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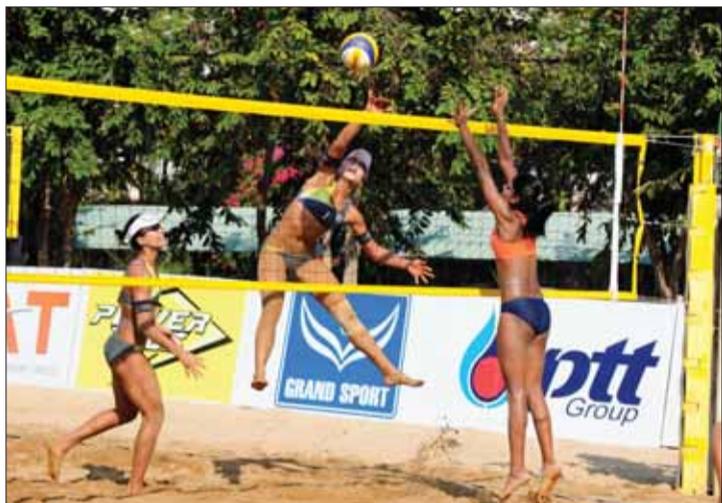
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Games move ahead on all fronts



Malaysia blocks the ball against Thailand's women.



Thailand (in blue) and Laos (in red) both go for the ball in sepak takraw.



Vietnam took 4 out of 5 gold medals in taekwondo yesterday.



Men's volleyball matches continue at Maejo University with the men's finals scheduled for the 22nd.



Malaysia goes for the basket in the game against Laos.

The 15th AUG moved ahead yesterday with nearly every sport playing and one of the highlights of the day the women's basketball match be-

tween Malaysia and Laos. Laos played a tough game and performed well, despite their smaller stature they held their own for a good portion of the game. Al-

though they lost in the end the match reminded us all that despite our differences and the competition, the motto of the games rings true, "We Are One."

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Faces of the Games



Chairat Sripetchdee, the Chairman of the Swimming Organizing Committee noted that the first day of swimming was on December 18 and that while it was a bit difficult at first, "After that the organization improved and its now about 80 percent perfect. A few problems concerning the system and ceremonies, such as the medal reception. In general, however the arrangement for the swimming competition is ok. The first one to win a gold for swimming was a Chiang Mai born girl studying Medicine. She studied hard and practiced hard and aimed to win. She has brought a lot of pride to us."



Pornrat Rupsung - table tennis Thailand, gold medal winner for the women's team on December 18 said, "If we intend to do something and do our best, we will succeed, we tried and tried and then we succeeded and won the gold medal."



Panchalee Phakoetsuk -swimming Thailand, as the winner of the first gold medal in swimming said, "I feel proud and happy to win the first gold medal for the Thai swimming team. I have practiced hard and today I did my best and proved a success. Thank you every one who cheered me on."



Nunmanut Chatchisiri and Angkana Netrviseh- bowling Thailand, after winning the silver medal in women's doubles on December 18, Nunmanut, singles gold medal winner said she could not play well but that her teammate Angkana played quite well so they could win the silver. "Actually we had a chance to grab the gold but we missed in the later games. However, we are also proud of the silver medal."



Jerusha Chan Poe Yin and Tengku Emanina Laily Tengku Zahri - bowling Malaysia- winners of the Gold women's doubles for bowling said after winning the gold medal on December 18, "We feel glad that we gained the gold medal today. Although it was not good games in the beginning, we still have luck as we have practiced together for many months, and took a long time with the training staff and coach."



Oh Shao Jing Kristel and Ng Su Yi Geraldine - bowling Singapore - after winning the bronze in women's doubles said they still were proud of receiving the bronze, "We missed the Gold medals, and the problem we have is to control the ball and to throw the ball. Sometimes, we could not control and throw as we wanted we will do our best next time and the next competition."

Mr. Hartadi Nurtrjojo - the coach of swimming team from Indonesia, said on December 18 that he felt happy and congratulated the Indonesian swimmers that could win 6 gold medals. "After the Asian games in Guangzhou Games in China they came here for the AUG and proved they could do well. They have practiced seriously and aggressively. The cool Chiang Mai weather has affected the swimmers a bit."



