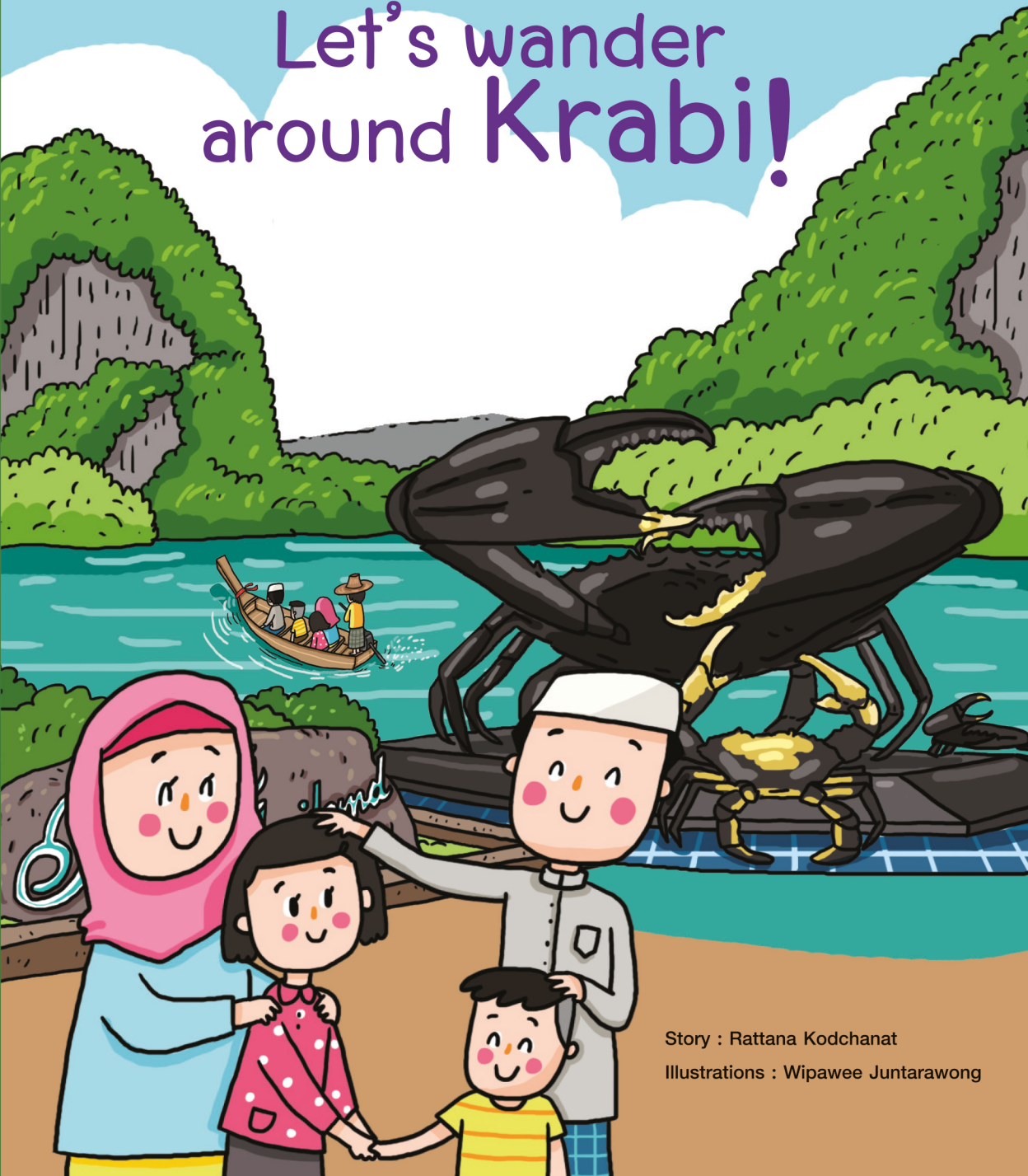


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# Preface

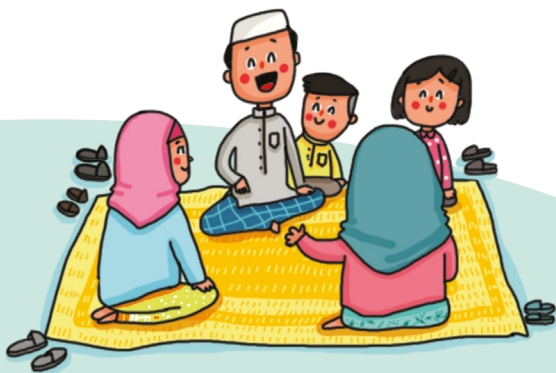
Thailand Knowledge Park (TK park) mission in society is to develop a love of reading and give people equal opportunities to experience modern learning centers which speak to their interests. TK park has been cooperating with local administrators in many regions of Thailand to build living libraries as 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 3 – 12.

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# My Hometown, Krabi

"Lanta" was born in Krabi but she had to move to Bangkok to live with her aunt when she was 9 because her dad and mom wanted her to study there and to accompany her aunt. Her aunt opens a small Muslim restaurant in Bangkok. She lives alone and has no children so she wants Lanta to come stay with her. Lanta always wonders why she is sent there instead of her brother. Dad tells her that it is because her brother is still young.

That makes Lanta really jealous of her brother, "Anda," because he gets to stay home with Dad and Mom.

## Krabi the Past

It was believed that Krabi was originally Ban Tai Samor, one of the twelve satellite cities of Nakhon Si Thammarat Province. A monkey was used as the seal of the city.



