

IGU-CGE Conference Field Trip : Bangkrachao, Bangkok
Tuesday, 9 June

Join us for an inspiring field trip to Bang Krachao, Bangkok’s “Green Lung,” where lush urban landscapes, wetland ecosystems, and vibrant local communities illustrate a harmonious balance between nature and city life. This immersive excursion integrates geographic learning, environmental conservation, and the Royal Development Philosophy, offering participants a unique opportunity to explore river systems, land use, and community-based sustainability within a living urban environment.

Itinerary

07.30 Registration at Building 3, Faculty of Education, Chulalongkorn University

08.00 Depart from Chulalongkorn University

This morning, we travel by van, passing the Chao Phraya River and Bangkok’s green area on the way to Bang Krachao.

09.00 Visit Sri Nakhon Khuean Khan Park



Next, we visit Sri Nakhon Khuean Khan Park to enjoy nature, bike peaceful trails through mangrove forests, see local plants and wildlife, and learn about this “green lung” of Bangkok.

Srinakhon Khuean Khan Park is a restored wetland and forest park in Bang Krachao, featuring expansive lagoons, bird habitats, elevated walkways, and shaded cycling paths. It provides an ecologically rich environment ideal for observing urban biodiversity and understanding Bangkok’s green-infrastructure conservation efforts.

10.30 Visit Bangkrachao Farm

Bang Krachao Farm is a community-based organic farm that highlights sustainable agriculture within Bangkok's peri-urban landscape. The farm offers hands-on experiences such as planting, harvesting, and learning about local crop varieties and soil management. Its setting illustrates how small-scale farming, ecological restoration, and community engagement can coexist, making it an insightful stop for visitors interested in environmental studies and sustainable food systems.



12.30 Lunch at Bangkrachao Farm

13.30 Return to Chulalongkorn University

What is BangKrachao?

ท่องเที่ยว ในกรุงบางกะเจ้า
Traveling in Bangkok

ปั่นจักรยาน Bike Cycling
ปั่นจักรยานชมสวนในบางกะเจ้า... (Text describing bike cycling activities in the area)

เที่ยวตลาด Market
Bang Krachao market... (Text describing the market and its products)

พิพิธภัณฑ์ Museum
พิพิธภัณฑ์บางกะเจ้า... (Text describing the museum and its exhibits)

วัดเก่าแก่อันศักดิ์สิทธิ์ Ancient Temples
วัดบางกะเจ้า... (Text describing the historical temples in the area)

สัมผัสวิถีชีวิตชาวสวน Experience the local way of life
สัมผัสวิถีชีวิตชาวสวน... (Text describing the local farming and lifestyle)

Bang Krachao, often referred to as “the Green Lung of Bangkok,” is a unique urban oasis where nature, culture, and sustainable living coexist near a rapidly expanding metropolis. Located within the Chao Phraya River bend, this area has been preserved as a vital ecological buffer that supports biodiversity, improves urban environmental quality, and sustains traditional ways of life. A field trip to Bang Krachao offers participants an exceptional opportunity to experience how green spaces can be protected and meaningfully integrated into a modern city.



This learning site is closely aligned with the Royal Development Philosophy initiated by His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX), particularly the principles of balanced development, sufficiency, and harmony between people and nature. Land-use planning in Bang Krachao emphasizes conservation, community participation, and long-term sustainability rather than rapid urbanization. Through firsthand observation, participants can understand how royal initiatives have influenced environmental management, community resilience, and the preservation of local livelihoods within an urban context.

From a geographic learning perspective, Bang Krachao serves as a living classroom. Participants will explore physical geography through river systems, floodplain ecosystems, and green infrastructure, while also examining human geography aspects such as land-use patterns, settlement structures, and community-based environmental stewardship. The field trip encourages spatial thinking, place-based learning, and an appreciation of how geographic knowledge can contribute to sustainable urban development. Ultimately, Bang Krachao invites learners to reflect on how cities around the world can pursue growth while respecting ecological limits and local wisdom.