## Faculty of Fine Arts, Srinakharinwirot University

In B.E. 2518, the College of Education was transformed to Srinakharinwirot University. It has since expanded its structure and role of the University to be universal whether it be in humanities and social sciences, science and technology, and health sciences including fine arts.

The role in fine arts of Srinakharinwirot University has been played from the beginning in terms of offering basic courses, courses on art appreciation and courses on music appreciation. This is to create a sophisticated taste for all graduates. It offered the Art Education Program under the Faculty of Academic Education of the College of Education Prasarnmitr in B.E. 2511 and produced education graduates of the Art Education Major for the first time in Thailand.

Since having become Srinakharinwirot University in B.E. 2518, the mission in fine arts has continued to develop. The University has expanded its structure by having the Department of Art and Culture as well as the Department of Music under the Faculty of Humanities. The Department of Art and Culture offered the Bachelor of Education Program in Art Education and the Bachelor of Arts Program in Arts in which the latter focused on communication design. The Department of Music offered the Bachelor of Education Program in Thai Music as well as the Program in Western Music. This has been initiated as part of the new project since B.E. 2519.

After that, expanding education to the postgraduate level started with the Master of Education Program in Art Education. It was the first university in Thailand to offer such degree in B.E. 2528. The Master of Arts Program in Ethnomusicology followed in B.E. 2535. Around B.E. 2530, the concept of expanding the University's role in fine arts towards becoming the Faculty of Fine Arts became clearer. Following this, the project on establishing the Faculty of Fine Arts was proposed by a group of people who wished to experience the sophisticated taste and to see a systemic planning in fine arts being developed under Srinakharinwirot University and the Thai society. Eventually, the project on establishing the Faculty of Fine Arts was approved on 16 June B.E. 2536 and published in the Government Gazette on 28 June B.E. 2536.