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Anthropology

Childbirth and Tradition in Northeast Thailand : Forty Years of Development and Cultural and Change / Anders Poulsen

Copenhagen : Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, 2007

266p.

Includes Index

9788776940034

NIAS Monographs ; 109

Birth Customs – Thailand, Northeastern

\$ 39.90

This beautifully Illustrated volume offers a rare study of Isan-Thai Customs and beliefs associated with pregnancy and birth and how they have changed over almost half a century. Using a psychological and socio-therapeutic framework, Anders Poulsen discusses the function of various birth rites, while giving an unmatched description of all traditions specifically connected to pregnancy and Birth.

Environmental Identity : Towards Sustainable Development with Indigenous Australians / Nao Nakanishi

Bangkok : White Lotus Co.Ltd., c2008

x, 130 p. ; 21 cm.

Includes Index.

978-974-480-131-9

\$ 19.50

[Environmental Identity: Towards Sustainable Development with Indigenous Australians examines the different concepts of a unified environment including living things as well as the natural surroundings like forests, rivers, rocks etc. Westerners tend to rely more on cognition and a separating view distinguishing between nature and culture. Aborigines with a 50.000 year continuous culture developed a unique concept of the environment which lacks the concept of private land and therefore did not modify nature. They learned how to adapt to the changes of nature and climate.

An important study for environmental scientists, anthropologists, psychologists and physiologists.

An many of the Aboriginal values are also shared by people in Southeast Asia, even if only rudimentary, makes this study of interest to a wider area than Australia.]

Chilli and Cheese : Food and Society in Bhutan / Kunzang Choden
Bangkok : White Lotus Co., Ltd., c2008
xiii, 227 p. ; 21 cm.
Includes Index.
978-974-480-118-0
\$ 29.50

Chilli and Cheese : Food and Society in Bhutan is a pioneering book offering insight into Bhutanese food culture within its historical and geographical context, as well as looking at food-related beliefs and practices. The book discusses the changing socio-cultural meanings of food in Bhutan.

Kunzang Choden from her perspective as a privileged member of the gentry in a feudal society in the 1950s shares her perceptions, observations and experiences. She highlights the importance of food as a socio-economic signifier and shows how food has meaning beyond nourishment, particularly, in its symbolic form in religion and ritual. The author explores regional agricultural and herding practices, the use of wild plants and the resulting food customs and habits.

This informative but also deeply personal book includes simple and easy to follow recipes of some typical dishes. An invitation for readers to try out the taste of Bhutanese foods. Colour and black and white photographs make the narratives come alive with vivid depictions of Bhutanese food and society.]

Architecture

Proceedings : Silpakorn Architectural Discourse 3rd Symposium – Vol. 3 Current:
Reflection of Society
Bangkok : Faculty of Architecture, Silpakorn University, 2007
v p. : ill. ; 25 cm.
974-600-791-2
\$ 40.00

[Contents:

Dean's Note

A campus Sunday market

Papers

1. Rapid Growth fragility of Urban Ecology
2. Pride of Self: Sustaining of Thai Vernacular House
3. Sense of Place, The-Rua, Ayutthaya, and Gion, Kyoto
4. Estuarine vernacular Architecture in the Right side of Maekiong Delta
5. The Stupa Enshrining the Relic of King Lithai in wat mahathat, Sukhothai
6. The roles of Thai Architects on Sustainable Homelessness
7. Factors of failure in Construction Project: The problem of conflict Objective
8. The Evaluation of Steel-frame house Demonstrated in :Architect'03" at Muangthang Thani
9. Thailand wild trees Recommended for Landscaping in Flodded Areas.
10. Towards gentification in Urban Conservation
The case of social impacts in Banglumphu Area, Bangkok
11. A study for preparing Commercial entertainment district of Zoning control in Education city: a case study of Manhasarakham City
12. A comparative study of lightweight steel-frame and wood frame house construction system
13. Sanam Chandra Palace

