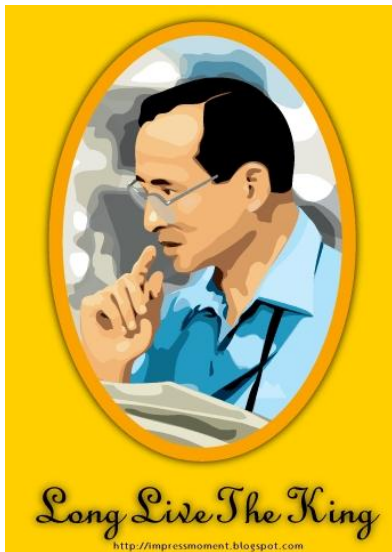


Preparations for His Majesty the King's 87th Birthday Celebrations



The Government and the private sector are preparing to hold various activities to celebrate His Majesty the King's 87th birthday anniversary, 5 December 2014.

Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha on 27 October 2014 chaired a meeting of the Organizing Committee for the Celebrations of His Majesty the King's 87th Birthday Anniversary.

The meeting acknowledged a report on the organizing of major activities in commemoration of His Majesty's birthday. For instance, royal ceremonies will be organized by the Bureau of the Royal Household on 5, 6, and 8 December. The Foundation of King Rama Nine, The Great, will hold activities from 30 November to 6 December at Sanam Luang ceremonial ground in Bangkok.

The Office of the Civil Service Commission will hold a ceremony at 8:00 a.m. on 3 December at Government House to pay tribute to His Majesty. At the ceremony, a number of civil servants will gather, pledging to perform their duties with honesty and to serve as the forces of the nation. The ceremony of the royal presentation of the colors will take place on 7 December in front of Sala Sahathai Samakhom within the Grand Palace compound. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn will represent His Majesty the King in performing this ceremony.

Also on 7 December, at 7:00 p.m., the Government will hold a garden party at Government House. Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn has accepted the invitation to attend this event. Among participants in the garden party will be members of the Cabinet, government agencies, private organizations, the diplomatic corps, international organizations, and the media, as well as parliamentarians.

The meeting approved the organizing of celebrative activities, to be held between 30 November and 6 December at Sanam Luang and on Ratchadamnoen Klang Avenue. The activities include exhibitions on royal projects and the Sufficiency Economy philosophy, sales of community products from 77 provinces, and cultural shows.

On 5 December at 7:19 p.m. Prime Minister Prayut will lead the crowd in the candle-

lit tribute-paying ceremony as felicitations to His Majesty the King at the Sanam Luang ceremonial site. The ceremony will also be held simultaneously all over the Kingdom.



The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration will organize the “Mahajanaka the Phenomenon Live Show” from 1 to 9 December, between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., at Benjakiti Park on Sukhumvit Road.

Prime Minister Prayut told all relevant agencies to hold celebrative activities based on austerity. He also urged the people to wear yellow shirts to show loyalty to His Majesty during the celebrations. Yellow represents Monday, which is the birthday of His Majesty the King.