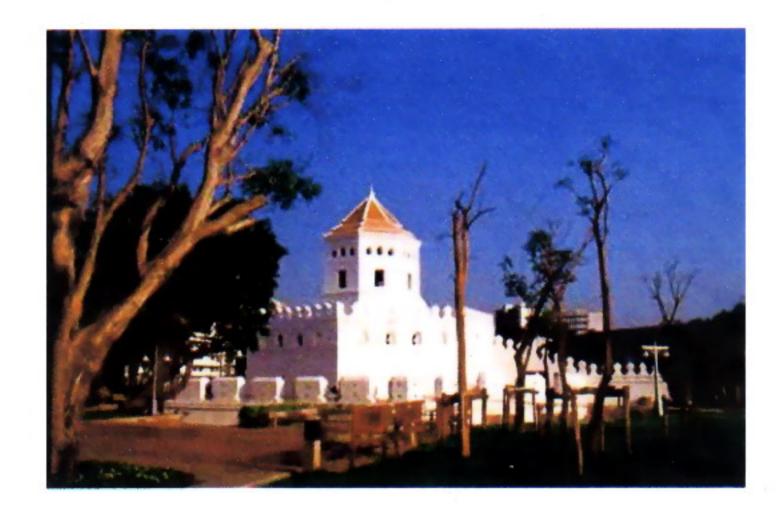
PHRA SUMANE FORT



Phra Sumane Fort is a hexagonal-shaped concrete structure, topped with pointed roof. At the beginning of Rattanakosin (since 1782) there were 14 forts along the city limits (defined by the Chao Phraya River and Klong Robb Krung). Today, only 2 forts (Phra Sumane and Mahakan) Remain. Phra Sumane fort was partly destructed during King Rama V-VII (1868-1934). The Fine Arts Department repaired and restored it in 1959 and recently in 1981. The fort was broubht back to its original appearance which is understood by the old picture taken in the reign of King Rama V