14. Kuang in Thai Urban setting Revitalizing Traditional open space in Promoting quality of Chiang mai Urban life
15. To draw; Drawing, Shifting
16. Building the Surface
17. Perception of space in Western and Siamese culture
18. Thai critical Vernacular Architecture
19. The Emergence of Thai Architectural sense due to Revealing Concealing
20. The last Architect
21. Man and car: A Paradigm Shift in Re-thinking Space and movement relation for the Bangkok Traffic
22. Isaan Dead space society: The Spatial and Empirical Analysis of Tung Srimuang Udonthani
23. Regionalism and the Global Suburb in Southeast Asia.]

Asia's Legendary Hotels : The Romance of Travel / William Warren
 Singapore : Periplus Editions (HK) Ltd., c2007
 208 p. : ill. ; 30 cm.
 978-0-7946-0174-4
 0-7946-0174-X
 \$ 49.50

[Asia's Legendary Hotels features some of Asia's most significant hotels, renowned for their rich histories and superb levels of service and luxury. From the Raffles Hotel in Singapore, to the Ananda in the Himalayas, these grand dames capture the romance of travel of days gone by, when the journey itself was as much of an adventure as the destination. Their unique architecture and luxurious interiors are captured in over 370 stunning full-color photographs, and rare archival images showcase their rich histories.]

Art

Guide to the National Gallery / Pratoom Chumpengphan
 Thailand : National Gallery, Office of National Museums Fine Arts Department Ministry of Culture, 2007
 100 p. : ill. ; 29 cm.
 974-425-039-9
 \$ 15.00

- [Contents :
1. The History of the National Gallery
 2. The Foundation of the National Gallery
 3. Mission and Goals of the Institution
 4. The National Gallery Floor Plan
 5. Traditional Thai Painting
 6. Painting in the Western Realistic Style(1856-1937)
 7. The Celebration Room: the Kings' Paintings
 8. Arts 1949-1967
 9. Arts 1968-2002
 10. Services
 11. Guide Map (Transportation).]
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Comics/Cartoons in Southeast Asia

SPAFA Journal : A Publication of the Seameo Regional Centre for Archaeology and Fine Arts – Volume 17 Number 1 (January –April 2007)
Bangkok : Spafa Regional Centre, 2007
53 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.
ISSN 0858-1975
\$ 10.00 Per Issue

[Contents :

1. Southeast Asian Cartooning and Overview
2. Southeast Asian Comic Artists Invade USA!
3. Catching up with Lyra Garcellano
4. Niu Bizi and other Cartoons – Huang Yao’s Legacy
5. Southeast Asia: One or many/
6. Ida Bagus Nyoman Rai: Painter of History
7. Art and Archaeology – International.]

Business

Thailand Top Innovative Companies 2007 : Idea, Design, New Technology, Creativity
Bangkok: National Innovation Agency, 2007
107 p. ; 28 cm.
978-974-8420-17-2
\$ 39.50

[Contents :

1. The Father of Thai Innovation
2. Message
Permenent Secretary of the Ministry of Science and Technology Chairman of the Federation of Thai Industries Director of National Innovation Agency
3. Editorials
National Innovation Agency-Leading Thailand into the New Era office of Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion (OSMEP), Thailand
4. Features
5. Profiles.]

General

A Freshwater Fisherman in Thailand / Peter Jaggs
Singapore : Monsoon Books, 2007
200p. Includes Index
9789810589745
\$ 15.95

This book will take you on an exciting journey through the diverse variety of fresh-water fisheries in Thailand, and show you how to catch the incredible fish that swim in them. Peter Jaggs provides a humorous and panoramic portrait of the species, tackle, baits and waters; as well as some of the characters that the reader will encounter during his angling adventures in Thailand—The Disneyland of freshwater fishing.

Thailand Beyond the Fringe / Robert Cooper
Singapore : Marshall Cavendish Editions, c2007
344 p. ; 21 cm.

