

## Recent Books from Thailand – Dec 2019

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### Art

Thread and Fire: Textiles and Jewellery fro the Isles of Indonesia and Timor / Linda S. McIntosh  
Bangkok: River Books Co., Ltd., 2019  
344p.; 26 color illustration.  
Includes Index  
9786164510357  
\$ 95.00 / HB  
2290gm.

***Thread and Fire*** is a fascinating journey through the centuries-old trade networks that developed across a group of archipelagos along the equator. Of the 18,000 islands, more than 900 are permanently settled by over 360 ethnic groups, speaking 700 languages and dialects. For centuries this vast and rich environment favored local and regional exchanges, and it was only later that people visited from afar. New connections integrated these archipelagos with the distant civilizations of continental Asia: first India, later China and from the 13th century onwards, the Islamic world. Finally, with the arrival of Europeans in the early 16th century, global trade and connections grew rapidly. Spices and forest & sea products were the focus of foreign interests, and textiles were the currency for their acquisition. These imported textiles, complemented with ornaments and jewelry, soon became part of the region's social fabric, indispensable items of gift and exchange, essential markers for the indictment of ceremonies, rights of passage and signifiers of rank and prestige. ***Thread and Fire*** explores and illustrates those ancient connections and traditions through Indonesian and Timorese textiles, regalia and jewelry from the Francisco Capelo collection, assembled over a 20-year period and now part of the permanent collection of Casa Asia-Colecao Francisco Capelo in Lisbon.  
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1<sup>st</sup> Bangkok Art Biennale: Beyond Bliss 2018 / (Ed-in-Chief) Prof. Dr.  
Apinan Poshyananda  
Bangkok: Amarin Printing and Publishing, 2019  
508p.  
9786161826451  
\$ 100.00 / PB  
1860gm.

BAB 2018 represents an aspiration for Bangkok to be a major venue in the world of international contemporary art. With a strong collaboration from both the government and private sectors, the international art exhibition will take place at 20 venues across various well-known sites, including ancient temples along Bangkok's principle river, the Chao Phraya River, historic architectural sites and iconic landmarks, and art and cultural institutions.

75 artists and groups from 34 countries (half of them from Thailand) are selected by international curatorial team.

Under the theme of *Beyond Bliss*, the artists are invited to create the art works under the concept and interpret the seemingly unattainable happiness in different ways. Creating the art piece at the historical, cultural and spiritual landmarks, representing the pursuit for happiness, both physical and mental, or finding the end of suffering. They also reflect social, political and environmental issues through the art works that have great impact to human happiness.

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### **Economics/Development Studies**

The Kra Canal: Spanning the Oceans, Partnering Continents / Gen. Saiyud Kerdphol & Dr. Harald Wagner

Thailand: Kra Isthmus Development Company Limited (KIDCO), 2017  
xvi, 228p.

Includes Index

9786169320203

\$ 40.00 / HB

848gm.

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Thailand Public Health 2018-2019 18<sup>th</sup> Edition: Highlight and analysis of  
Thailand's health Statistics

Bangkok: Alpha Research Co., Ltd., 2019

1v.

9786167526553

\$ 80.00 / PB

1200gm.

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### **History**

Ramayana: Footprints in South-East Asian Culture and Heritage:

Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Laos, Cambodia, Myamar / Anita Bose

(Ed) Namrata Malhotra (Translator) Subhankar Bose & Dr. Ruchika

Yogesh

Kolkata, India: BEE Books, 2019

176p.

Includes Bibliography

9788194153696

\$ 12.99 / HB

600gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=674224>

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Lords of Life: A History of the Kings of Thailand / HRH Prince Chula Chakrabongse

Bangkok: River Books Co., Ltd., 2019

324p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9786164510302

\$ 29.95 / PB

932gm.

HRH Prince Chula Chakrabongse, well known in his lifetime as an author and broadcaster, was in a uniquely favourable position for writing the history of the Royal House of Chakri, the current Thai royal dynasty. He had access to unpublished royal letters, archives and documents of all kinds and, as a grandson of King Chulalongkorn, he had personal knowledge of many of the leading figures in his story. Therefore he was able to give an authoritative and quite fascinating account of the monarchs who were the absolute rulers of Siam for 150 years, who re-established Thai culture and the Buddhist religion after the fall of Ayutthaya and, through skillful diplomacy, preserved Siamese autonomy at a time when her neighbours were giving way before the spread of Western imperialism. Fifty years after it was first published, this revised edition preserves Prince Chula's text in its entirety, but has a new foreword by B. J. Terwiel, footnotes explaining developments in Thai historiography and a wealth of archive photographs. SELLING POINTS: Thai history classic Both scholarly and highly readable Richly illustrated Rare archival images 368 photographs

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Scramble for Rails: Japanese Military Transport on Thai Railways during World War II / Ichiro Kakizaki

Bangkok: White Lotus Press, 2019

303p. ill.

9789748434681

\$ 25.00 / PB

This is a groundbreaking study of military transport on Thai Railways by the Japanese army during the war.

This book explicates the overall characteristics of Japanese military transport from the abundant historical materials regarding the operation and transport of Japanese Military trains preserved at the National Archives of Thailand.

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Thailand Timeline 1500-2015 / Duncan Stearn  
Bangkok: Duncan Stearn, 2019  
372p.  
9786164560222  
\$ 65.00 / PB

Covering more than 500 years of its rich and varied history, this is one of the first major works of Thailand's history to cover the all-important decade since the 2006 coup and its aftermath, detailing all the important events which have shaped the nation in all facets of daily life in a simple and easy-to-read, factual format.