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Photo By Thirarat Phutthawong, Wongsakorn Nakngoan, Kobkan Sampao, Puriwat Boonak

Basketball moves on to the next round



Thai women go for the basket against the Indonesians.

Yesterday's action saw the first match of the day between the Malaysian women and Laos with Laos opening strongly despite their smaller size. They were ahead 22-15 in the first quarter but Malaysia fought back and finished the half leading 42-40 in a close fought quarter. The third quarter saw Malaysia still leading 64-56 and in the last quarter Malaysia beat Laos 90-68. Number 7 of Malaysia, Miss Wong,

was the woman of the match making the highest number of points. Laos did not qualify to move on.

The second match saw the men take to the court, with Laos and Malaysia again battling it out. Malaysia won the game 100 -73. The next match saw Thai women meet Indonesia where the Thais won 68-41 to move on to the next round.

Story and Photo by Pharunyoo Deekaew



Sepak Takraw action continues as Thailand wins gold



Thailand took the gold in the Men's Doubles.

Men's Doubles Sepak Takraw saw the first match between Indonesia and Malaysia with Malaysia leading decisively in the first set but Indonesia fought back to a draw, the third set was a close fought affair but Malaysia took the match 2 sets to 1. Next up was Thailand and

Myanmar where Thailand won by 2 sets. The third match saw Laos meet Malaysia with Malaysia taking the match 2 sets to 1 in another tight game.

Myanmar beat Indonesia in three set 2-1, while Thailand beat Laos 2-1. Thailand and Laos moved on to

the next round while Indonesia and Myanmar didn't qualify to move on.

Thailand played Laos with Thailand beating Laos to win 2-0 with Thailand taking the gold medal in Men's Doubles.

*Story by Kansinee Sithichottipong
Photos by Natee Thaowiboon*

Bowlers hit the lanes

UFO Bowl once again saw bowlers hit the lanes, yesterday saw 2 categories competing today.

5 countries participated yesterday with 16 teams; Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and the Philippines, 10 teams for the men and 8 teams for the women.

Men's Team Trios saw Malaysia win the gold and bronze while Thailand took the silver. The women's Team Trios the gold went to Thailand, silver and bronze to Malaysia.

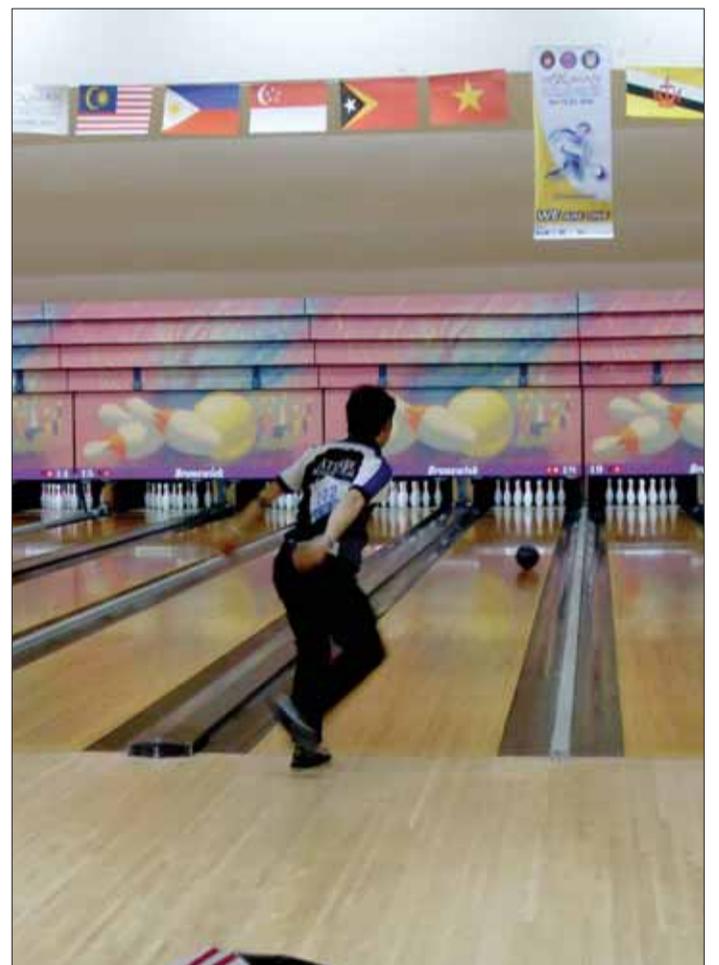
Men's individual all events saw Mohammed Noer Zul Qhimie Said, the silver to Muhammad Syafiq Ridhwan Abdul Malek, both of Malaysia and the bronze to Annop Arrosaranon of Thailand.

