


# BMA Educational & Cultural Development

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**Thailand**  
Location : Southeast Asia  
Capital : Bangkok



*Bangkok is divided into  
50 Districts*

## FACTS & FIGURES OF BANGKOK

- 1,600 square kilometers in area
- 2.1 million houses and buildings
- 10 million of daytime populations
- Hub of local business and international trade and tourism
- One of the most busiest cities in Asia





## BANGKOK METROPOLITAN ADMINISTRATION (BMA)

- BMA is a local government established by law with responsibility of overseeing the management of Bangkok city
- BMA has 44 compulsory responsibilities as assigned by laws concerning well-being of people and orderliness of the city
- BMA has more than 85,000 officials
- BMA has more than 600 affiliated offices
  - 17 Departments
  - 50 District offices
  - 435 Schools
  - 9 Hospitals and 65 Health centers

## BMA Educational & Cultural Development

- One of BMA newly developing projects towards quality of Bangkok people life improvement
- BMA Library and home of book are one of the means of creating the strong communities to organize various types of activities that bring or persuade youth and their families to spend their quality time together

## Objectives

- To be the center of learning and researching
- To be the center of every kind of information service
- To support educational and cultural public activities in order to develop quality of Bangkok people life
- To promote the reading habit in free time and lifelong learning by reading books

## Library service

- New books exhibition zone and search services
- Borrowing and returning books, CD, DVD zone
- Academic zone : research in general
- IT & internet service and entertainment zone
- Children and Juvenal zone : books for children, juveniles and activity area for kids
- Magazines, newspaper and beverage corner

## Privileges for Library's members

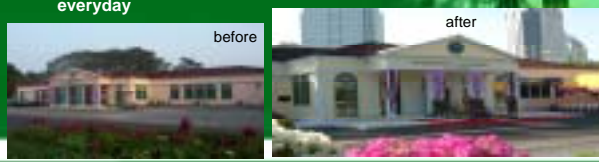
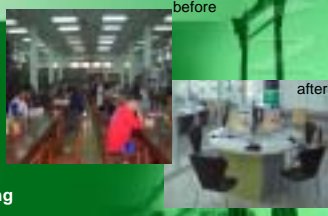
Members can use internet service without any charges and can attend every cultural activities of library such as Reading Lover Camp, historical sightseeing and using other facilities free of charge

## 3 kinds of new innovation of reading and learning center

1. Lumpini Discovery Learning Library
2. Soi Pranang Discovery Learning Library
3. Home of Book

## Lumpini Discovery Learning Library

- Started from 24 June 1956
- The first library in Bangkok
- Renovated and reopen to be discovery learning library in 2006
- 1,000 – 1,500 people visiting everyday



## Soi Pranang Discovery Learning Library

- Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn presided over Soi Pranang Discovery Learning Library on 13 March 2007



- It located in the central commercial area of Bangkok : The Victory Monument



## Home of Book

- The latest innovation of community libraries : inspired by the Japanese house
- Made from 2 container boxes in I and L shape with size of approximately 3.00 x 6.00 meters surrounded by a nice and beautiful garden
- Quite innovative and practical : easy to moved and constructed
- The decoration was set to be a home style, warm and relaxed



## Cultural Activities for Children

- The librarian creates games, art & craft and other activities for children
- Children enjoy playing games and participating activities every weekend at "Home of Book"



*Thank you  
Sawasdee ka*

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