



Slum

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กวนะ คลองเตย (Klong Toey) - 19TYGER x H3NRI (Official Video)

“Slums are brimming with love and hope.” So sings 19TYGER, a rapper barely out of his teens from Khlong Toei, one of the biggest slum districts in Bangkok, Thailand.

แสงสลัม (SLUM LIGHT) - 19TYGER x H3NRI (official video)

Khlong Toei has some of the most important ports in Bangkok. Large amounts of illegal drugs are brought into this riverside district from foreign countries via the Chao Phraya River. In earlier times, migrant construction workers used to live in this area in groups, like homeless people. 19TYGER himself is of mixed Thai and African descent and was discriminated for having skin tone that was darker than the average Thai. Brought up in a complicated family environment, the young rapper was forced to live with relatives in Khlong Toei. 19TYGER recalls that he witnessed many bad things occurring around him since he was a child but also says that this was his way of learning life. In reality, skin tone largely affects one’s status in the class society of Thailand, and that in itself, he says, is one of the reasons why he makes music. 19TYGER, who says that Khlong Toei is “a place where everyone can be happy, not through money and wealth, but by making friends and building communities” is a revolutionary who has changed the values of Khlong Toei through hip hop music.

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