Women's Individual All Events saw Miss Angkana Netviseth of Thailand, silver to Lailay Tengku Zahri and bronze to Jerusha Poe Yin Chan, both of Malaysia.

Malaysia grabbed 2 golds, 2 silver, and 4 bronze while Thailand won 2 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze.

Story and Photo by Sarunya Wongprachun

Bowling action continued at the UFO Bowl yesterday with Malaysia taking 2 gold medals.



Beach volleyball preliminary rounds at CMU



Laos Team 2 lost to Indonesia Team 1 in Group A.

Men's doubles beach volleyballers hit the sand yesterday morning at Chiang Mai University with the first match in Group B between Indonesia Team 2 and Malaysia Team 2 with the Indonesians taking the match in two sets.

The second match of Group B saw Laos Team 1 beating Singapore easily in two sets. Group A saw Laos Team 2 lose to Indonesia Team 1 in two sets. The final match of

the morning for the men saw Thailand Team 2 take Timor Leste in two hard fought sets.

The women took to the sand next with Malaysia Team 2 losing to Thailand Team 1 in Group Y while Malaysia Team 1 beat Singapore Team 1 in two sets and in Group X Thailand Team 2 took on Indonesia to win in two sets.

Story by Nuttaporn Inkeaw

Photo by Rangsiman Sittipong

Tennis prelims at 700 Year Sports Complex

Tennis held its preliminary rounds at the 700 Year Sports Complex yesterday for men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles. The competition started with the men's singles category seeing Thailand's Gittiboon Prahmanee beat Ong Jian Xian Richie of Singapore in two sets.

Achiraya Sriprom of Thailand beat Lalli Rachmaeati of Indonesia in women's singles in two sets while Khiang Nyein Thar of Myanmar beat Lee Cynthia Miao Song of Singapore in two sets.

The men's doubles category saw

Thailand's men's doubles team take on the Singaporeans in two different matches and take both in straight sets.

Thailand's women's doubles team beat the Singaporeans easily 6-0, 6-0 while Thailand's mixed doubles beat the Singaporeans in two sets. Thailand's next mixed doubles team also took on the Singaporeans to win in two sets while the last mixed doubles match between Thailand and Indonesia saw the Indonesians take the win.

Story & Photo by Romtham Srisukho



Lalli Rachmawati and Seno Harono Suwandi of Indonesia in the mixed doubles match played yesterday at the 700 Year Sports Complex.

Indonesia and Thailand move to the final round in futsal



Thailand wins easily over Brunei in futsal.

Current champions Thailand beat Brunei 15-0 to enter the final round. Indonesia beat Malaysia to meet Thailand in the final round while Malaysia will go for the bronze against Brunei.

The semi-final round was at the 700 Years Sports Complex; the first match was between Malaysia and Indonesia. Malaysia got the leading goal in the 6th minute, Indonesia equalized in the 13th minute. The second half saw Indonesia gain two goals in the 31st and 32nd minute. Malaysia man-

aged to get another goal however, Indonesia scored the victory goal to win 4-2.

Thailand walked over Brunei in a one sided game that saw Thailand gain 8 goals in the first half and the next 7 goals made in the second half. Saw Thailand won 15-0 to meet with Indonesia in the next round.

The final will be on December 22 at the 700 Year Sports Complex at 3 p.m. while Brunei and Malaysia will vie for the bronze at 1 p.m.

Story and Photo by Waranyoo Sornnoi

Table tennis singles moves on to the next round



The table tennis action was hot as players moved on to the next round.

Table tennis saw the singles yesterday, where 8 men and women competed in the quarter finals round at the gymnasium at Chiang Mai University.

Vietnam's Tran Tuan Quynh won 4-0 over Malaysia's Poonsoon Cheong while Thet Ko Ko Latt of Malaysia lost to Chanasamone Khunladsuvannavong of Laos and Tran Huy Bao of Vietnam beat Mohd Airul Hafis Zulkifli of Malaysia 4-2. Jia Ren Jason Ho also went on by beating

Thailand's Nikom Wongsiri.

