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The background of the page is a vibrant, hand-drawn illustration of a park. On the left, a large tree with green foliage stands prominently. In the center, a waterfall cascades down a rocky ledge into a pool. Several children are depicted: one boy in a blue shirt and shorts stands near the waterfall, another boy in a red shirt sits on a rock, and a girl in a white shirt and blue shorts stands on the right. The sky is a soft, pale blue with stylized white clouds. The overall style is bright and inviting, typical of children's educational materials.

Preface

Thailand Knowledge Park (TK park) mission in society is to develop a love of reading and give people equal opportunities to experience modern learning centers which speak to their interests. TK park has been cooperating with local administrators in many regions of Thailand to build living libraries as a way to achieve its mission.

Bringing local knowledge to children, in a modern and fun way, is an important tool to inspire them to read and explore. The idea is to create books which reflect local wisdom, together with morality and ethics, for children aged 7-12.

The Books in the Roi Et Set were developed by TK park, scholars, and local writers. Children and adults will get to know about the Roi Et and be proud of the unique traditions found there. Moreover, the books also foster better understandings of and tolerant attitudes toward others from different cultures and societies.

TK park hopes the books will be another learning tool to help encourage Thai people to read more and maximize their learning. TK park aims to make the books fun and easy to read. Readers can enjoy them and appreciate their own hometowns, regions, and country.

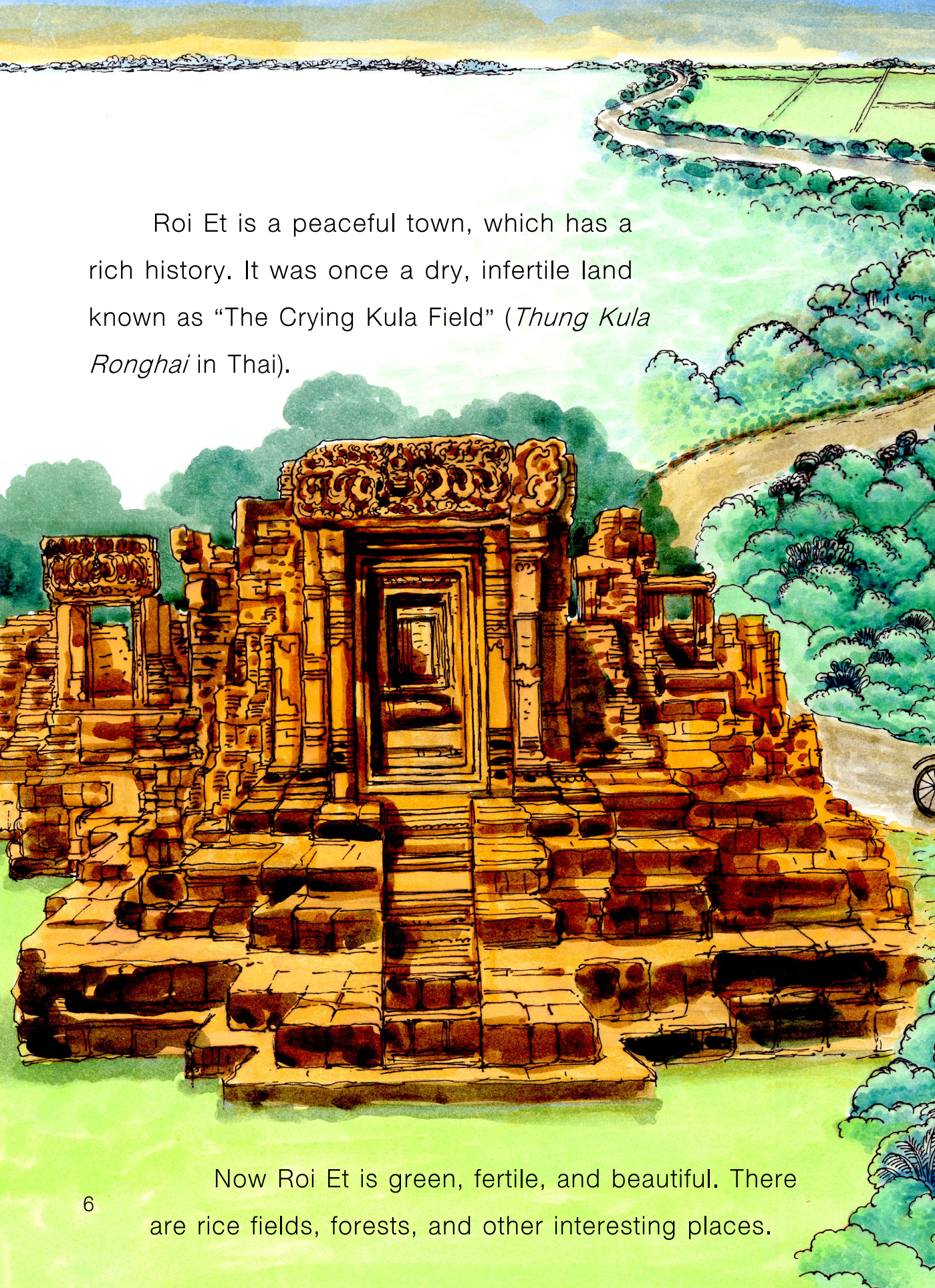
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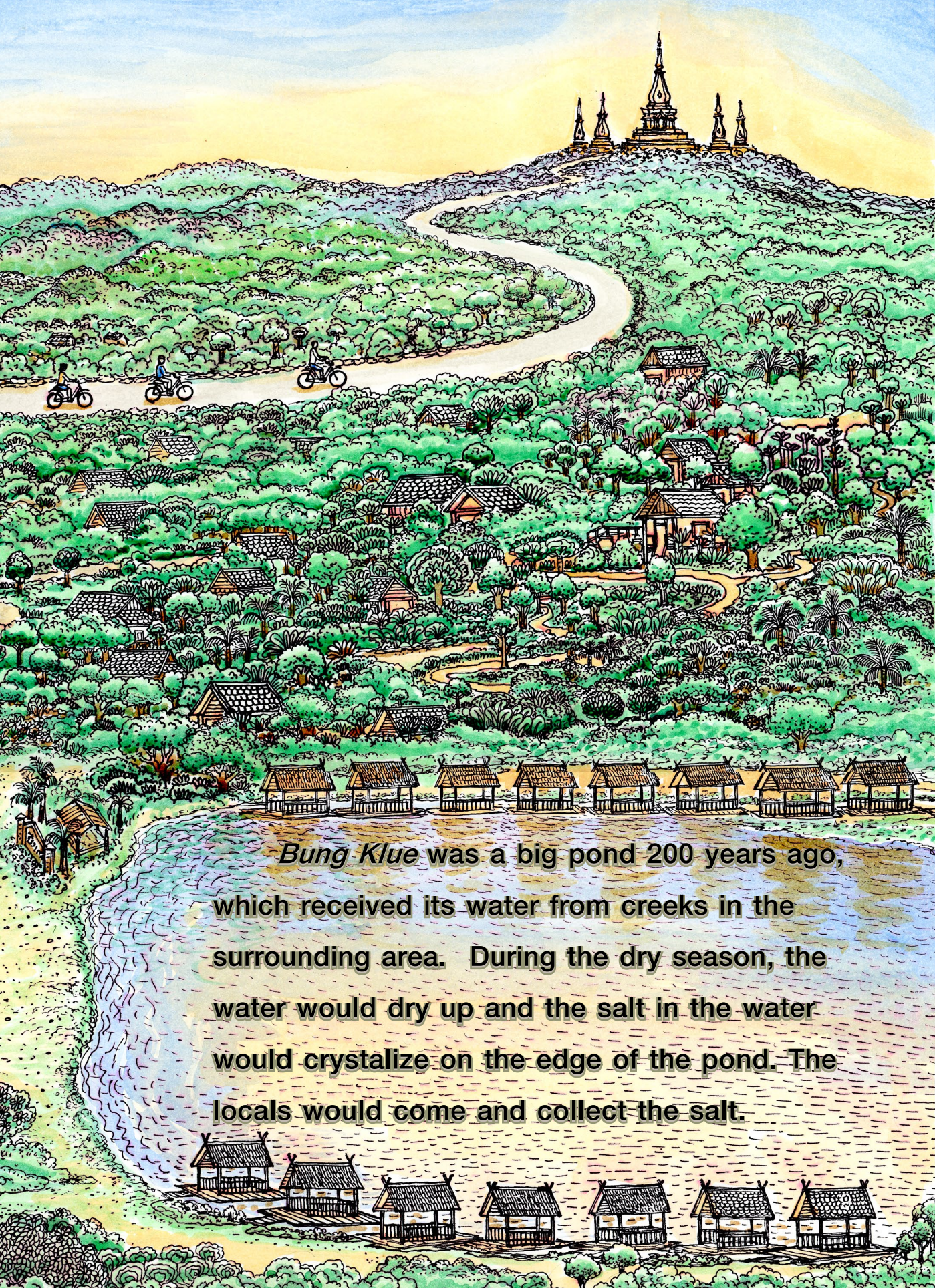
Roi Et is a peaceful town, which has a rich history. It was once a dry, infertile land known as “The Crying Kula Field” (*Thung Kula Ronghai* in Thai).

