



Lek Viriyahphant was inspired by his wish to preserve his collection of antiques which included not only valuable pieces of art but also sacred and auspicious deities believed by people of ancient time to grant abundance to their lands and countries. One day, Lek had a visit from a westerner guest who, during the conversation, mentioned the idea of constructing an apple-shaped building in town according to westerners' cultural belief. Inspired by the idea, Lek planned to build an elephant-shaped building based on the Eastern belief on Erawan Elephant. However, he didn't simply perceive the elephant as a vehicle of God Indra. Instead, he imagined it as a Cosmic Elephant. When the idea took shape in a drafted design, he then assigned his oldest son Phakphan Viriyahphant to continue the project.

Map



Getting to the Erawan Museum

Car : Take the Express Way at Bangna-Samutprakarn and terminate at the Sukhumvit Road Exit. Direct to Samrong, passing Big-C (Samrong). Then keep close to the left and turn left. U-turn under the Express Way to enter the Erawan Museum.

Local Bus : Bus no. 25, 142 or 365 Air-con bus no. 102, 507, 508, 511 and 536

Open daily from 9:00 am. - 8:00 pm.

Admission Fee :

Thai : Adult 200 baht, Children (age 6-15) 100 baht

Foreigner : Adult 400 baht, Children 200 baht

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Welcome to the Erawan Museum

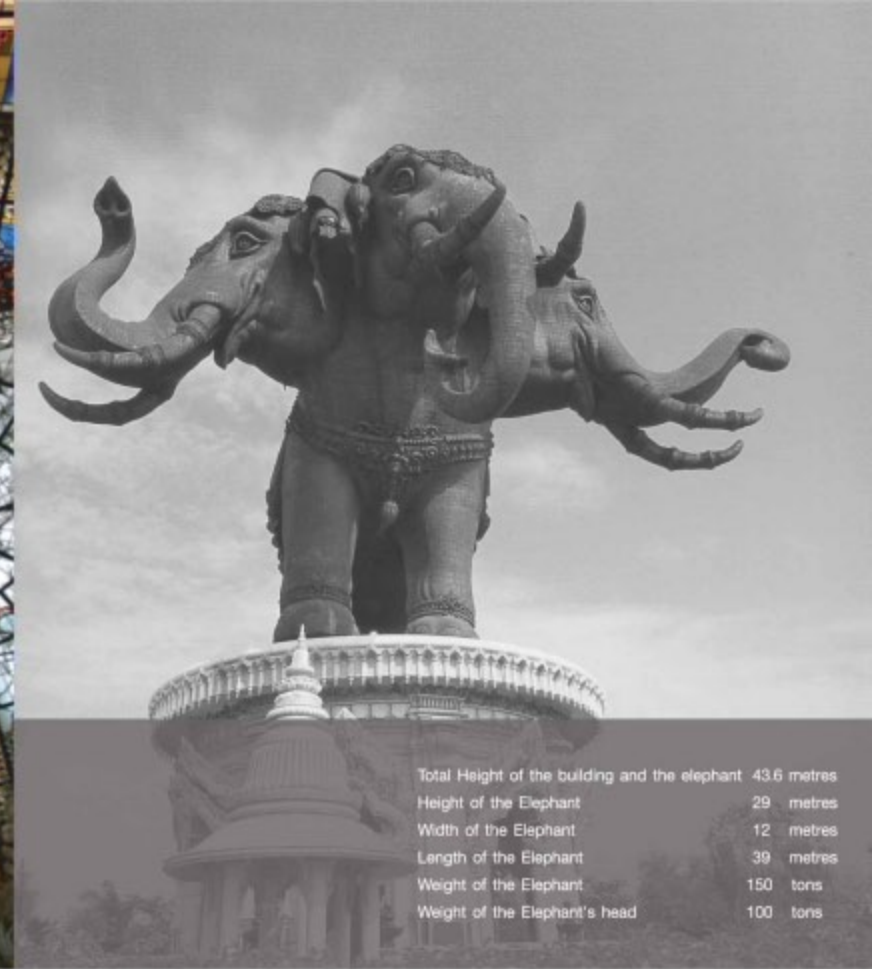
According to the founder Lek Viriyahphant ideal wish, the Erawan Museum was aimed to serve as a showcase of the spirit of Asia where the essence of arts and 4 major religions have been preserved in order to make known to Asian people and the world the foundation of the Eastern civilization cultivated and transmitted through the philosophical inspiration.

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Total Height of the building and the elephant	43.6 metres
Height of the Elephant	29 metres
Width of the Elephant	12 metres
Length of the Elephant	39 metres
Weight of the Elephant	150 tons
Weight of the Elephant's head	100 tons



The Motto of the Erawan Museum

Gorgeous Three-Headed Elephant 'Erawan',
Freely traveling in the Cosmic forest of Himmavanta,
Throughout the Three Spheres his grandeur appears,
Standing dominantly on the land of Suvarnabhumi,

Supported by grand metal pillar,
Transmitting virtues to the world,
To all three spheres, thus, come bliss and auspiciousness,
Dharmic truth mastered by human's heart,

With Lek's wish for Peace,
Succeeded by Phakphian of Viriyaphant,
Come the elegant vehicle of Indra, 'Three-Headed Avatar',
The Museum of national pride.

Objectives

- To educate modern people on history because the past events are like a compass and a rudder for a vessel's safe and smooth navigation.
- To use arts and heritage that have long been collected and unceasingly high in value as evidences of the spiritual development in Eastern societies where religions serve as a tool to sustain world peace.
- To introduce to the world Asian traditions and cultures which also are used to instruct those who have been lost in scientific prosper which causes them to be materialism and worldly-minded.
- To make known the founder's wish to make the Erawan Museum the heritage of humankind that will eternally remain.