

LIVING ANGKOR ROAD PROJECT PHASE II

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ABSTRACT

From Living Angkor Road, the advanced technologies to collect and analyze archaeological and cultural information of people along the ancient road had been applied. From the previous study, we had studied to identify historic roadway, communication links and human settlement of Khmer empire from Angkor to Phimai. The surveys had been conducted both in Thailand and Cambodia sides. The ethnographical systematic survey in both sides, Cambodia and Thailand were developed, which is one of the most valuable information for future studies of the region, and it was the first time for such a study to take place across the border of Thailand and Cambodia after the French scholars had done such a study almost 100 years ago.

Currently, we are on the second phase of our research, we are continuing to study in detail about the industries and communities along the road to Phimai, where there still are tremendous knowledge to acquire, like in Ban Kruad area and area near the border in Cambodia's side. We also study the hospital communities inside the buffer zone of the royal road to Phimai as the start of the study on hospital communities.

The details of works are focused on the ancient industries and communities along the royal road from Angkor to Phimai. The details of the studies are:

1. *Study on the industries*
 - a. *Ceramic Industry*
 - b. *Metallic Industry*
2. *Study on ancient communities*
 - a. *Study on Minority Group*
 - b. *Study on Hospital Communities (Arogayasala Communities)*
3. *Development of information system*
 - a. *Web-base Information Portal System*
 - *Multi-media*
 - *Map-based*
 - b. *Educational Information Distribution System for Young Generation and local people*