

Ayutthaya Historical Study Centre

Ayutthaya Historical Study Centre is located on Rochana Road, is funded by the Japanese Government and dedicated to research into Ayutthaya's history especially during the period when Ayutthaya was the capital of Thailand. The centre houses a museum and provides a range of information alongside a well-stocked library covering all aspects of the city's history. The displays are very impressive and cover the development of the city and the traditions of the area.



This is a good visit, but bear in mind that although the content of the study centre is varied, it does revolve around a single theme - Ayutthaya. If you have limited time a visit to the Study Centre might not be as high a priority as other sites unless you are a keen student of Thai history.



(Left) The interior view at the front part of the upper floor.

(Right) A model of a Chinese junk in the exhibition on the international trade in Ayutthaya Era.

In the center are models of the monuments in the City Isle and Wat Chai Wattanaram. For visitors who come to see the glory of ancient Ayutthaya and would like to know more of its part in a short time, visit the Ayutthaya Historical Centre. The Centre is both a research institute and a museum. Its main building stands prominently on Rochana Road, near the Ayutthaya Rajabhat Institute. The museum is on the upper floor of this two-storey building, very different from the usual museums in Thailand which is equipped with beautiful lighting, upgrading the museum to international standard.

The museum exhibits are divided into 5 groups: Ayutthaya as the Capital City, Ayutthaya as the Port, Ayutthaya as the Central State, The life of a Thai Villager and The relations of Ayutthaya with other countries. The focal point of the museum display are the archaeological relics, carefully verified by the Fine Arts Department. The establishment of the Center was also funded by the government of Japan who donated 999,000,000 Yen in commemoration of His Majesty, King Bhumibol's 60th birthday. An annex building which is located in Ko Rian sub-district is known today as the Japanese Village.

Details: The Centre is opened everyday except Monday and Tuesday from 9.00 a.m.-4.30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. For more details please contact Tel : 0 3524 5124 (Admission fee : 100 Baht)

How to get there: The centre is situated near the Chao Sam Phraya National Museum with another smaller part of the centre near Wat Phanan Choeng