

## WAT CHANG LOM



*Wat Chang Lom at Srichanalai district, Sukhothai means an Elephant Circled Monastery. It is one of the significant ancient sites in the east of the town. The most important historic buildings at this temple is the main chedi of Sri Lankan style bounded by a demarcation wall. The base of the chedi is high and square in its shape. The front side of the base was decorated with 8 sculptures of elephant while other sides were decorated with 9 sculptures of elephant. There was one sculpture at each corner of the base. Altogether there were 39 sculptures of elephant around the base.*

*The sculptures of elephant at Wat Chang Lom are quite different from those found at other temples. These represent the fully standing elephants and are taller than the life elephant.*

*Above, there are 20 niches situated images of the Buddha subduing Mara. It was built by King Ramkhamhaeng in 1286 AD. In front, there is a vihara's base built of brick. In addition, the base of a boundary wall built of brick also remains.*