The women's singles saw Lusong Thi Tam of Vietnam beat Yi Shi Lee of Singapore 4-nil and Ang Shaw Bing of Malaysia lose to Pham Thi Thien Kim of Vietnam. Usanee Taveesat of Thailand beat Thiphakone Southammavong of Laos 4-2 and Sengdavanh Duangpanya of Laos beat Pornrat Rupsung of Thailand to move on to the next round.

Story and Photos by Puriwat Boonnak

More volleyball at Maejo



Laos played a hard game to go on to the gold medal round on the 22nd.

Volleyball started 2 p. m. at the Chalerm Prakiart Sports Center, Maejo University with the Thai women taking on the Malaysians and winning the game in three sets.

The next match was between the Malaysian and Laos men. The game was hard fought and went to three sets with Laos winning 2 sets to 1 to go to the final round. Thailand played the last match of the day

against Myanmar in another hard won game 2 sets to 1 to go to the final round against Laos.

Tomorrow will see the final round for the women, with Thailand and Malaysia contending for the gold at 4 p.m. The men's final on December 22 will see Laos will playing Thailand.

Story by Krittikon Kanchaiya

Photos by Attitaya Kanjanatharn

Taekwondo sees Vietnam grab 4 gold medals



Vietnam took 4 out 5 gold medals in taekwondo yesterday.

Vietnam won four of the five gold medals up for grabs yesterday in the opening day at the North Chiang Mai University Gymnasium in Individual Poomsae male, Nguyen Dinh Toan took the gold who beat Naravich Rujirarotchanakorn of Thailand. Team Poomsae male went to Thailand for their only gold of the day in taekwondo.

Individual Poomsae female went to Nguyen Minh Tu, beating Thailand's Sarisa Amnuaychai. Team Poomsae female went to Vietnam. The mixed doubles Poomsae also went to Vietnam who beat Thailand.

Story by Jiraubol Supawan

Photo by Jaturawit Decha

Malaysia excels in swimming



Malaysia took the most gold medals in swimming yesterday.

Malaysia grabbed two golds in the pool yesterday morning in both the men's and women's freestyle 800 meters category. Kevin Yeap Soon Choy earned his gold with a time of 8:38:80 minutes while Khoo Cailin completed the 800m freestyle in 9:32:87 minutes.

Mr. Arnoczy Kasadewa Pratama Siahaan from Indonesia took the silver for the Men's 800m freestyle and Golatat Kungborimas of Thailand took the bronze. Thai women took second and third in the 800 m freestyle with Thanyalak Tasa winning silver and Kittawan Ponwiwat the bronze.

In the afternoon, Malaysian swimmers earned 5 gold medals in both men and women's categories while Indonesia took 3.

The first event was Men's Individual Medley 200 m where Muhammad Akbar Nasution and Mochamad Idham Dasuki of Indonesia took first and second in 02.08.34 and 02.11.35 respectively, while, the third place went to Johansen Benedict Aguilar of Philippines with the time of 02.13.41

The Women's Individual Medley 200 m, saw Malaysia's Khoo Cai Lin take the Gold medal in 02.27.65 minutes, followed by two Thais receiving the silver and bronze; Wanika Kaewchaiwong and Panchalee Phakoetsuk.

Men's Breaststroke 50meters saw Nicko Biondi Ricardo took the gold in 28.89 seconds while Billy Arfianto took the silver,

both from Indonesia. Bronze went Yap See Tuan from Malaysia.

Women's Breaststroke 50 m gold went to Leung Chii Lin of Malaysia who recorded a time of 34.34 seconds while silver and bronze went to Thailand's Phantira Sarikarn and Panward Jitpairroj.

Men's Freestyle 200m saw Daniel William Henry Bego of Malaysia take yet another gold in 1:54:88 minutes while the silver went to Triadi Fauzi Sidik of Indonesia and Kevin Yeap Soon of Malaysia took the bronze.

Women's Freestyle 200m gold went to Khoo Cai Lin of Malaysia while Enny Susilawati Margono of Indonesia took the silver and the bronze went to Kathriana Mella Gustianjani of Indonesia.

