



## PRESS RELEASE

### Celebrate Thailand Day at EXPO 2005 Aichi on August 12

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On the auspicious occasion of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit of Thailand's birthday on August 12, people throughout the Kingdom of Thailand celebrate this day as National Mother's Day. Thai Pavilion has therefore chosen this important day as Thailand Day at EXPO 2005 Aichi.

#### Thailand Day's Events:

Special performances to celebrate Thailand Day at EXPO 2005 Aichi on August 12, 2005 at the EXPO Hall and during August 12-15, 2005 at the Thai Pavilion and Common 6 Event Space include:

#### Thai Theatrical Puppet Show



*Joe Louis* is a worldwidely renown Thai theatrical puppetry since *Hun Lakorn Lek* or Thai Theatrical Puppetry disappeared from Thai culture for over 50 years. Only recently, in 1985, did Mr. Sakorn Yangkeawsot, otherwise known as *Joe Louis*,



revived and adapted the puppets and their performance for future generations to come. Thai theatrical puppet reflects the art of elegant movements of the puppets dancing harmoniously with each motion of the puppeteer. Each puppeteer must have the knowledge and training of *Kohn*.

Besides, Thai Theatrical Puppet Show is a Collaboration of Many Art forms;

*Hadtasin* or the crafting of puppets.

*Phraneedsin* or the costume of the puppet.

*Nadtasin* or the operation of the puppet movements.

*Ketatsin* or the music.

*Mantanasin* or the stage sets and backdrops.

One of the famous performances is "*Hanuman (White Monkey Warrior) Fetches Benyaguy (a female character)*". Both are famous characters in the Thai epic, "*Ramakien*".

## "Heritage of Paradise" Performance



A series of special performances features graceful classical dances procession along with a fashion show highlighting beautiful Thai fabrics and designs of each region under the patronage of H.M. Queen Sirikit



of Thailand who set up S U P P O R T Foundation (Foundation for the Promotion of Supplementary Occupations and Related Techniques). The royal foundation is objective

to train farming families in making traditional handicrafts to help boost their income from these cottage industries.



## Programme

### August 12, 2005 at EXPO HALL

10.00 – 11.00 hrs. Registration

11.00 – 11.20 hrs. Official Ceremony

11.20 – 12.00 hrs. Video Presentation to Commemorate HM Queen Sirikit of Thailand

- Royal forest preservation projects, such as the "Forest Loves Water Project" and "The Little House in the Big Forest Project.
- HM Queen's awards from international organizations, such as Ceres Medal awarded by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, World Wildlife Fund and UNEP Gold Medal of Distinction by the United Nations Environment Program; the IUCN Golden Award medallion for her efforts in protecting and rehabilitating forests, wildlife and the environment by the World Conservation Union (IUCN).

Thai Theatrical Puppet Show "Hanuman Fetches Benyaguy"  
Thai Cultural Performance "Heritage of Paradise"

## Additional Performances:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Performance</b>
August 12	EXPO Hall	13.30 – 14.00 hrs.	Thai Cultural Performance "Heritage of Paradise"
	Common 6 Event Space	13.30 – 14.00 hrs.	Thai Theatrical Puppet Show
	Common 6 Event Space	14.30 – 15.00 hrs.	Thai Theatrical Puppet Show
August 13-15	Common 6 Event Space	14.00 – 15.00 hrs.	Thai Theatrical Puppet Show
	Thai Pavilion	12.00 / 16.00 / 18.00 hrs.	Thai Cultural Performance

**Come to celebrate Thailand Day at Thai Pavilion, Global Common 6 Event Space and Expo Hall.**