978-981-261-429-2

981-261-429-X

1. Thailand-Anecdotes

2. Thailand-Humor

\$ 19.50

[Thailand Beyond the Fringe is written principally for the expatriate who is in Thailand for the long haul. Cooper, who also wrote Culture Shock! Thailand and Thais Mean Business, takes for foreigner further in his quest to integrate and flourish in Thai society. He builds on the cultural ground rules set out in CultureShock! delving deeper into the characteristics of Thais and non-Thais and the interaction between the two.

Those who have read Culture Shock! Thailand and Thais Mean Business will enjoy and benefit from the 100 situations he now covers in Thailand Beyond the Fringe.]

History

Visitors Guide to the Nakhon Si Thammarat National Museum

Second Edition

Thailand : The Fine Arts Department, 2000

159 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

974-87629-4-7

\$ 15.00

[Contents :

1. History of Nakhon si Thammarat National Museum

2. Nakhon si Thammarat in the Present Time

3. Archaeological and Historical Evolution of Nakhon si Thammarat City

4. Ancient City in Nakhon si Thammarat Province

5. Description of Ancient Art Objectives in Nakhon si Thammarat National Museum.]

King Rama IX : On the Auspicious Occasion of His Majesty's 80th Birthday / Peter EU & Ben Chiew

Kuala Lumpur : Eureka Metro Sdn Bhd, c2007

111 p. ; ill. ; 21 cm.

An after Hours in Numismatic Reference

978-983-43038-4-6

\$ 45.00

Ayutthaya 1350-1767 : Historical City Park / Iudea

Bangkok : Tourism Authority of Thailand, 2000

152 p. ; ill. ; 20 cm.

9-7897-4825-2

Tat Handbook

\$ 18.00

[The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) is proud to have published this small illustrated book as a guide for English speakers to the heritage of Ayutthaya, the old Capital. Among the topics included are human geography, social history, town planning, religious art and architecture, traditional Thai art and culture, museum science, and folk arts and crafts, So that those today will better know both the Thai cultural heritage and this World Heritage Property.]

Guide to Muang Boran
Bangkok : Viriyah Business Co.Ltd., 2004
275 p. ; ill. ; 21 cm.
974-7383-57-8
\$ 15.00

Guide to Muang Boran introduces all sites in Muang Boran (or Ancient City) with background information of each place that will make you understand Thai Civilization.]

Samuel Reynolds House of Siam : Pioneer Medical Missionary 1847-1876 / George Haws Feltus
Bangkok : White Lotus Co., Ltd., c2007
256 p. ; 21 cm.
978-974-480-121-0
\$ 19.50

[Samuel Reynolds House of Siam, Pioneer Medical Missionary 1847-1876 gives us a record of life in the time of King Mongkut's rule and the beginning of King Chulalongkorn's reign.
Dr. House travelled extensively and we see Siam through the eyes of a missionary who also practiced medicine. He describes his encounters with other missionaries and the not so numerous other foreigners living in Siam at the time.]

Ancient Sukhothai : Thailand's Cultural Heritage / Dawn F. Rooney
Bangkok : River Books Co., Ltd., c2008
247 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.
Includes Maps and Index.
978-974-9863-42-8
\$ 40.00

[This guide covers the history and are of the early kingdom of Sukhothai, which was situated in the fertile Yom River basin of north-central Thailand and is renowned for artistic achievements in the mid-13th and 14th centuries. Influences from earlier inhabitants of the area and neighbouring kingdoms were overlaid with Theravada Buddhist ideas from Sinhalese culture to create a unique style that is recognized today as 'classic' Thai art. Beautiful remains of this period can be visited as Sukhothai, Si Satchanalai to the north and Kamphaeng Phet to the southwest. Lotus-bud spires, delicate stucco decoration, pillared foundations, huge Buddha images encased in niches and secluded forest monasteries atop surrounding hills testify to the original expression of Sukhothai artisans.]