The Men's Freestyle 200m relay saw Indonesia take the gold in 7:52:70 while the silver went to Malaysia and the bronze to Thailand.

Women's relay 200m saw the gold won by Malaysia in 8:53:50 minutes, Thailand took the silver and the bronze went to Indonesia.

Malaysia took the most golds with a total of 7, one silver and 2 bronze while second place went to Indonesia with 3 golds, 5 silver and 1 bronze, Thailand came in third with 4 silver medals and 4 bronze medals. The Philippines took 1 bronze medal.

Story by Narathip Saepua

Photos by Ketjongkon Poonlou

Golfers take to the course

Golfers met out at Maejo Golf Club yesterday and Thailand was in top form leading on the first day for 3 players.

The Thai ladies led the Singaporeans and Malaysians by 8 strokes. The Thai men's team came from behind to lead by 5 strokes followed by Malaysians and Singaporeans.

The women's single match was led by Thailand's Aunchisa Utama, second went to Low Si Xuan of Singapore and third to Saraporn Chamchoi of Thailand. The men's singles was led by Mohd Noor Hakimi Che Ya by one stroke followed by Thailand's Kevin Techakanokboon and Woraphon Numer.

Thailand led the first day with three out of four players.

Story by Onpicha Boonnarong

Photo by Kantapon Chuasuwan

Thailand's men came in second and third on the day's individual games.



Pencak silat fighters take to the mat



Malaysia beat Thailand 4-1 in Pencak Silat.

Pencak Silat started yesterday at Payap University Gymnasium for the preliminary rounds. Altogether 17 matches were fought and Vietnam took nearly all of the matches in the preliminary rounds. Vietnam's coach was quite

satisfied with the result saying he had sent 9 teams to the event and passed to the final round for every class.

Story by: Sirorat Baiya

Photo by: Tippaporn Sukatipan

Badminton play continues



Indonesian player goes for the shuttlecock during the preliminary rounds.

The preliminary rounds for 11 different categories of badminton were held at Chiang Mai University yesterday morning with the morning seeing mixed doubles play first.

Malaysia passed on with a bye after a match with Singapore while Malaysia beat Thailand 2 sets to 1 and Singapore lost to Thailand in 2 sets. The final match saw Malaysia lose in 2 sets to Thailand.

The Women's singles matches were also played in the morning with Li En Colleen Goh of Singapore lose in two sets to Malaysia's Daphne Ng Chiew Yen. Chanida Julrattanamane of Thailand beat Julia Wong Pei Xian of Malaysia in two sets.

The men's singles began with Muhammad Aiman Husin of Malaysia and Pollawat Boonpan of Thailand with the Malaysian losing in two sets. Men's doubles saw Thailand lose to Indonesia in 3 sets while the women's doubles saw Indonesia beat off Malaysia in straight sets. The Malaysian team won again in three sets against Indonesia and the other Malaysian women Singapore in two sets.

The afternoon's matches started off with the Indonesia team beating the Malaysian team in 2 consecutive sets. While the second match between Malaysian mixed doubles resulted in a win in two sets over Singapore and the next match saw Thailand in top form over Indonesia in two sets.

The fourth match was between Indonesia and Thailand, Arima Serithamarau and Sermsin Wongyaprom of Thailand beat Indonesian's team Ayu Rahmasari and Hendra Mulyono in two sets to pass into the final round.

Women's singles were next for the qualifiers with Linda Wenifanetri from Indonesia taking

Pei Xuan Toh from Singapore easily in two sets. Thailand's Pawita Isriyanet also won in two sets over Daphne Ng Chiew yen. Siti Mastura Binte Rahim of Singapore lost to Chanida Julrattanamane of Thailand in two sets.

Indonesian Aprilia Yuswandari went on to the semi final round by beating Stephanie Shalini Sukumaran of Malaysia in straight sets.

The first match in the Men's Singles saw Thailand's Phinyawat Thongnuam defeat Singapore's Kah Hwee Jarrod Tan in two sets to pass on to the semi-final round. Singaporean Wen Bin Lionel Leow lost to Malaysian Loo Yik Xiang in straight sets while Pollawat Boonpan of Thailand beat Nugroho Andi Saputro of Indonesia in a close fought 2 sets to 1. Singaporean Jia Hao Law lost to Malaysian Halif Asro Ramzi Sulaiman in straight sets.