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### **Official Publications**

Social Indicators 2019 [Thailand]  
Bangkok: National Statistics Office, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society, 2019

1v.

892gm.

\$ 50.00 / PB

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The 2018 Agriculture Intercensal Survey: Southern Region [Thailand]  
Bangkok: National Statistics Office, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society, 2019

1v.

9789741131105

\$ 45.00 / PB

422gm.

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The 2018 Agriculture Intercensal Survey: Northern Region [Thailand]  
Bangkok: National Statistics Office, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society, 2019

1v.

9789741131129

\$ 45.00 / PB

422gm.

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The 2018 Agriculture Intercensal Survey: Central Region [Thailand]  
Bangkok: National Statistics Office, Ministry of Digital Economy and  
Society, 2019

1v.

9789741131112

\$ 45.00 / PB

422gm.

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Statistical Yearbook Thailand 2019

Bangkok: National Statistics Office, Ministry of Digital Economy and  
Society, 2019

1v. Includes CD

ISSN: 1906-005X

\$ 125.00 / HB

1590gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=670819>

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The 2018 Non-Profit Organization Survey [Thailand]

Bangkok: National Statistics Office, Ministry of Digital Economy and  
Society, 2018

1v.

Includes CD

English & Thai Text

\$ 20.00 / PB

272gm.

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The 2018 Accommodation Survey [Thailand]

Bangkok: National Statistics Office, Ministry of Digital Economy and  
Society, 2019

1v. Includes CD

English & Thai Text

\$ 20.00 / PB

232gm.

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Thai Economic Indicators 2019 [Thailand]  
Bangkok: National Statistics Office, Ministry of Digital Economy and  
Society, 2019  
1 CD  
\$ 30.00 / CD  
58gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=674234>

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The 2018 Construction Area [Thailand]  
Bangkok: National Statistics Office, Ministry of Digital Economy and  
Society, 2018  
1 CD  
ISSN: 1905-7644  
\$ 30.00 / CD  
56gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=674235>

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The Informal Employment Survey 2019 [Thailand]  
Bangkok: National Statistics Office, Ministry of Digital Economy and  
Society, 2019  
1 CD  
\$ 30.00 / CD  
58gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=674236>

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## **Travel Guidebooks**

World Heritage Japan / John Lander (Ed) Narisa Chakrabongse (Preface)

Pico Iyer (Intro) Yoko Kawaguchi

Bangkok: River Books Co., Ltd., 2019

236p.

9786164510111

\$ 38.00 / PB

1020gm.

### Book Details:

Author and photographer John Lander takes the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage sites of Japan as a starting point for exploring the country's architecture, history, customs and festivals. Lander, who has lived in Japan for 35 years, travelled to almost all the country's UNESCO sites: from well-known places like Mount Fuji to hidden temple gardens and hard-to-reach wild islands. This book also includes cultural elements listed as intangible world heritage, providing intimate portraits of Japanese cuisine, crafts and performance arts. With a lyrical preface by Pico Iyer and illustrated with over 180 full-colour photographs, World Heritage Japan is Lander's personal photographic tribute to a diverse and ancient culture - a stunning visual journey across Japan. SELLING

POINTS: Photographer and longtime Japan resident captures stunning images of Japan's many UNESCO World Heritage sites Stunning full-colour photographs Preface by Pico Iyer 184 colour photographs

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=651187>

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Exploring Old Bangkok: Royal Palaces – Temples – Street Life / (Ed)  
Narisa Chakrabongse (Photography) Paisarn Piemmettawat  
Bangkok: River Books Co., Ltd., 2019  
220p. ; 558 color illustration ; with 11 maps and plans.  
Includes Index  
9786164510319  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
632gm.

This beautiful and historic area centred around the Grand Palace, bordered by the Chao Phraya river on the west and Ku Muang Derm canal on the east, is undoubtedly Bangkok's cultural centre. Known as Rattanakosin Island, it is home to many of the city's most important temples – Wat Pho, Wat Rajabhopit, and Wat Mahathat, not to mention the Emerald Buddha Temple –, as well as the Museum Siam and the recently renovated National Museum. To the south of this area is the famous flower market, while to the north is the tourist mecca of Khao San Road.

*Exploring Old Bangkok* takes the visitor around all the most important sites and explains the meaning of lesser-known but still significant landmarks such as the Pig Memorial and the Monument to the Expeditionary Force. The guide also includes iconic sights on the west bank of the river such as Wat Prayoon, Wat Arun and the Royal Barge Museum. With the opening of the magnificent metro station, Sanam Chai, access to this centre of culture and Thai art has never been easier. Alternatively, visitors can reach the area via the ever-popular tourist boats.

Lavishly illustrated throughout in full colour, *Exploring Old Bangkok* also features two walking tours that take in the diversity of this historic and storied area.

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Discovering Ayutthaya / (Eds) Charnvit Kasetsiri & Michael Wright  
(Translator) Sasee Chanraprun Tiraporn Bunnag & Usuma  
Chuenchompoo  
Bangkok: Social Sciences and Humanities Textbooks Foundation, 2019  
354p.  
9786167202969  
\$ 50.00 / PB  
556gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=674237>

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## **Sociology**

Ergonomics and Quality of Life: Considerations Regarding Risk Assessment Prevention of Non-Communicable Disorders and Failing Work Efficiency / Yoopat, Pongjan & Vanwonterghem, Kamiel  
Patumthani: Rangsit University Press, 2018  
258p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9786164210639

\$ 25.00 / PB

478gm.

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