. Students were free to focus their research on any aspect related to the Festival. Some of the most popular topics were history of Songkran, customs and practices during Songkran festival, dishes enjoyed during Songkran and Thephii Songkran contests.

In addition to using slides in their presentations, students also employed various presentation styles and techniques like role play, live demonstrations and power point presentations. We believe that besides learning from this presentation, the camaraderie among our students has grown as a result.

The usually formal classroom was transformed into a mini-theatre and the lesson was filled with laughter and smiles. One of our students was heard saying, "Cultural presentations should be continued because it's useful and fun for us, even though the presentation score is negligible".

## Thai 1 - SEM2 AY2010-11's Grand Finalé - The Cultural Workshop

*A big round of applause to Thai 1 students for their impressive, creative and fun presentations! Students have learnt a lot from one another about Thailand and her rich culture. They have made it possible to visit*

**"THAILAND IN A DAY!"**



Had fun learning, preparing & presenting

Deeper understanding of Thai culture

Greater appreciation of the King

The most fun module

Interactive! Insightful! Engaging!

Meaningful! Awesome! Enriching!

Increase my interest in the language

Good end to the module & the academic year

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Widen my knowledge about Thailand

Interesting! Informative!

know other students better

Effective way of getting to know Thailand

Entertaining! Funny! Fulfilling!

Good way of sharing Thai culture



## So Wet, So Wild, So Wonderful @ NUS - SONGKRAN 2011

Songkran 2011@ NUS on April 9 was a blast! Students ***The Restaurant Incident*** - by **Thai 6** delved into the and guest artists had great fun putting on their best pitfalls of mispronouncing Thai words amidst humorous performances, while the audience enjoyed themselves punches. **Thai 3**'s melodic rendition of Thai songs was thoroughly. First in line were regional dances presented by full of great almost Siam gusto! **Thai 1 & 2** enchanted the Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. The elegant and beautiful performances wowed the audience as a wonderful opening of the festival. Students from the **SE3221 Traditional Music in A Southeast Asian Country** module sang the **Elephant** song with harmonious dance moves. **Thai 4** students captivated the audience with an energetic Thai Music Ensemble **Long Drum Dance**. Whilst the **Thai 5** students shared the **Legend of Songkran**. A hilarious skit - ***Lâuk Thûy*** - by Rajabhat Songkhla University musicians memorably wrapped up the eventful Songkran celebrations! Everyone was greeted with sumptuous authentic Thai food before they indulged in the climax of the water festival. Revelers were not only immersed and 'soaked' in the charming Thai culture, but also thoroughly drenched in festive water-splashing fun! And that was the spirit of Songkran!