Now Roi Et is green, fertile, and beautiful. There are rice fields, forests, and other interesting places.



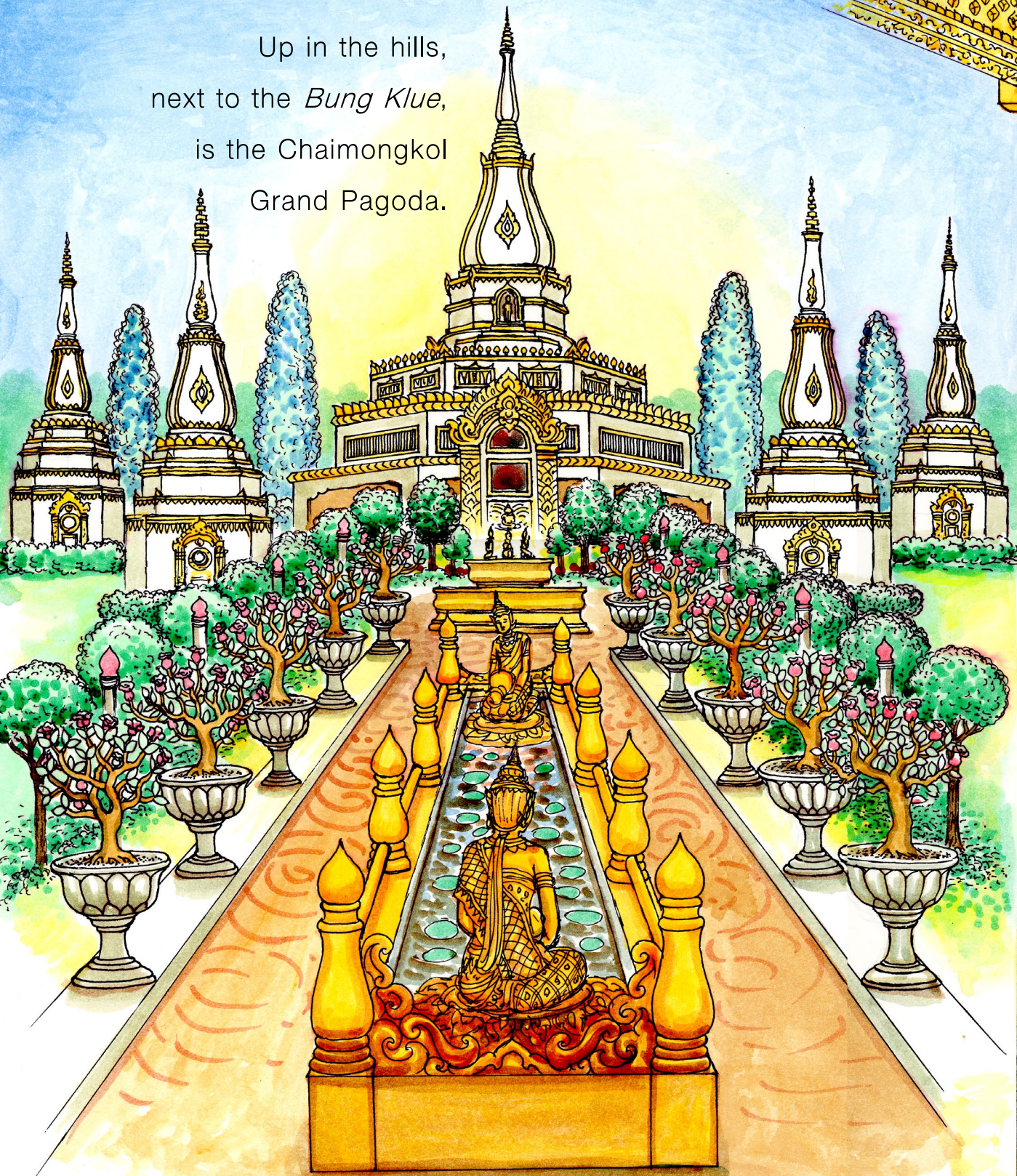
Roi Et is located on the Thung Kula Ronghai plateau and it has highlands, hills, valleys, and bodies of water, too.