Thung Fa  
(*calstonia  
macrophylla*) is a  
provincial tree  
in Krabi.



## Krabi's Slogan

Coal source, fossil shells, grand mountains,  
beautiful streams, countless islands, palm plantations,  
gorgeous beaches, wonderful underwater world,  
the Emerald Andaman, and heavenly Phi Phi.



Six years has passed. . .

During a midterm break, Lanta's aunt takes her home for a visit.

Lanta recalls her memories of Krabi while doing some research on her hometown.



Calling the Name of "Krabi"

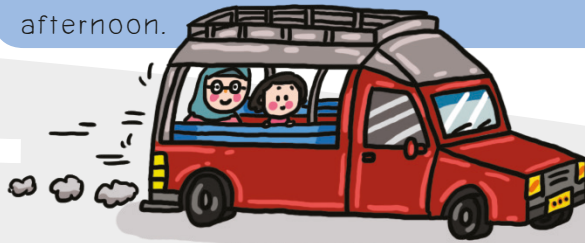
In the old days, the city was called "Pakasai," a sub-district under the direct jurisdiction of Nakhon Si Thammarat. Then King Rama V elevated Pakasai from sub-district to a city and named it "Krabi."





# I Miss Krabi!

Lanta and her aunt travel to Krabi on the Bangkok-Lanta bus. Lanta is so excited that she almost cannot sleep- she wants to see Krabi as soon as the bus reaches the city. They get off the bus at Krabi bus station and take the red minibus downtown. They will walk around town first because her dad has to do some errands. He will pick them up at Chao Fah pier in the afternoon.

