

## Silpakorn University

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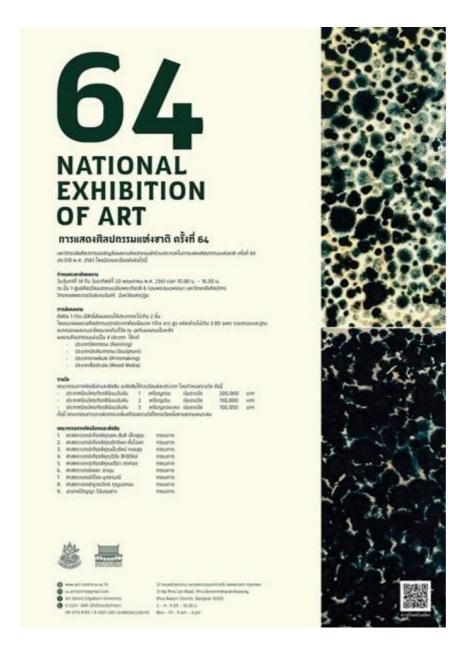
Silpakorn University (est. 1943) is the rst art university in Thailand. In 1943, the university was evaluated from the School of Fine Art into a university by the order of Prime Minister Plaek Phibunsongkhram (1897-1964) From 1940s onward; it was a breeding ground for Modern Art in Thailand. The university has been an organizer of the National Exhibition of Art (1949-Ongoing), the rst art competition in the nation. Another notable historical moment was an establishment of Thai Art department in 1976 led by Chalood Nimsamer (1929-2015) which attempted to combine traditional and modern artistic practice together. Despite describing itself as a creative university, Silpakorn University remains a strong defender of Traditionalism and Modernism, with an emphasis on skill over idea. The National Exhibition of Art played a significant role in designating the direction of artistic practice during the modernism period. The school continues to promote rural romanticism as a part of nationalist ideology.



A view of Silpakorn University, 2020



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Poster of "the 64th National Exhibition of Art"

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