

**Poh-Chang Academic of Arts,  
Rajamangala University of Technology Rattanakosin**

Poh-Chang Academy of Arts, Rajamangala University of Technology Rattanakosin is formerly called Poh-Chang School located on Tri Phet Road, Wang Burapha Phirom Subdistrict, Phra Nakhon District, Bangkok. Its color is red-black, which is the symbol of the Academy. Poh-Chang is the institution for arts of crafts, established during the reign of King Rama 6. The 7 January B.E. 2456 was regarded the birthday of Poh-Chang School. It is the day of alumni gathering each year. At present, the full name of the institution is “Poh-Chang Academy of Arts, Rajamangala University of Technology Rattanakosin”.

The word “Poh-Chang” was royally given by King Rama 6 upon his visit to open the School on 7 January B.E. 2456 following his birthday anniversary. The reason Poh-Chang School was established by King Rama 6 resulted from the initiation by King Rama 5 who feared that the arts of Thai crafts might be dominated by the influence of foreign art and culture especially from the spreading art and culture from the West. He feared that the arts of Thai crafts might be lost; thus, wishing to conserve the arts of Thai crafts to continue on. At present, Poh-Chang offers 4 undergraduate degrees, both regular and special programs, including 4 fields: national arts, arts and crafts, fine arts and design. The Academy is part of Rajamangala University of Technology Rattanakosin. The current Director is Assistant Professor Banlu Wiriyapornprapas.