

The FAO Building

This is another place where a former palace of prince and senior officer is turned to be a public office. The old but beautiful European style and well maintained building was built in the Sixth reign (1910-1925) design by Italian architect and named "Baan Maliwan". Baan Maliwan was transferred to the Crown Property Bureau in 1937 and became the office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations-FAO Regional Office for Asia and Pacific afterwards. After the FAO built another main office building, Baan Maliwan has become the library of the Organization. The building of Baan Maliwan has the entrance facing the river because in the past, waterway was more convenient than the road.





Short History

"Bean Maliwan" It is 2 floors European style with a roof without gables. In the first time , His Majesty the King Rama Sixth give this building to Pra Ong Chao Kritsadapiniharn. In the reign of King Rama Eighth , it was a palace of a regent. In World War , it was school to make inquiries about a bureaucracy. Next , Pridi Panomyong used "Bean Maliwan" to be base of The free Thai movement. Now "Bean Maliwan" was rent to be the office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations-FAO Regional Office for Asia and Pacific afterwards.

