

## Faculty of Painting, Sculpture and Graphic Arts, Silpakorn University

*Silpakorn University is a Leading Creative University.* This is the University's vision that we adhere to as we offer the curriculum that is comprehensive in both sciences and arts, and encourage varieties of learning activities. The Faculty's goals are to be resilient to any changes and to be responsive to the needs of the society, in order to achieve academic excellence among Asean countries. The Faculty aims to produce the students whose proficiency are up to the international standard and who have the capability to apply their knowledge a creative way.

Silpakorn University was originally established as the School of Fine Arts (Fine Arts Department) under the supervision of Professor Silpa Bhirasri (previously called Corrado Feroci), an Italian sculptor from Florence who was commissioned during the reign of King Rama VI. The School taught Modern Art to the government officers and Thai students. The School's art works and the students' excellent performance were widely recognized until it was officially appointed a new status as Thailand's first University of Art and named Silpakorn University in 1943. Its inaugural faculty was the Faculty of Painting and Sculpture which is presently named the Faculty of Painting Sculpture and Graphic Arts.

Besides the Faculty of Painting Sculpture and Graphic Arts, there are also other University's establishments that relate to art and culture and many significant resources such as Thaphra Palace Library, Art Center, the Faculty of Painting Sculpture and Graphic Arts' Arts Gallery, architectural works of Phra Phrom Phichit, the Art and Design Gallery, and *Suan Kaew*, which has been modified as a sculpture park, showcasing many famous sculptures. All these help inspire the students' creativity and have made Silpakorn University the center of learning, research and contemporary art manifestation. Moreover, the University offers a platform for upcoming artists by organizing several national art competitions such as *National Exhibition of Art* and the *Exhibition of Contemporary Art by Young Artists*. As a result, the university also holds a large collection of art works.