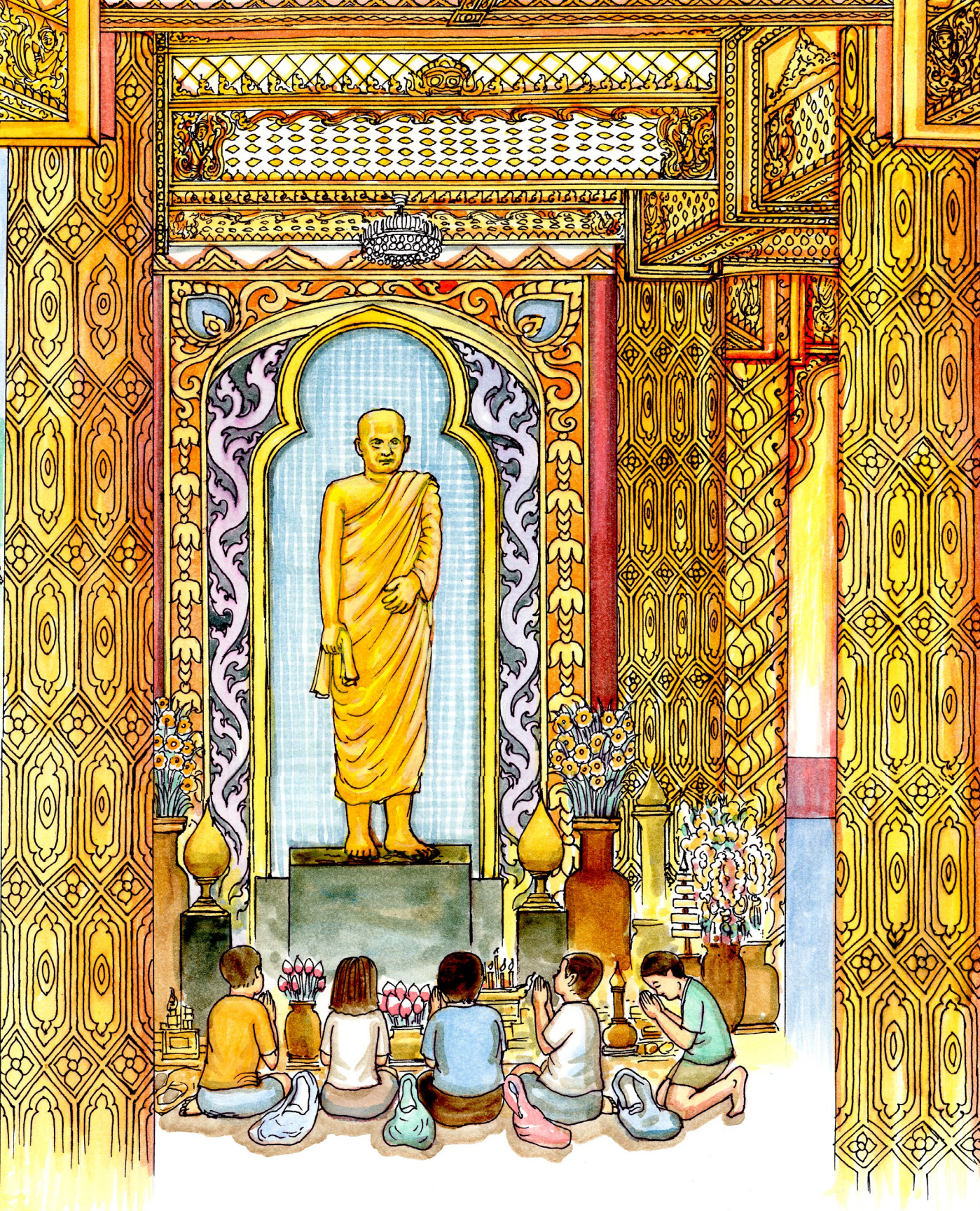




Bung Klue was a big pond 200 years ago, which received its water from creeks in the surrounding area. During the dry season, the water would dry up and the salt in the water would crystalize on the edge of the pond. The locals would come and collect the salt.

