

## Preface

This volume on “The Chinatowns of Bangkok and Migration Dynamics: From the Era of Junks to High-speed Rail Sky Train” is an expansion of a 1999 publication about the Chinese community in Thailand, produced by the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) of Chulalongkorn University called “Sampheng: History of Chinese Communities in Bangkok” (Supang Chantavanich, authors), and the book called “Sampheng: Bangkok Chinatown Inside Out” (Edward Van Roy, author) in 2006.

Those two books generated considerable interests, given the continued expansion of ethnic Chinese communities in Bangkok and the influx of Chinese tourists to Thailand, The editors felt that an update was needed, and produce a new volume in Thai, Chinese, and English.

This volume helps show the continued expansion and context of the Chinese diaspora community in Thailand. Production of this publication received the support of the ASEAN Studies Center of Chulalongkorn University and Khun Samreung Manunphon.

In order to make this new edition interesting and new, the editors invited Khun Thiawwat Pattaragulawanit to make water color illustrations of the communities of interest, and use them as the cover image and interspersed throughout the volume. The editors would like to thank Khun Thiawwat for his wonderfully creative interpretations that make this volume more interesting and distinctive.

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The authors sincerely hopes that this volume on “ The Chinatowns of Bangkok and Migration Dynamics: From the Era of Junks to the High-speed Train” is of benefit and interest to the local Chinese community, the Thai people of Chinese descent, and Chinese people in Bangkok -- both Thai nationals and non-Thais.

The authors truly hope that this volume will help promote and enrich the understanding of migration dynamics and tourism in Bangkok and Thailand.

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