Thailand and the Netherlands A Friendship of Four Centuries and More
Bangkok : National Museum Bangkok, The Fine Arts Department, Ministry of Culture, 2002
52 p. : ill. ; 29 cm.
\$ 15.00

[Contents :
Chapter 1 : The Long Voyage
Chapter 2 : Deepen the root of the relationship
Chapter 3 : In the midst of storms
Chapter 4 : The relationships of the two dynasties

Chapter 5 : Friendship and cooperation from the present and the future.]

Proceedings of the International Symposium : 'Crossroads of Thai and Dutch History' /
Edited by Dhiravat na Pombejra

Bangkok : SPAFA Regional Centre for Archaeology and Fine Arts, c2007

654 p. : 24 cm.

974-94940-1-6

\$ 90.00

[Contents:

Introudction

The Ayutthaya Period in Dutch Records

The Ratanakosin Period in Dutch Records

Thai-Dutch Relations in the 21st Century

Dutch memorials in Thailand

Beyond Thai-Dutch experiences

Congratulatory words

Participants

Photographic records.]

Linguistics

Thai for Intermediate Learners / Benjawan Poomsan Becker

Bangkok : Paiboon Poomsan Publishing, c1998

211 p. ; 21 cm.

Thai – English, Includes CD

1-887521-01-1

\$ 31.50

[Table of Contents:

Guide to Pronunciation

Lesson 1. Directions: Thai place names, public holidays; provinces

Lesson 2. More directions; Bangkok place names

Lesson 3. Using

Lesson 4. Using

Lesson 5. Using

Lesson 6. Using

Lesson 7. Thai Names; Food; desserts; English names used in Thai

Lesson 8. More about kinship terms; pronouns

Lesson 9. Using Particles

Lesson 10. The twelve year cycle; words from English

English Translation

Test Answers.]

Everyday Thai for Beginners / Wiworn Kesavatana-Dohrs

Thailand : Silkworm Books, c2007

ix, 258 p. ; 24 cm.

Includes Word Index with CD.

978-974-9575-97-0

\$ 29.50

[Everyday Thai for Beginners is a language textbook that lays the essential ground work for mastering authentic spoken Thai. The textbook provides an introduction to the

basics of communication using Central Thai vocabulary and idioms. Professor Wiworn Kesavanta-Dohrs has developed and perfected the methods and materials used in this volume over her many years of Thai language instruction at the University of Washington. The course book has proved effective in teaching university students, and it can be used more widely in a variety of teaching and learning contexts.]

Literature

Samsara / David Adams
Hong Kong : Orchid Press, c2007
419 p. ; 20 cm.
988-97764-0-5
978-988-97765-0-4
\$ 16.00

[Changing western values for far-off Thailand, Gunnar Ray plans to teach in the countryside and absorb the country's ancient wisdom. When monsoon rains rip into logged-over lands above his adopted village, catastrophe strikes. Gunnar's innocence is swept downstream along with hundreds of Thai lives. Spiritually adrift, he washes up in the offices of the Bangkok Times, a crusading reporter hell bent on derailing corrupt officials at war with the Thai environment.]

Thai For Advanced Readers / Benjawan Poomsan Becker
Bangkok : Paiboon Poomsan Publishing, c2000
208 p. ; 21 cm.
Thai / English, Includes CD
1-887421-03-8
\$ 18.00

Official Publications

Key Statistics of Thailand 2007
Thailand : National Statistical Office Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, 2007
199 p. ; 21 cm.
ISSN : 0857-9083
\$ 12.00

Thai Economic Indicators 2007
Thailand : Economic statistics Analyzing and Forecasting Group, 2007
xxxii, v. ; 26 cm.
974-11-2778-2
\$ 25.00

Thailand Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey – December 2005 – February 2006
Thailand : National Statistical Office, 2006
v. ; ill. ; 30 cm.
978-974-11-2816-7
\$ 25.00

[Contents :
1. Introduction
2. Sample and Survey Methodology

3. Sample Coverage and the Characteristics of Household and Respondents
4. Results.]

Statistical Yearbook Thailand 2007 with CD

Bangkok : National Statistical Office, Ministry of Information and Communication
Technology, 2007

592 p.; ill. ; 26cm.