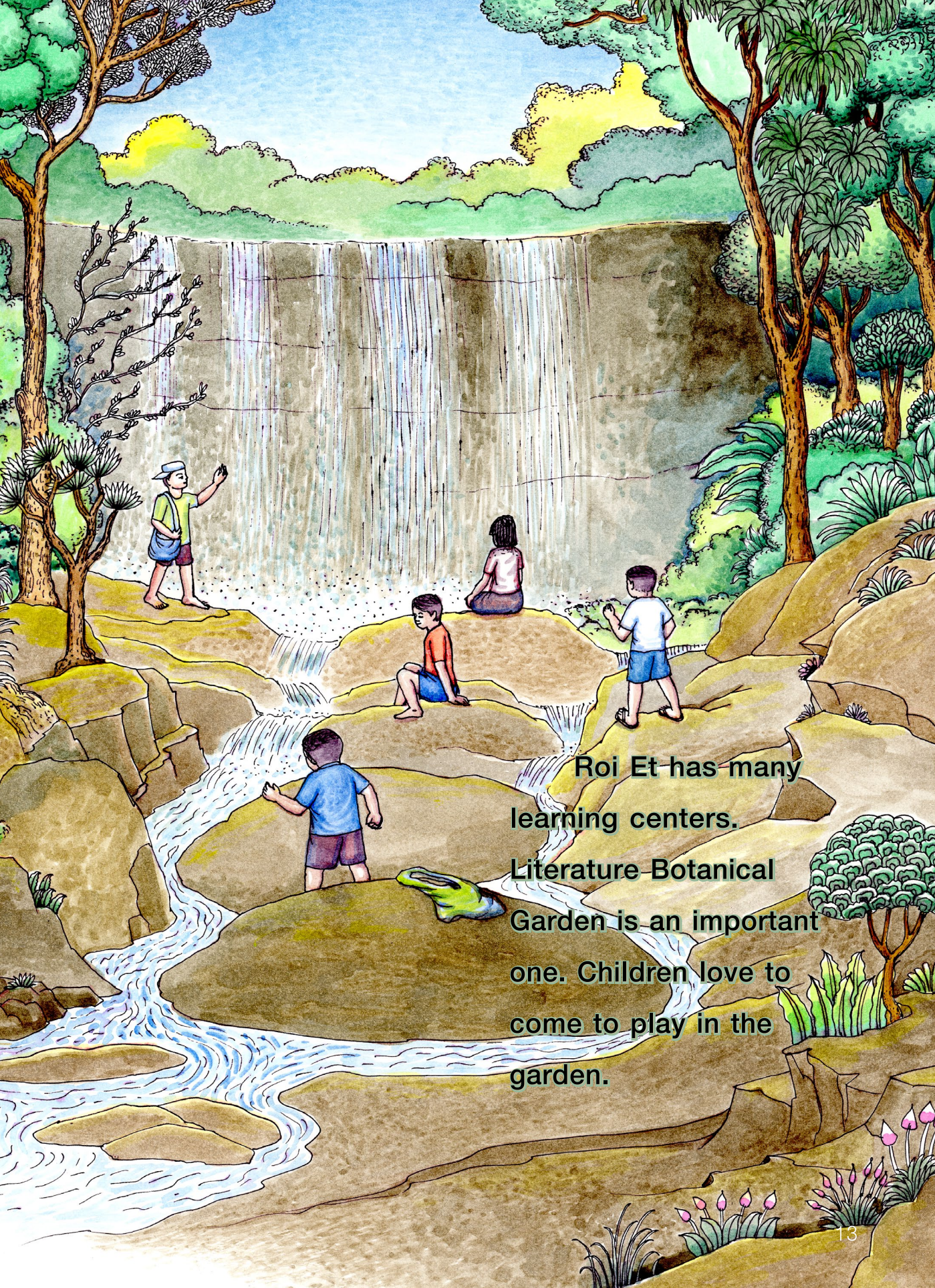
Up in the hills,
next to the *Bung Klue*,
is the Chaimongkol
Grand Pagoda.





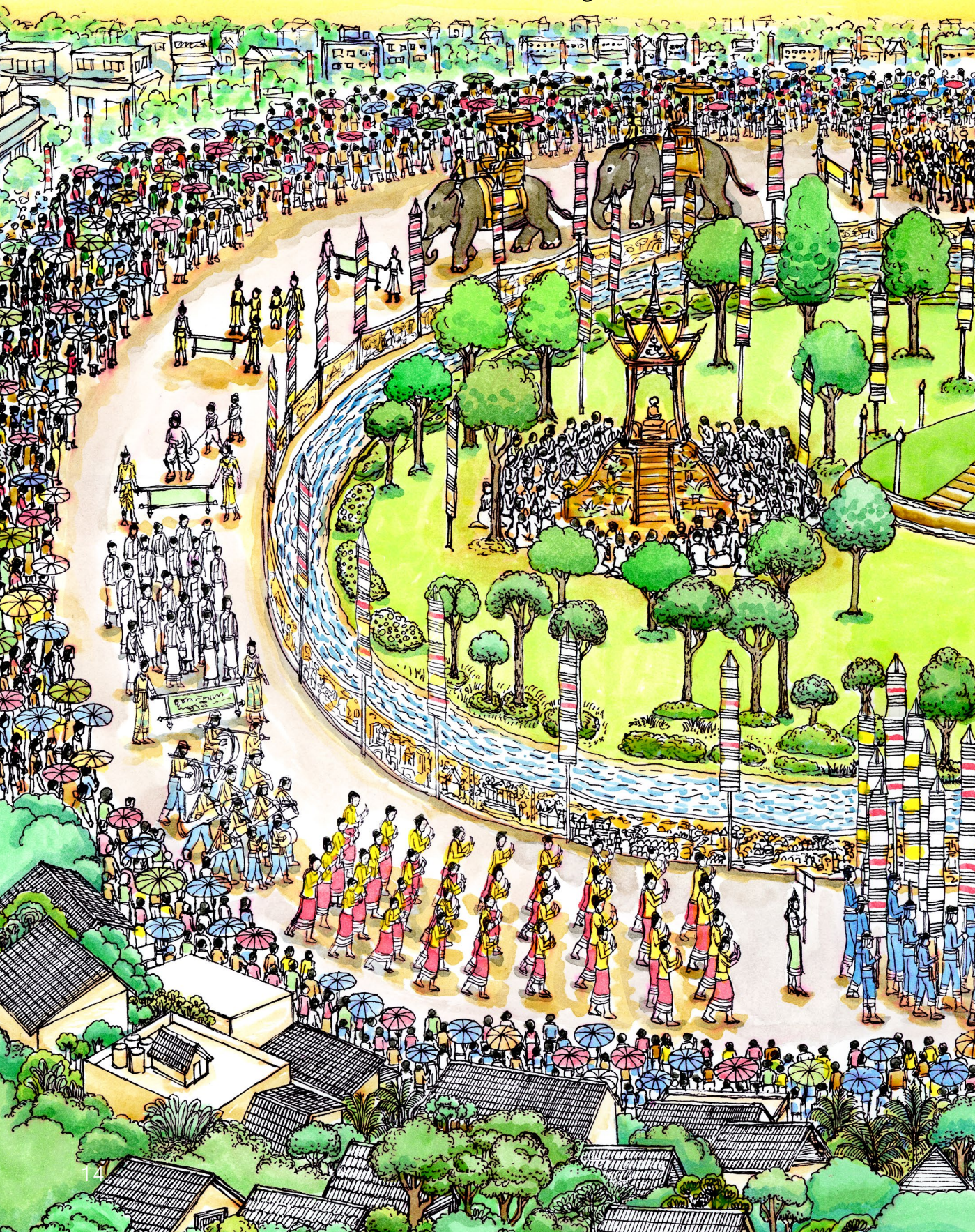
It is the only pagoda that Luang Poo Sri Mahaweero had founded during his lifetime.

