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What is Bang Kachao?

Fact

- **BANG KACHAO** is a sub-district in Phra Pra Daeng District (one of six districts), Samutprakarn province.

- Covers around 0.16 km² and consist of 1,500 households and 4,600 inhabitants.

- It is called by the local as “Pig Stomach” (Krapaw Moo) because of its shape.

- **BANG KACHAO** is the biggest green area near Bangkok.
Samutprakarn province

Bang Kachao

Chao Praya River

Klong Lad Pho Floodgate Project

Bangkok
Why is it important?

- Good example of low emission land use planning

- A giant oasis of vast green area or “the lungs of Bangkok” since 1977, under the supervision of the National Environment Board.

- Favorite tourist destination (biking, bird watching, floating-market, kayaks and paddle boats)

- The Best Urban Oasis of Asia in 2006 by Time Asia magazine
History background

- Originally a settlement for ethnic Burmese Mons together with original Muslim and Buddhist villagers to settle there. (King Rama II, 1824 A.D.; 190 yrs ago)

- Tradition and custom of local inhabitants and the minority of Mon have been observed for centuries until present.
Land use regulations

- How can a big green area near Bangkok still be preserved and maintained?

- A strict local planning code prohibiting high rise buildings and factories and strong public support

- Mr. Manas Ratsamitad, Member of Provincial Administrative Organization
Adaptive management framework for land use planning (LELUP)
Local group leader

Interview of Mr. Manas Ratsamitad by national TV
Land use changes

- The city lung is recently under threat.
- Rapid urbanization and Bang Kachao
- A new town plan implemented by Samut Prakan authorities in 2013.
- Allow to sell land for housing estates
Bang Kachao Trip

- Panel discussion on “low emission land use planning: case study and lesson learned on LELUP model and issues in Bang Kachao”

- Learn a story and issues, things that have been done to preserve the area

- Achievement and application for low emission land use planning for your country
Bang Kachao Trip

- 11.45-12.45 Depart to Bang Kachao (45 min)

- 12.45-14.00 Lunch (buffet) at Pa Ked Forest Community and visit community forest (1.15 hr)

- 14.00 Depart to Sri Kakhon Khuenkhan Park (30 min)

- 14.30-16.00 Panel discussion (1.30 hr)

- 16.00-16.30 coffee break (30 min) and visit exhibition hall
**Bang Kachao Trip**

- 16.30-18.00 Explore park and botanical garden by walking (1.30 hr), split into 4 groups led by KU members

- 18.00 Depart to Rabien Rim Nam Nam Restaurant

- 18.30 Dinner by the Chao Praya River

- 20.00 Arrive hotel
How to get there

- By 8 mini vans (10 people including group leader/van)
- Group leader list; (7 Van numbers)
  - No. 1 : Ms. Chutamas (Khun Ying)
  - No. 2 : Dr. Ratcha with USAID team
  - No. 3 : Dr. Santi
  - No. 4 : Dr. Prasit
  - No. 5 : Dr. Surin
  - No. 6 : Dr. Pimonrat
  - No. 7 : Dr. Montri and Dr. Patthra
Groups of walking tour (5 groups)

- **Group A** (van No. 1) led by Dr. Wathinee
- **Group B** (Van No.2) led by Dr. Sakran
- **Group C** (Van No. 3 ) led by Dr. Santi
- **Group D** (Van No.4 and No.5) led by Dr. Montathip
- **Group E** (Van No.6 and No.7) led by Parisa
Map of Bang Kachao
Recommendations

- Wear light shirt, trousers and comfortable shoes
- Bring umbrella and rain coat (in case of rain)
- Well remember your group members and your car no.
- Pay attention to your group leader and be on time please during walking
Recommendations

- A handbook entitled “Green Area According to The Royal Initiative” (limited edition) and a rain coat will be given to everyone.
Ready for Bang Kachao?