

RECIPIENT PROFILE

Name: **Kukrit PRAMOJ**

Date of Birth: **April 20, 1911**

Nationality: **Thai**

In 1950, M.R. Kukrit PRAMOJ established the "Sayam Rat" newspaper company and as the manager, editor and chief editorialist, he actively contributed to the enlightenment of the general public. As a writer, he published the Sii Phaendin (Four Dynasties) in 1951 and then the Lai Chivit (Many Lives) and the Phai Daeng (Red Bamboo) consecutively. Every one of his literary works is rated very highly among the masterpieces of Thai contemporary literature. Phai Daeng has been translated in over 10 European countries and created the sensation by which he won great fame throughout the world.

Not only being an author and journalist, M.R. Kukrit Pramoj has had a colorful career. After progressing through the official and economic worlds, he entered the political world in 1947 and immediately assumed office as Minister of State Affairs. The following year, he worked as Commercial Vice Premier in the Songkhram Phibul cabinet and in 1975 became the 13th Prime Minister of Thailand.

As such, he is rated as one of the few persons who not only possess a career as a politician but as a civilian prime minister as well.

He is also talented as a film and stage actor, music performer and dancer. A highly versatile person in Thai society, M.R. Kukrit Pramoj engages in each activity in the manner of a true Asian intellectual.

MAJOR WORKS

Sii Phaendin (Four Dynasties:1953)

Lai Chivit (Many Lives:1954)

Phai Daeng (Red Bamboo:1955)