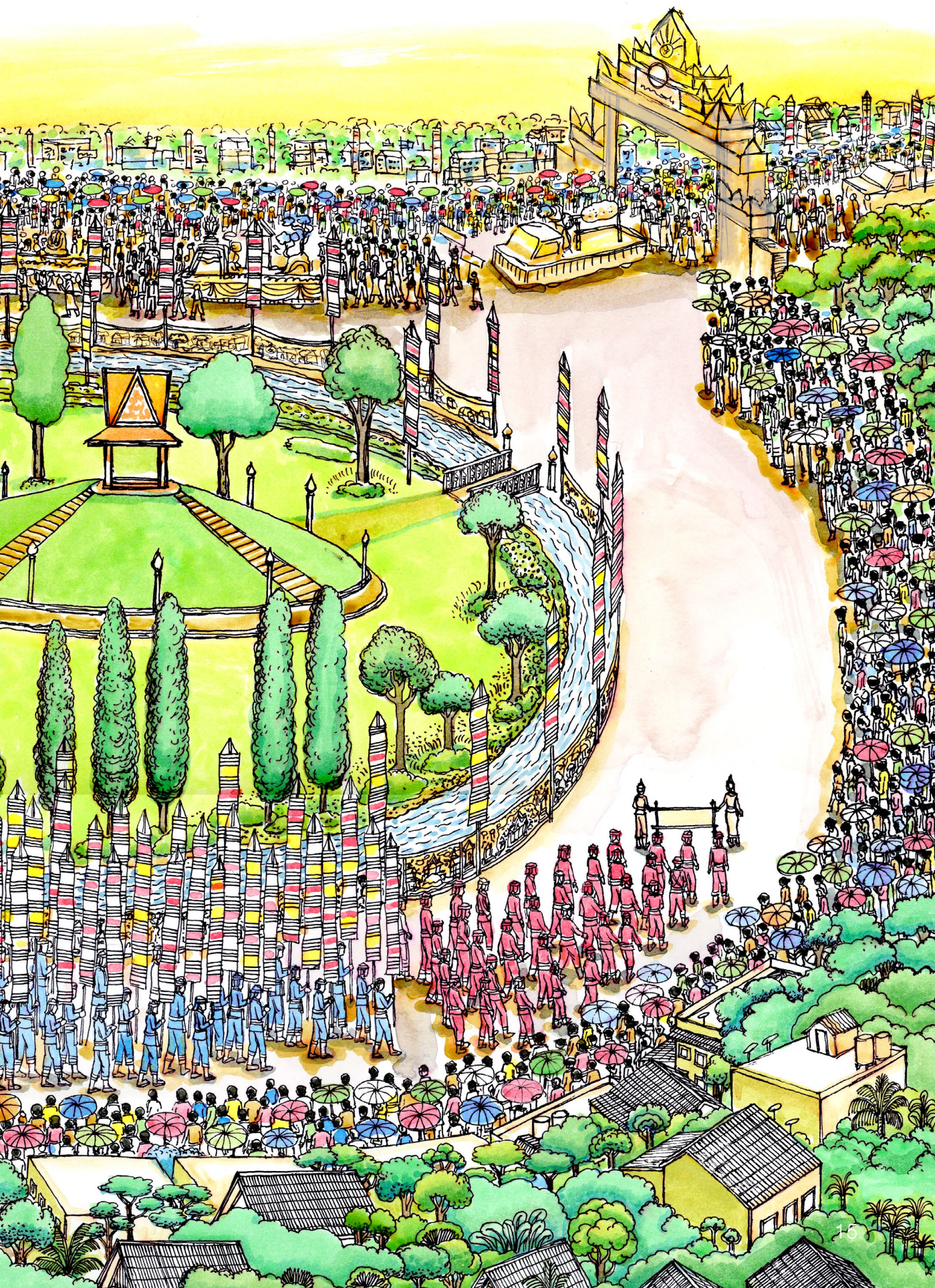


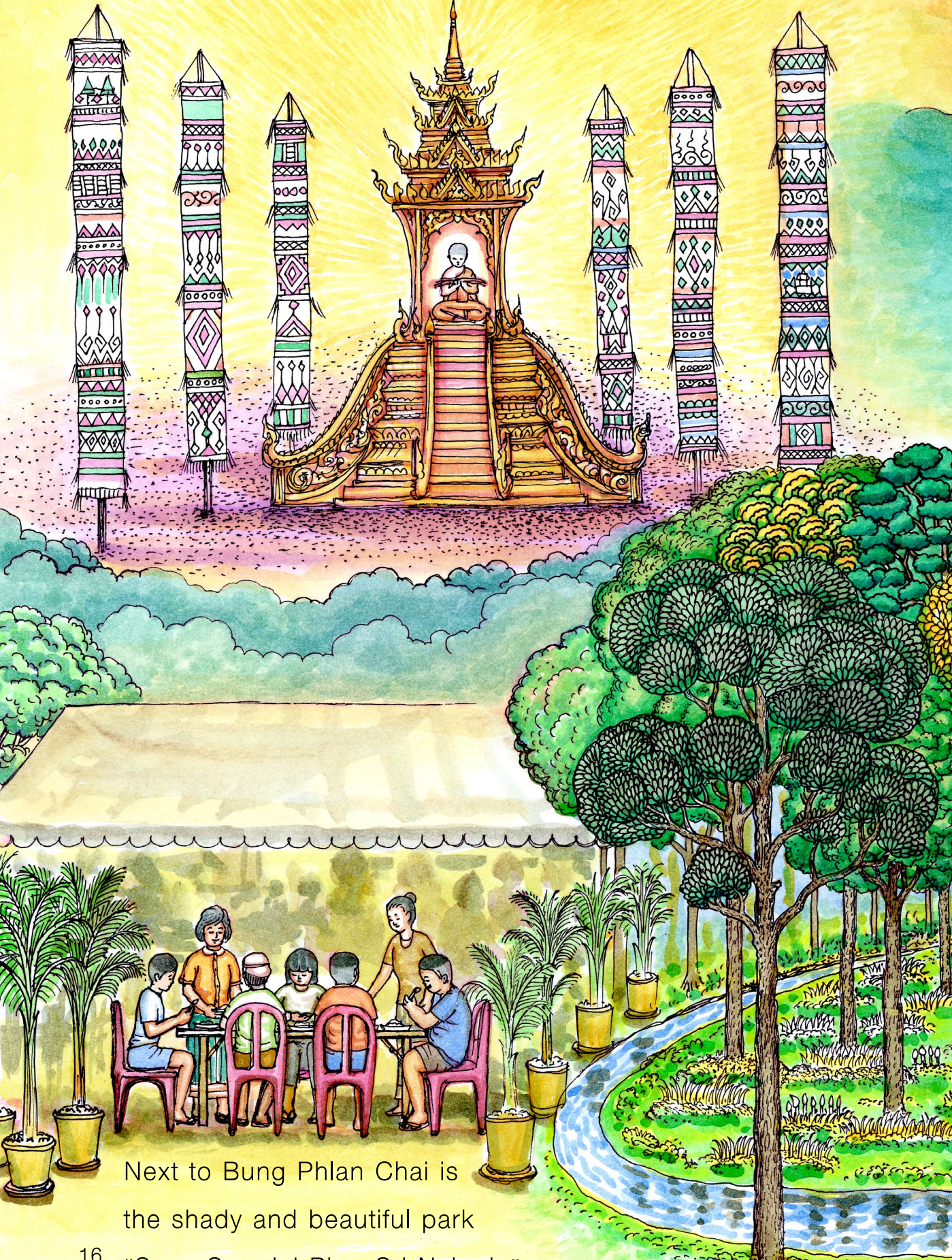


Roi Et has many learning centers. Literature Botanical Garden is an important one. Children love to come to play in the garden.

