



Bangkok Insurance Continues its Protection of Phromthin Tai Archeological Site and Museum

Bangkok Insurance Public Company Limited (BKI) and Bangkok Insurance Foundation (BIF) recently led the company's staff to construct an access road and improve scenery at Phromthin Tai Archeological Site and Museum. With help from Phromthin Tai Village residents and soldiers from the 11 Artillery Battalion (King's Guards), the group also cleaned antique items excavated in 1986.

Since 2007, BKI has continuously supported excavations at the site while also developing Phromthin Tai as a learning tool. A museum constructed at Wat Phromthin Tai Temple in Khok Samrong, Lop Buri province, at a cost of over eight million baht, was formally opened on 22 August 2015.

The Fine Arts Department has been researching Phromthin Tai Archeological Site since 1986. The Department discovered the ancient city of Ban Phromthin Tai there, including pieces of earthenware of varying quality made by people living in the area in ancient times. Among the Department's discoveries in the area are Ming Dynasty ceramics, amphorae,

Sri Satchanalai ceramics (dating to the 11th-12th centuries Before Common Era (BCE) and records in Pali and Pallava languages (dating to the 13th century BCE).

Extensive excavations were undertaken by the Fine Arts Department at Wat Phromthin Tai, near the temple's original main hall, in 1991, continuing to 2007. Besides antiques from the Dvaravati Era including coins, earthenware, metal tools, beads, 2,500-3,000 year-old human bones were also discovered.

Wat Phromthin Tai in Lop Buri province is deemed an important archaeological site, comprising three principle elements:

1. Excavations of ancient bones buried 5-6 metres deep
2. Phromthin Tai Ancient City
3. Phromthin Tai Museum, where over 300 antiques from the area are displayed, including the most precious find at the temple, Phra Phanatbodi Sithawarawadi Buddha Image.



In front of the museum.



BKI staff from head office and Saraburi branch, villagers, and soldiers work together.



A sapling tree on its way to growing big enough to provide nice shade.



Careful cleaning of excavated antiques.



Construction of an access road leading to the museum.



The invaluable Phromthin archaeological site dating back to the Dvaravati Era.



Phra Phanatbodi Sithawarawadi Buddha Image
