

Silpakorn University Library

Silpakorn University Library was first established in 1964, as a section in the General Affairs Division, Office of the Rector, Thapra Palace Campus. When another campus was found in 1976 at Sanamchan Palace, another library was set up. The two libraries were merged into the Silpakorn University Central Library on July 19, 1989. It was not until 1992 that a restructuring to the Central Library was initiated. The new structure of the Central Library comprises three sectors: Office of the Secretary, Thapra Palace Campus Library, and Sanamchan Palace Campus Library. Each library is composed of three Departments: Cataloguing and Classification, Reader Services, and Audio-Visuals. The first Library Director was appointed to manage, facilitate, and centralize both campus libraries.

Silpakorn University Art Gallery

Tha Phra Palace is a building erected since King Rama I founded Bangkok in 1782. He built 3 palaces : The one along Nah Phra Larn road to Wiset Chaisri Gate is Palace of the West (Tha Phra Palace), Middle Palace and Palace of the East (Fine Arts Department).

The reason behind the name of Tha Phra Palace is that in 1808 King Rama I ordered the big Image of Buddha (Phra Srisakkayamunee) to be transferred from Wat Mahathat, Sukothai by raft to Bangkok. But it was not possible for people to pull the Image of Buddha from the raft through Tha Chang Gate, hence it was necessary to tear that Gate down. From then on derived the name Tha Phra Gate and since the Palace of the West was located near Tha Phra Gate, it was then named Tha Phra Palace.

Silpakorn University has used Tha Phra Palace as an Art Gallery which Princess MahaJakri Sirindhorn graciously presided over its opening ceremony on December 15th, 1979.

Tha Phra Palace was once renovated in 1986 and the latest renovation in 1997 was done to prevent the humidity to seep into the building and to improve the efficiency of the electric, ventilation and lighting system.