In March, there is a Buddhist festival called
Kin Khao Pun Bun Pha Wed Fang Thet Mahachat.







Next to Bung Phlan Chai is the shady and beautiful park

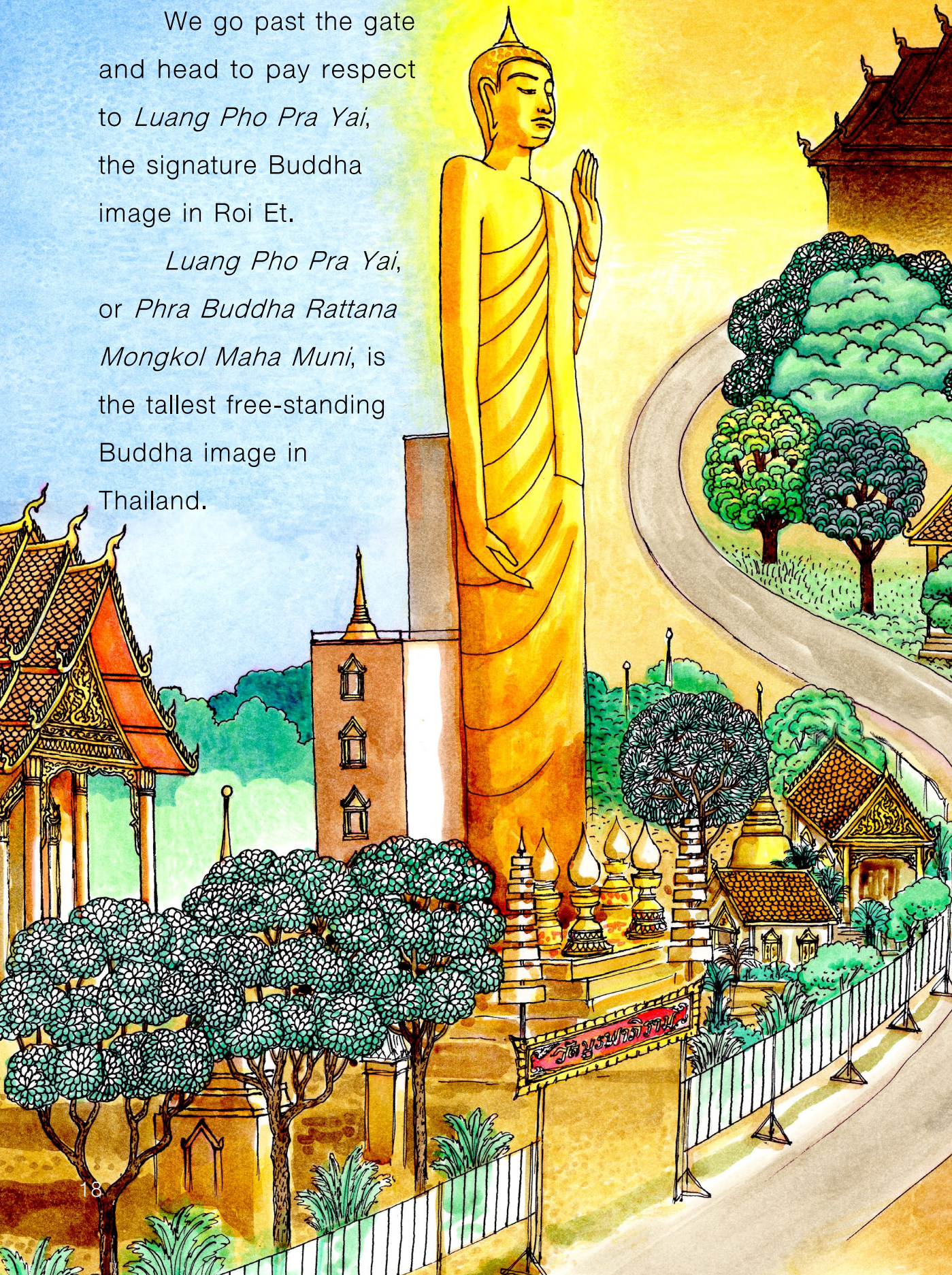
16 “Suan Somdej Phra Sri Nakarin”.