The women's doubles were up next with Indonesia taking on Singapore and winning in two sets. Thailand lost to Indonesia in three sets. Malaysia won easily over Singapore in two sets while Thailand beat Malaysia in two sets.

Men's doubles next took to the net with Thailand beating Indonesia 2-1. The second match saw Jia Hao Law and Wen Bin Lionel Leow from Singapore meet Sayed Hafezz Sayed Mohsin and Halif Aaro Ramzi Sulaiman from Malaysia. The Singapore players won both sets and passed through to the semi-final round.

Indonesian doubles won the next match by default while the final match saw Thailand win in two sets over Singapore.

Story by Mr. Raveewit Tanaratdej-anan, Ratchnok Laopraneechon

Photos by Napat Channual, Ratchnok Laopraneechon

What's cooking!

Today is the 6th day of the 15th AUG, and with three days more, the competition is still fierce. Indonesia has taken the highest number of gold medals so far but there are still 14 sports in contention.

Today's events begin at Maejo University where track and field continues with 11 gold medals being awarded. The events begin at 9:30 a.m. and run to 4:15 p.m. Preliminary rounds for swimming start in the morning with finals starting at 3 p.m and women's volleyball vies for the gold at 2 p.m.

Chiang Mai University sees gold medal rounds for table tennis in the mixed double's category at 7 p.m.

UFO Bowl sees Men's Master and Women's Master ten pin bowling gold medal rounds at 10 a.m.

North Chiang Mai University hosts the taekwondo competition for gold medals which starts at 5 p.m.

At the 700 Year's Sports Complex men's doubles and mixed doubles tennis will compete for the gold, at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. respectively.

Pencak Silat fighters compete for 6 gold medals at Payap University starting at 7 p.m.

Other sports continue their preliminary rounds and those interested may wish to go to Maejo University for Sepak Takraw at 9 a.m. and basketball at 700 Years Sports Complex at 10 a.m. Beach volleyball and badminton competition continues at Chiang Mai University starting at 10 a.m. and football restarts at Montfort College and Princes Royal College at 1 p.m. Golf takes place out at Maejo Golf Club and Resort at noon.

15th SEAN UNIVERSITY GAMES 2010 MEDAL STANDINGS

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Thailand	23	27	19	69
2	Indonesia	23	20	20	63
3	Malaysia	22	14	23	59
4	Vietnam	9	9	6	24
5	Singapore	1	2	10	13
6	Philippines	1	2	11	14
7	Laos	0	5	12	17
8	Myanmar	0	0	2	2
9	Timor-Leste	0	0	1	1
10	Brunei Darussalam	0	0	1	1
11	Cambodia	0	0	0	0
As of December 20, 2010 20:00 hr		79	79	105	263



Unique Lanna Events

Chiang Mai blooms with the Flower Festival



Floats decorated with flowers vie for prizes in the flower festival.

The Flower Festival is one of the highlights in Chiang Mai's very full festival calendar and is one of the premiere flower festivals in the world, ranking up there with the Japanese Sakura blooms and the Netherlands Tulips!



Flower decorations abound in the city during the Flower festival.

The city literally blooms with pots of flowers, plants and decorations covering the city every year in the first week of February, the next one is scheduled for the 4th of February, so if you want to enjoy the temperate climates and beautiful flowers, February is a great time to return to Chiang Mai!

All three days of the festival see shophouses and homeowners decorate their houses with blooms. The public flower beds are filled with chrysanthemums, damask roses, and many other kinds of blooms. The streets are awash in color and it becomes abundantly clear why Chiang Mai is called the "Rose of the North."

The displays at Suan Buak Haad City Park are amazing, with vendors bringing plants and flowers for sale as well as they competitors in various categories of plants and flowers. Here, only the best and most beautiful are on display

with flowers, miniature bonsai trees and orchids on display for the judges. Landscaping specialists showcase their skills with elaborate displays including waterfalls and exotic plants and flowers.

The final day sees the highlight of the Festival; the parade with floats decorated with sculptures of animals, temples, and even scenes from the Hindu story the Ramayana, all made out of flowers and plants. Pretty girls and hilltribes dancers handing out flowers to bystanders complete the parade. The parade starts from the train station along to Nawarat Bridge with the VIP viewing stand at the Governor's House just at Nawarat Bridge. The parade then wends its way down to Tha Pae Gate, turns along the moat and heads to Suan Buak Haad City Park.

