

THAILAND

Minister of Culture

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Vira ROJPOJCHANARAT



Born on 11 March 1952

Educational Background

- A bachelor's degree in architecture, Chulalongkorn University
- A master's degree in public administration, Thammasat University

Training Courses

- Training Course on Preservation and Restoration of Ancient Monuments in Indonesia (Sponsored by SPAFA)
- Training Programme on Architectural Conservation and Field Trip on Restoration of Ancient Monuments and Communities in Rome, Italy (Sponsored by UNESCO)
- Training Course on Cultural and Environmental Management in Japan (Sponsored by IATSS)

Working Experience

Oct 2010 – Sept 2012 Advisor to the Prime Minister

Oct 2006 – Sept 2010	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Culture
2004 – 2006	Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry Of Culture
1999 – 2004	Deputy Director – General, Fine Arts Department
1993 – 1999	Secretary of the Fine Arts Department
1992	Expert in Restoration, Fine Arts Department
1978	Architect, Sukhothai Historical Park Project, Division of Archeology, Fine Arts Department

Conferences and Study Visit

- Participation as a delegate from Thailand in conferences and study visits organized in China, Japan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, the Philippines, Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam, Singapore, Cambodia, Taiwan, France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Canada, Guatemala, etc.

Academic Works

- Conservation and Development of Sukhothai Historical Park, this work covers communities, ancient monuments, public utilities, public facilities and control of land use.
- Master Plan on Sukhothai Historical Park
- Curriculum on the Role of a Community in Conservation of Historic Buildings for participants from six ASEAN countries
- Responsible for 3 international conferences:
 1. SPAFA Consultative Workshop on Community – Based Conservation and Maintenance of Historic Buildings and Living Monuments from 23 to 30 August, 1978 in Bangkok.
 2. Symposium on Sukhothai Experience from 21 – 26 November, 1987 in Sukhothai
 3. Symposium on Historic Cities in Lower Northeastern Thailand A.D. 8th – 13th Century from 18 to 22 December, 1989 in Buriram Province and Surin Province
- An article entitled “Somdech Phra Srinagarindra Boromarajajonnani Memorial Park”
- An article entitled “A Thai Pavilion in Bern, Switzerland”
- Problems and Efforts to Conserve and Revitalize Vernacular Architecture in Thailand

- Ayutthaya: Influences of Water on Settlements and Ways of Life

Committee

- Committee of the Foundation in honour of King Rama III under the Patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Galayani Vadhana Kromluang Naradhivas Rajanagarindra
- Committee of the King Rama VI Memorial Foundation
- Committee of the Implementation of the Project in Honour of Somdech Phra Srinagarindra Boromarajjoni
- Committee of the Tourism for Education of Children and Juveniles
- Chairman of the Subcommittee for education reform for the disabled, disadvantaged and talented students of the Fine Arts Department
- Founder of the Development Fund for Education of Special Children

Distinction

- Honoured by Faculty of Architecture, Chulalongkorn University as alumnus who devoted himself for the benefit of architecture and as model architect for the year 1993
- Honoured by Bureau of the Empowerment for Persons with Disabilities as the outstanding character who supports the activities for the disabilities for the year 2004