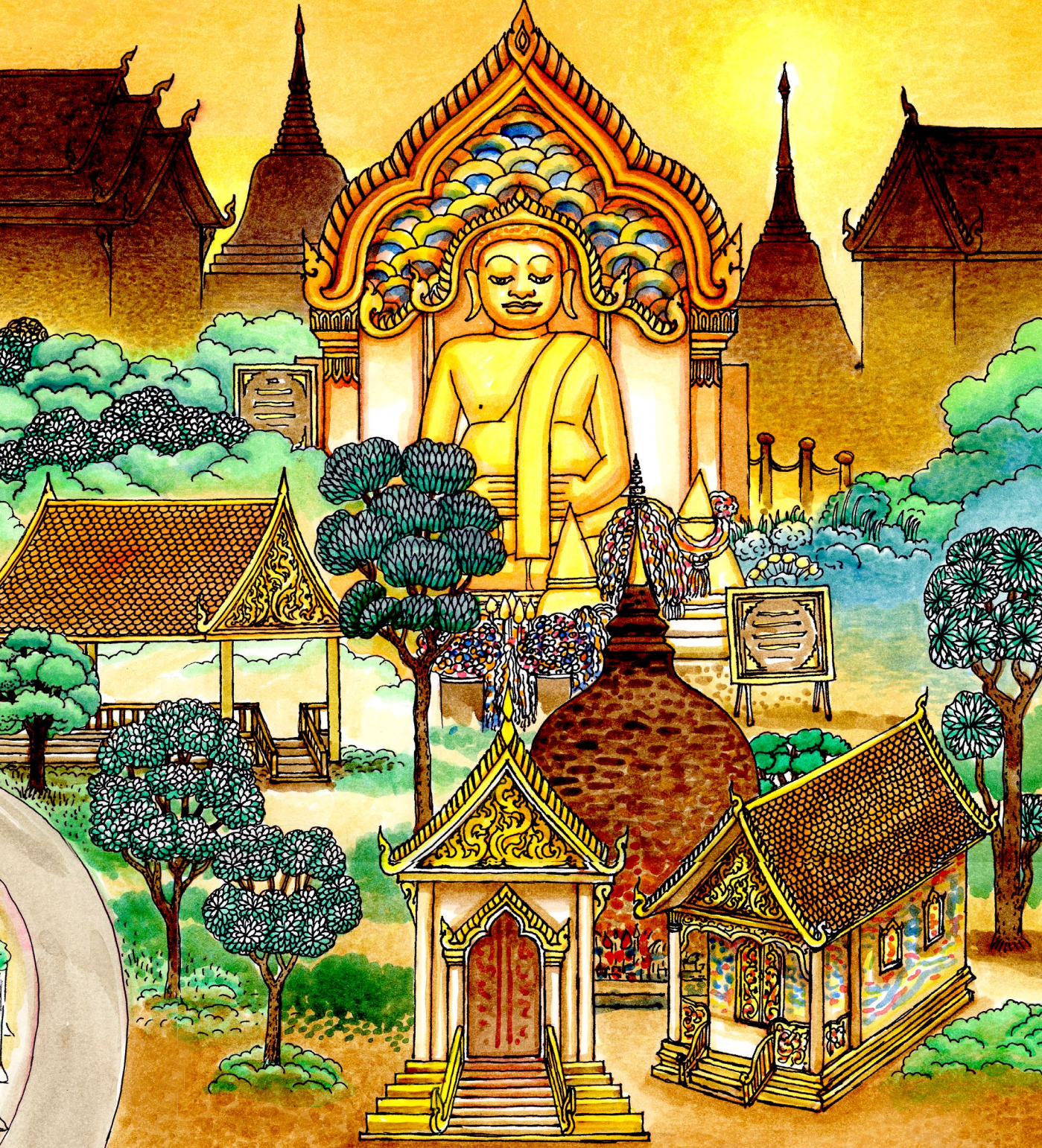
The *Sa Ket Nakhon* Gate is nearby as well. Let's get on a bike and enjoy a slow ride.



We go past the gate and head to pay respect to *Luang Pho Pra Yai*, the signature Buddha image in Roi Et.

