
Passage 2

Chiangklang Interesting Place

All people in my hometown are nice, kind and helpful because of we are Buddhists. We believe and follow in the Buddha's teachings. So one way we should do is taking care of Buddha image like a temple. It is the important thing for Buddhists.

There are three places worth visiting in Chiangklang. The first one is Wat Nong Daeang. It is situated at Ban Nong Deang in Chiangklang district. It was constructed in 1787 by Tai Lue and Thai Phuan people. The main Buddha image was built by Kruba Sittikarn. Its Viharn was built with the traditional Tai Lue architecture. Within the compound of the temple, there is a large shady terrace. The Chofa, gable with is the last part placed on the top's roof, engraved into the shape of Nokhastsadeeling (a mythical bird). The Tai Lue believe that it is a high-ranked animal from heaven. The main Buddha image is seated on Chukkachi base. It is decorated with a stucco Naga rolling itself around the Buddha image. It is believed that the Naga is a symbol of gracefulness, goodness and protector of Buddhism. Wat Nong Deang opens daily.

The second place is Wat Phra That Don Keaw. It is one the oldest temples in Chiangklang. It was established in 1929 in Pra That sub district. Every year people in Chiangklang organize a festival to pay respect to Phra That. Many people come to celebrate with happiness.

The last one is not a temple but also important. It is Shrine. The believe in the supernatural power of unseen and unproven phenomena is in the Thai blood. Even though most Thais are followed of Buddhism, Thai people are also pay respect to icons and symbolic figures of holy spirits.

This faith plays a great role of the daily life of Thai people in Chiangklang. Phayamai Shrine is one of those places of belief. Phayamai Shrine is located in Ban Sobkorn. Its original name of "Chao Poh Dong Khong" because the locates believe that the god protects Dong Khong and Sobkorn people. Phayamai Shrine is a place of worship that local people come to respect. The people bring food together with fresh flowers, joss sticks and candles. Believers feel that this shrine uplifts the spiritual strength. If anyone feels that luck is not on his/her side and wants to overcome his/her difficulty or has

a great need for something, they will pray to the shrine to fulfill their wishes. In compound of this area there is “BO Nam Tip Phayamai” (magic pond). This water serves as drinking water for Chiangklang locals. Apart from that there are a fish conservative area and a public park for visitors. This area is a beautiful scene for relaxation.



Word	Part of Speech	Meaning
architecture	n.	สถาปัตยกรรม
Terrace	n.	ระเบียง
engraved	vt.	แกะ, สลัก, จารึก
Gable	n.	ส่วนหน้าหรือข้างของบ้านหรือหลังคาที่ยื่นออกมาเป็นรูปหน้าจั่ว
gracefulness	adj.	สวยงาม, งดงาม
Shrine	n.	แท่นบูชา, หิ้งบูชา, ศาลเจ้า,
unproven	adj.	พิสูจน์ไม่ได้
phenomena	n.	ปรากฏการณ์, ข้อเท็จจริง
symbolic	adj.	เป็นสัญลักษณ์, เป็นเครื่องหมาย
worship	n.	การบูชา, การสักการะ
joss sticks	n.	ธูป
Uplifts	vt.,vi.	ยกสูงขึ้น, ทำให้สูงขึ้น
spiritual	adj.	เกี่ยวกับจิตวิญญาณ
overcome	v.	มีชัย, เอาชนะ, พิชิต
compound	n.	บริเวณบ้าน, บริเวณล้อมรั้ว

Vocabulary	Meaning
Tai Lue	ไทยลื้อ
Thai Phuan	ไทพวน
Viharn	วิหาร
Chofa	ช่อฟ้า
Nokhastsadeeling	นกหัสดีลิงค์
Chukkachi	ชุกชี
Naga	นาค
Phayamai	พญาไมย
Chao Poh Dong Khong	เจ้าพ่อคงมั่ง

Exercise 2A: (10pts)

Direction: Read the sentences and choose the answer from the box below.



- _____ 1. Who built the main Buddha image in Wat Nong Daeng?
- _____ 2. It represents the traditional Tai Lue architecture.
- _____ 3. This is one of the oldest temples in Chiangklang
and was established in 1929.
- _____ 4. This is where you can find Phayamai Shrine.
- _____ 5. This temple was constructed in 1787.
- _____ 6. It is the original name of Phayamai Shrine.
- _____ 7. The Wat Nong Daeng was constructed by Tai Lue and _____.
- _____ 8. Believing in Buddha's rule is taking care of Buddha image as a?
- _____ 9. It is believed as the symbol of gracefulness and goodness.
- _____ 10. It is where the main Buddha in Wat Nong Daeng is seated.

Exercise 2B: (5pts)

Direction: Match the picture with the word given.

_____ a. Chofa

_____ b. Chukkachi

_____ c. Naga

_____ d. Chao Poh Dong Khong

_____ e. BO Nam Tip Phayamai

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