



Press Release

The Architectural Ensemble of Wang Na Exhibition

10 - 27 June, 2018

Studio, 4th floor, Bangkok Art and Culture Centre (BACC)

Opening reception: Saturday, 9th June, 2018, at 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm

The Fine Arts Department in collaboration with the Foundation of Mrigadayavan Palace under the patronage of H.R.H. Princess Bejaratana presents *The Architectural Ensemble of Wang Na*. The exhibition is derived from *The Study of the Front Palace (Wang Na): A Digital Revitalisation of the Palace's Past*, a project led by the Office of Architecture in collaboration with other official bodies within the Fine Arts Department. The project seeks to create awareness of an important historical site within the historic centre of Bangkok - the Front Palace (Wang Na). Established in 1782, it was one of the very first structures constructed at the beginning of Rattanakosin Era, encompassing what is now Thammasat University, National Museum Bangkok, National Theatre, Buditpatanasilpa Institute and the northern part of Sanam Luang.

The exhibition starts with the presentation of the architectural ensemble of the Front Palace from the late H.M King Rama IV's to H.M. King Rama V's periods, as many documents on and about the site during the time have been found, ie. old photographs of various architectural units, notably the ones that are no longer in existence, maps, journals especially H.R.H. Prince Damrong Rajanubhab's *Tamnan Wang Na*, translated as the *Chronicle of the Front Palace*. The Office of Architecture has digitally constructed the former plan of the palace and the missing structures in 3D model, which have been interpreted and re-worked by the curatorial and design teams of the exhibition.

The Architectural Ensemble of Wang Na exhibition focuses on the process of interpretation and representation of knowledge bodies. It employs contemporary tools and platforms in order to transmit the recollection of the past to the present day. Equally, it finds a way to preserve the long-ago memories of the historical site and transmitted its heritage to the contemporaries.

The Architectural Ensemble of Wang Na Exhibition is sponsored by Bangkok Bank Public Company Limited and Thai Beverage Public Company Limited.



Public programmes:

Curatorial talk & exhibition walk-through: Reading the intangibles

Saturday, June 16th, 2018, 14:00 pm - 15:30 pm,

Meeting Room 501, 5th floor, BACC

The programme is conducted in Thai / Reservation only

Walk with the Cloud: The Hidden Palace

Sunday, June 26th, 2018, 9:00 am - 3.00 pm

For more information and registration, please visit readthecloud.co

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History of Wang Na and exhibition updates **by The Standard**

Series of articles, podcast and vlog will be published on thestandard.co from May - July 2018.

Website:

www.wangnaproject.space

Social media platforms:

Facebook: [architecturewangna](https://www.facebook.com/architecturewangna)

Instagram: [curatorials.wn](https://www.instagram.com/curatorials.wn)

Press Kits

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