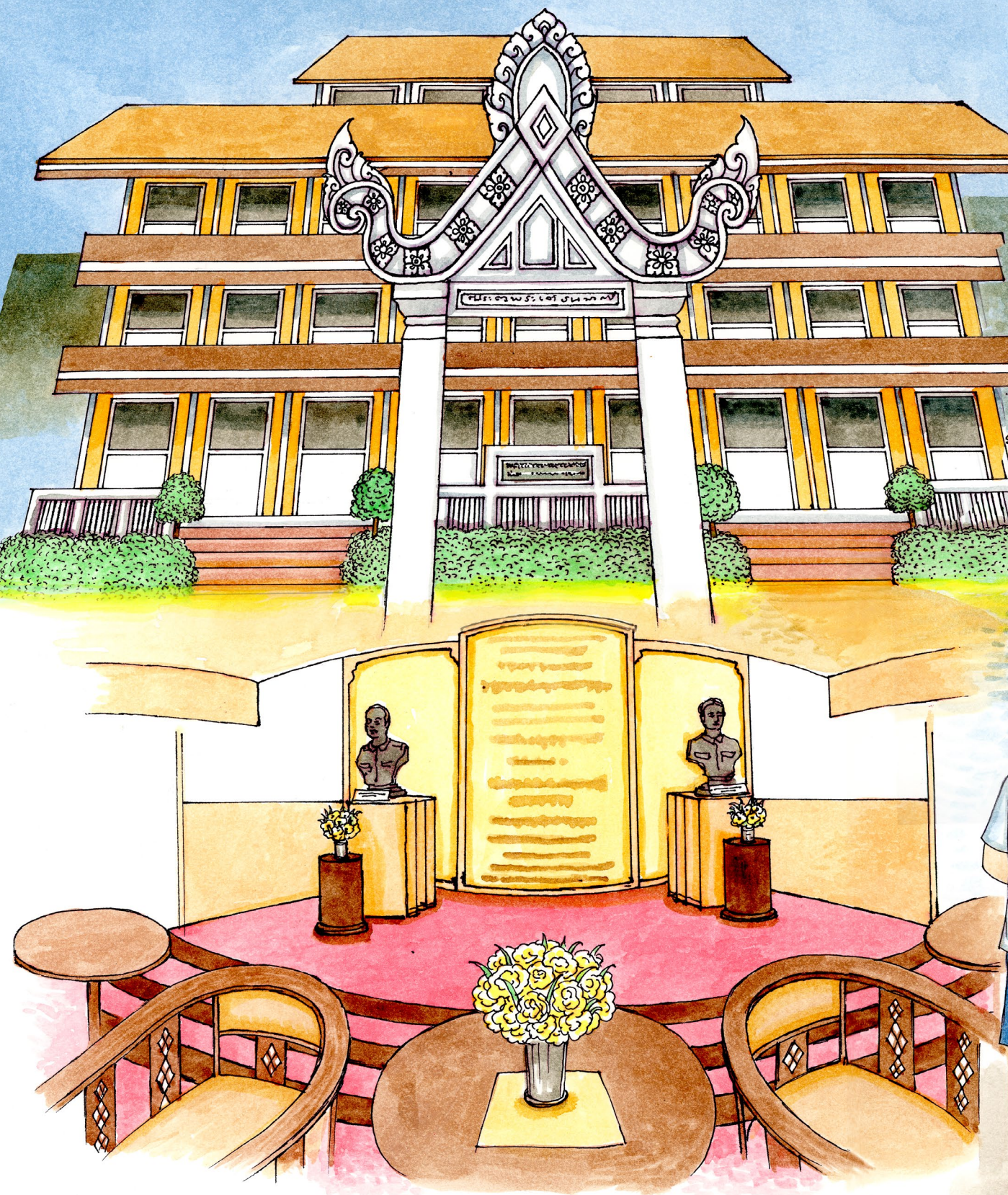
Luang Pho Pra Yai, or *Phra Buddha Rattana Mongkol Maha Muni*, is the tallest free-standing Buddha image in Thailand.





Now we are at *Sa Thong Temple* to pay respect to *Pra Buddha Katyayana*.

Our next destination is *Nuea Temple*, which has a lot of artifacts from the Ayutthaya Period.



It is getting late and the bikers are heading back to town. They are passing the Roi Et National Museum.

They don't have time to visit today but they definitely will return to learn more about the history of Roi Et.



The bikers are very happy today. They got to see a lot of attractions, while riding around town. They are making plans for their next trip to roam in Roi Et!



How to Use **Let's Roam in Roi Et**

Let's Roam in Roi Et gives information on important places in Roi Et.

It is a short documentary book which motivates students in Roi Et and neighboring provinces to observe and appreciate their hometowns.

After reading, teachers may ask students to develop projects or presentations about their hometowns. They may follow these steps to do so:

1. Brainstorm about what aspects of their hometowns they are interested in.
2. Ask questions and form hypotheses.
3. Investigate and collect data to answer their questions.
4. Analyze and discuss by drawing conclusions and giving suggestions for further studies.
5. Present the results of their projects to their class.

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- painted murals at the Buddhapadipa Temple, London, United Kingdom
- illustrated parts of King Bhumibol's The Story of Mahajanaka
- painted parts of the Royal crematorium of Galyani Vadhana,

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Awards and Honors:

1987 Outstanding Award, the Art Contest to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Kings Accession to the throne organized by the Newspaper Association of Thailand

1988 Bronze Medal, the 34th National Art Exhibition

1989 Silver Medal, 3rd and 6th Exhibition of Contemporary Art by Young Artists on the occasion of Silpa Bhirasri Day

1991 1st Prize of the 'Phukan Thong' (Golden Brush) Award on the occasion of Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's 36th birthday, organized by Thai Farmers Bank

1992 3rd Prize of the 'Phukan Thong' (Golden Brush) Award on the occasion of Queen Sirikit 60th's birthday, organized by Thai Farmers Bank

1993 1st Prize of the 'Phukan Thong' (Golden Brush) Award on the occasion of Supreme Patriarch of Thailand's 80th birthday, organized by Thai Farmers Bank

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