

College of Music, Bansomdejchaopraya Rajabhat University

Bansomdejchaopraya Rajabhat University has been founded for over four decades. The College of Music initially started by a group of music lovers and music teachers who gathered together to learn, teach and play music. Mr. Sangat Pukaotong was a bandmaster of the Thai classical music band while Mr. Boonsong Chalermwat started a western music band called "Chongko." Then in 1970, M.L. Pin Malakul, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education at that time, who recognized the importance of music education in the high school level, sent Mr. Auab Hemaratchata (educational supervisor) to observe the music education programs in Australia and Japan. When he came back, he worked with Mr. Yasit Charunyanont and Professor Dr. Kamtorn Sanitwong Na Ayutthaya to write a music curriculum.

In the 1970 academic year, Bansomdejchaopraya Teacher College became the first teacher college to start a music program by offering a Diploma in Higher Education in Music Education. In the 1979 academic year, the College offered a Bachelor of Education Program in Music Education. In the 1993 academic year, the Music Education Program started a Music Technology Program. In 2002, the College planned to offer a M. Ed. in Music Program which should be able to accept new students in the 2003 academic year.

For over four decades, not only has the College of Music produced a number of music students but has also offered many community services such as academic service, performances, music education, and music seminars and workshops in Bangkok and other provinces.