

# Preface

## President of Silpakorn University

In memorable of person worthy of esteem who created the virtues to the nation, it showed on gratefulness which noble person should be done. It is the virtues which brought auspicious to life and influence to the society sustainable.

Fua Hariphitak was the first generation of Praneed Silpakam School which established by Professor Silpa Bhirasri in 1933. He had faith in art. He performs arts without bribery. Once, he said to his students that "I ashamed to sell my works because all my works is my flesh and my blood." His strong determination helps him in achieving modern art which at that time are the most popular in Thailand.

Fortunately, he is not a person who takes benefits from his modern painting skills. He sacrifices his life and devotes himself in Thai mural preservation. He is the first person in Thailand who attempt to preserve and collect Thai mural paints that gradually disappear for next generation to studying.

By the virtues of Fua Hariphitak which are mentioned, he is not only a person worthy esteem in modern art and studying on ancient Thai art of Silpakorn University, but also a person worthy of esteem in modern artists and studying ancient Thai art of Thailand as well.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010 was resemble 100th birthday anniversary of Fua Hariphitak. Sathirakoses-Nagapradipa Foundation and Silpakorn University are proudly to present the virtues of Fua Hariphitak to make Thai people realize on the value of ancient Thai art which is a heritage of our ancient master that hand on from past to our generation. Wishing our and next generation to recognize and keep on Thai art value together with Thailand as long as well.

For this exhibition, in the name of Silpakorn University, I would like to thank you the government and private organizations whose kindly borrowing us Fua Hariphitak's art works to exhibit in this exhibition. This hospitality makes the exhibition noticeable and can be said that this is an outstanding history of Thai modern art.

In addition, Office of Contemporary Art, Ministry of Cultural has printing budget participate with the National budget of Silpakorn University. This help the project completely look graceful and worth a noble man named Fua Hariphitak.

The exhibition will hold on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010 to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Afterward, the exhibition will be rotated 10 places through State Universities and Private Art Gallery around Thailand.

On this important occasion of Silpakorn University, I would like to thank you Mr. Niphit Intharasombut, Minister of Ministry of Cultural to be a chairperson to opening this exhibition as greatly.

Silpakorn University felt to be honor to organizing the exhibition, and I believed that it will be the important part in awaken Thai people realizing on the values of contemporary Thai arts and the ancient Thai arts as intention of Fua Hariphitak from now on.



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