Includes CD ROM

ISSN : 1906-005X

\$ 90.00

Thailand : Social Indicators 2007

Bangkok : National Statistical Office Ministry of Information and Communication
Technology, 2007

204 p.; 26cm.

ISSN : 1905-9000

\$ 25.00

Performing Arts

Khon : Thai Masked Dance /Sala Chalermkrung

Bangkok : The Crown Property Bureau, c2006

151 p. ; ill. ; 20cm.

978-974-8259-12-9

\$ 30.00

[Contents:

Preface

The Heritage

The Story

The Production

Behind the Scenes

The Theatre

Editor's Note.]

Narai Avatara : Performing the Thai Ramayana In the Modern World / Naraphong
Charassri

Bangkok : Naraphong Charassri, c2007

vi, 239 p. : ill. ; 30 cm.

978-974-9898-48-2

\$ 90.00

[This book is provides a record, with photographs and analysis, of the creative process: Broader artistic and historical background to the Narai Avatara project. Reinterpreting Thai traditional dance for the modern community, Ramayana story, Dance composition, Sound, Costume, Set Design, Lighting & Effects, the Development and the Performance. Which brought about Narai Avatara, a new interpretation of episodes from the Thai Ramakien (Ramayana), linking Thailand's artistic heritage to the 21st century.

Here, we will see how this modern performance developed from Ramakien text of King Rama the 1st (1782-1809) became a work which combines various, highly appealing styles and delivers a captivating work which demonstrates how timeless relevant the traditional text is.]

Arts of the Kingdom

Thailand : The Support Training Center at Chitralada Villa, 2007

271 p. : ill. ; 30 cm.

\$ 90.00

[This book, "Arts of the Kingdom", collates the best that the Support Foundation has to offer in dozens of handicrafts, each an indicator of the height of cultural civilization. In the future, this will become an important source of reference on the country's art history, reflecting a true golden era of Thai arts and crafts.]

Politics

Culture and Electoral Politics in Southern Thailand : Election Campaigning, group formation and the symbolic construction of political allegiances in Songkhla province / Marc Askew

Nonthaburi : King Prajadhipok's Institute, c2006

256 p. ; 21 cm.

974-449-246-5

\$ 40.00

[Contents:

Chapter 1. Introduction

Chapter 2. Culture, Politics, and the uses of "Political Culture"

Chapter 3. Remarks on Approach and Method

Chapter 4. Songkhla in the Regional and Political Landscape

Chapter 5. The By-election: Defending the Democrat Heartland

Chapter 6. Local Politics goes National A Convergence of Spheres

Chapter 7. The 2005 National Elections(1) Contested Images, competing loyalties

Chapter 8. The 2005 National Elections (2): Alliances and Persuasions: Hua Khanaen and vote-buying

Chapter 9. The 2005 National Elections (3); Interpreting Victory and Defeat

Chapter 10. Conclusion: Anatomy of the Democrat Ascendancy

References.]

Religion – Buddhism

Walking on the Path of The Buddha (History, Scripture, and Archeology: A Brief Study Regarding Some Ancient Buddhist Sites / Phramaha Thanat Inthisan

Thailand : S.N, 2007

160 p. ; ill. ; 21 cm.

978-974-7187-59-5

\$ 15.00

[This book stems from a decade-long interest on the part of the author in ancient sites in Nepal and India associated with the life of the Buddha. The occasion for its publication is a threefold 2007 C.E. celebration: first, the fifty-year anniversary of the Wat Thai Buddhagaya, secondly, a commemoration of the longevity of Buddhism, first taught by the Master Gautama two thousand five hundred fifty years ago, and, thirdly, the occasion of the eightieth birthday of His Royal Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.]