No festival in Thailand is complete without a beauty contest and this is one of the prestigious ones as every woman would love to be called the Flower Queen! Miss Flower Festival is chosen and the party continues on into the evening with music, dancing, food and, of course, flowers!

By Shana Kongmun, Chiang Mai Mail



Orchids are one of many flowers and plants that vie in the competition at Suan Buak Haad Park.



Orchids are used for decorations in the floats as they are long lasting.



The Flower Festival Queen gets chosen after the parade.



Decorative displays are popular features of the Flower Festival.



The flower called Na Weua in Thai (translation cow face) or anthurium is a very beautiful flower that grows well in Chiang Mai's temperate climate.



Fragrant frangipani was named by HM the King as leelawadee.

Tiger Kingdom a day out



Baby tigers relax in their enclosures.

The Tiger Kingdom out in Mae Rim is another good reason to head North out of town.

This well presented establishment has good, friendly staff. As you enter you're in the main viewing area, where the tigers have a swimming area and visitors can enter the area and have their photos taken with the tigers. There is a gift store and restaura-



You can take your photo with an adult tiger if you are feeling brave!

tant as well and it is wheelchair friendly.

Prices vary depending on what experience you would like; there are baby tigers or much larger older animals to meet. There are a couple of cheeky Macaws housed just inside the entrance gate. You can wander around the grounds and view several different tigers; it's an easy walk as it's not a large area.

The pens and exercise areas are neat and tidy; you can get up close and personal, but still have the protection of a chain-wire fence. All the tigers look bright and healthy, obviously if you go at midday; they may be resting as all cats do.

The restaurant has great food and you can dine as you watch tigers play or tigers ignoring the brave visitors that get in there for that wanted shot of themselves with a tiger. I preferred to stay on the outside of the fence. I have no hesitation recommending Tiger Kingdom, I will go again. The Tiger Kingdom is easily found, Highway 107 past Mae Rim and follow the signs!

By Khun Choke



The grounds at the Tiger Kingdom are very relaxing.

Dara Pirom Palace Museum in Mae Rim



Dara Rarasmee was the Royal Consort of King Chulalongkorn and had the palace built in 1914.

Heading out Mae Rim way offers more opportunities for sightseeing and activities. In Mae Rim itself there is the absolutely stunning Dara Pirom Palace Museum. This beautiful colonial style building was originally built in 1914 by a former Royal Consort of King Chulalongkorn, Phra Ratchachaya Chao Dararasmee. King Chulalongkorn was the 5th monarch of the House of Chakri (King Bhumibol Adulyadej is the 9th) and reined from 1853 to 1910. Revered for his social and political reformations, Chulalongkorn Day is celebrated in his honor on the anniversary of his death, 23 October.

Phra Ratchachaya Chao Dararasmee was born in 1873; she was the 11th and youngest daughter of Phrachao Inthawichayanon, the 7th Lord of Chiang Mai. Reputed to be a beauty, she lived in Bangkok until HM the King's passing when she returned to Chiang Mai and built this lovely golden teak home encompassing Thai and Western features.

Princess Dararasmee as a major influence in developing Lanna handicrafts, a pride of Chiang Mai today. She founded an experimen-



The front of the Palace has a statue to Princess Dararasmee.

tal plantation named "Suan Jao Sabai" because of her interest in agriculture and wish to help the farmers of the North. She grew several new roses which she had received from English Rose Institute. Her favorite was a big pink rose which was later named "Chulalongkorn" in dedication to her husband. After her death in 1933 the home became the property of Chulalongkorn University and fell into disrepair. Renovated

in 1998, and made into a museum, this lovely old building features furniture and other pieces that belonged to the Princess as well as a room featuring Northern Thai textiles. Found inside the Dara Rasmee Border Patrol Police Camp in Mae Rim, the entrance is about 200 meters past the camp entrance. Open Tuesday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mae Rim is located 13 kilometers north of Chiang Mai.



A stamp in honor of the Chulalongkorn rose was issued in Thailand.

The beautiful old teak palace contains Lanna antiques.

