



Eulogy

Mrs. Pranom Tapang

National Artist in the field of Visual Arts (Fine Arts – Art of Woven Fabric)

Mrs. Pranom Tapang was born on 1 August 1954 in Phrae Province. She has the excellence in knowledge and capability of weaving fabrics. The distinctive characteristic especially is weaving Teen Chok fabrics beautifully and vividly. Throughout the period of more than 30 years, she has devoted herself and time to creating artistic works of traditional textile patterns with artistic exquisiteness deeply. Moreover, she has been exceptionally good at inventing, developing new designs with splendor until being known, accepted by the general public and praised with honor for outstanding cultural contributions in the field of Visual Arts (Arts and Crafts, Weaving Tools) from the Office of National Culture Commission and has been honored to be teacher of Thai wisdom in the North from the Office of the Education Council, Ministry of Education, as a person of conserving and developing local arts and crafts fully, ranging from cultivation of cotton, indigo blue tree, making cotton lines, weaving fabrics, natural dyeing of fabric, including design and sewing. This can generate income for the community to become a strong community with good life quality in line with the philosophy of sufficiency economy under the initiative of His Majesty the King.

Mrs. Pranom Tapang has disseminated the works of beautiful Teen Jok woven fabrics both domestically and internationally and recognized the value of local arts and crafts on the verge of being removed by the stream of national development towards a modern era. Subsequently, she had her house converted into a place for learning of local wisdom by passing on the knowledge, wisdom of weaving Thai traditional pattern fabrics in a conservative manner and developing fabric patterns to be consistent with social and environmental condition in each period. Therefore, Mrs. Pranom Tapang is considered as a model of local craftsmen who still act in conserving and inheriting valuable wisdom of Thailand further. She is regarded as person great contributions to the craftsmanship of Thailand.

Mrs. Pranom Tapang has been glorified as National Artist in the field of Visual Arts (Fine Arts – Art of Woven Fabric) in the year 2010.