The Transforming Spiritual Landscape: Buddhist-Christian Encounters / Edited by Ronald Y.Nakasone

California : Dharma Cloud Publishers, 2005

x, 213 p. ; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

0-9623086-6-8

\$ 10.00

Mongolian Buddhism : The Rise and Fall of the Sangha / Michael K.Jerryson

Bangkok : Silkworm Books, c2007

240 p. ; 21 cm.

Includes Bibliography and Index.

978-974-9511-26-8

\$ 29.50

[Mongolian Buddhism: The Rise and Fall of the Sangha is the first book to explore the development of Mongolia's state religion, from its formation in the thirteenth century around the time of Chinggis Qaan (Genghis Khan) until its demise in the twentieth century under the Soviet Union. The focal point is the religious genocide in Mongolia during its years as a soviet satellite under the iron fist of Joseph Stalin.

The significance of this massacre goes well beyond the confines of religion. Until its downfall, Mongolian Buddhism has served as a scientific, political, and medical resource for the Mongolian people. During the 1930s, Mongolian Buddhist monasticism, the caretaker of these resources, was methodically and systematically demolished. Lamas were forced to apostatize, and either enslaved or executed. Now, after the fall of the Soviet Union, Mongolian Buddhism has reemerged in a country that has yet to fully confront its bloody past.]

Disadhamma : Mankind's pathway Dhamma / Buddhadasa Bhikkhu

Thailand : Wat Tung Pai Meditation Centre, 2007

122 p. ; 20 cm.

978-974-7628-73-9

\$ 12.00

[In this book Disadhamma, the author describes how a householder can grow the Buddha nature within himself or herself and finally attain nibbana without first becoming a monastic. The author elaborates on the main concept: Properly venerating the disas, namely, people in all directions around the practitioner.]

Sociology

TB Policy in Thailand : A Civil Society Perspective

New York : Open Society Institute, c2006

v. ; 24 cm.

1-891385-55-0

978-1-891385-55-1

\$ 30.00

Journal of Social Science : Vol. 36, No.2. July-December 2005

Bangkok : Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, 2005

227 p. ; 21 cm.

\$ 10.00 Per Issue

[Contents:

Why Policy falls... are we tossing coin into garbage can... or are we not being able to bridge the gap between policy and practice? / Tavid Kamolvej

Export-led Industrializaion and Gender linequity in East Asia : A Comparative Analysis of South Korea and Thailand / Omsaran Manuamorn

Terrorism in Thailand in the Post-Cold War Era: An Enduring Armed Separatism / Wuttkorn Chuwattananurak

From U.S.Humanitarian Intervention to Preemptive War and the UN / Prapee Apichatsakol

The Modern Police State of the Government to Thaksin 2001-2006 / Chanchai Chitlaoarporn

Agenda Setting and Policy Formulation: A Case of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards Policy in Thailand / Nppadol Udomwisawakul

Plato and Nietzsche: On Good and Bad Political Regimes / Pisarm Mukdaratsami

A Comparative Study of Representative and Alternative Democracies on Power and Interest / Chotisa Counsnit]

Thailand Public Health 2007-2008 : (Highlight and analysis of Thailand's health statistics)

9th Edition

Nonthaburi : Alpha Research Co., Ltd., 2007

516 p. ; ill. ; 29 cm.

978-974-7216-62-2

1. Public Health -- Thailand

\$ 75.00

Section 2 is the main part of this book. It presents health statistics which have been thoroughly updated. New statistics for this editions are number of visits of out-patients and number of technical nurses. Number of physicians by area of specialization have also been substantially expanded to cover all areas.

Section 3 provides information of each of Thailand's 76 provinces. Page 1 of each province is taken from our other publication, Thailand in Figures. New statistics for page 2 are the number of technical nurses.]