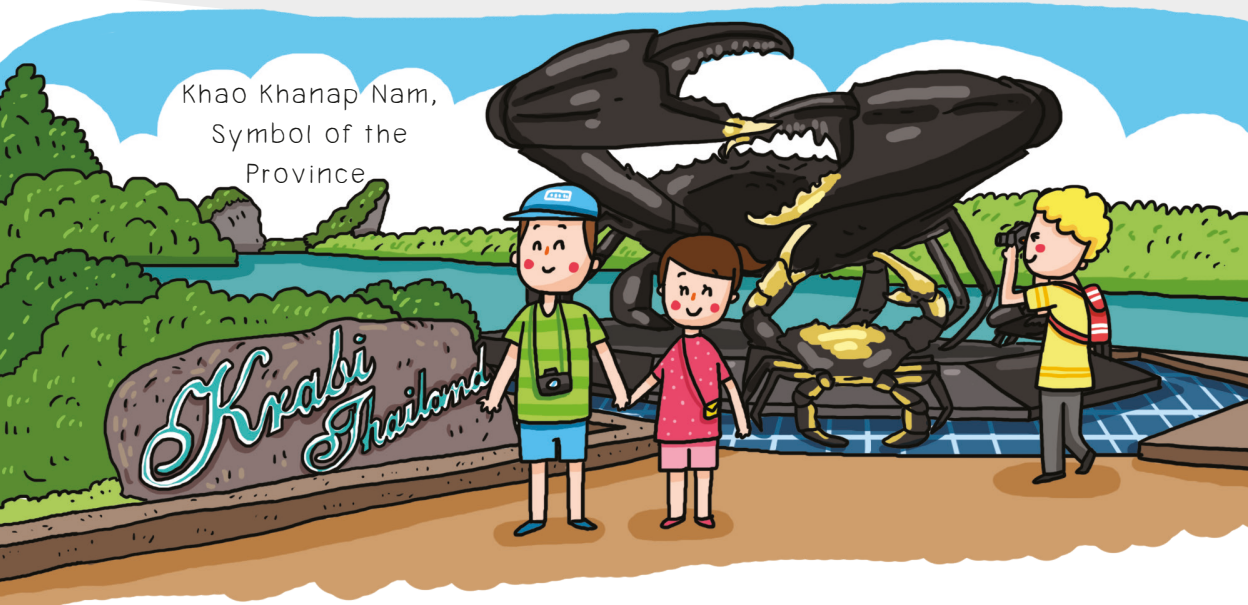


Chao Fah pier  
is nearby.



At the zero kilometer stone,  
the Nok Ok statue with its  
wings gracefully spreading wide  
reflects Krabi people's vision:  
To set their goals high and do  
everything to attain them.

Khao Khanap Nam,  
Symbol of the  
Province



The Mud Crab Statue is a big brass statue situated in front of Khao Khanap Nam. It symbolizes the natural abundance of this area, especially from the mangrove forest. It is also a great view point.

At the intersection  
in the center of Krabi

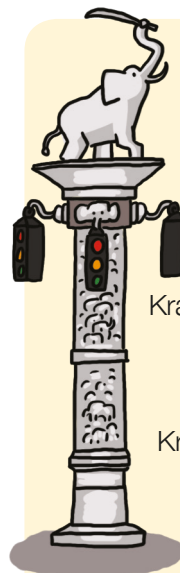
### Manut Boran Intersection

Krabi is an ancient community. A carcass of a 35 million-year-old higher primate named *Siamopithecus eocaenus* and human skeletons that are 43,000 years old were discovered in Krabi.



In front of Krabi  
Municipal office

Chang Choo  
Krabi Intersection  
Krabi used to have the highest number of wild elephants in Thailand. The people of Krabi presented the first white royal elephant, Phra Sawet Adulyadej Phahon, to King Rama IX.

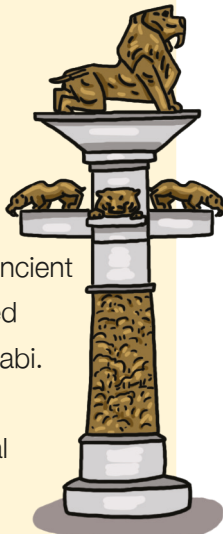


*Lanta's aunt used to live in Krabi before moving to Bangkok. She tells Lanta that there are many beautiful sculptures in Krabi now and she takes her to go sightseeing around town.*

The entrance of  
Maha Raj market

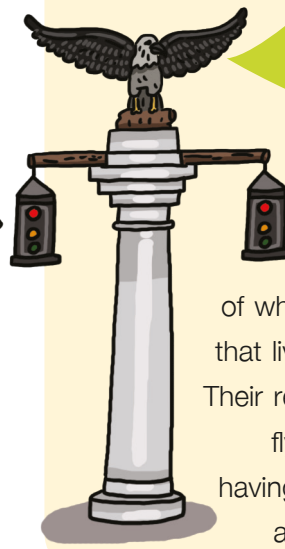
### Sua Kiaw Dab Intersection

The first discovery of a 35-40 million-year-old ancient carcass of a saber-toothed tiger happened here in Krabi. Also, 60 years ago, there were a lot of black Bengal tigers in this area.



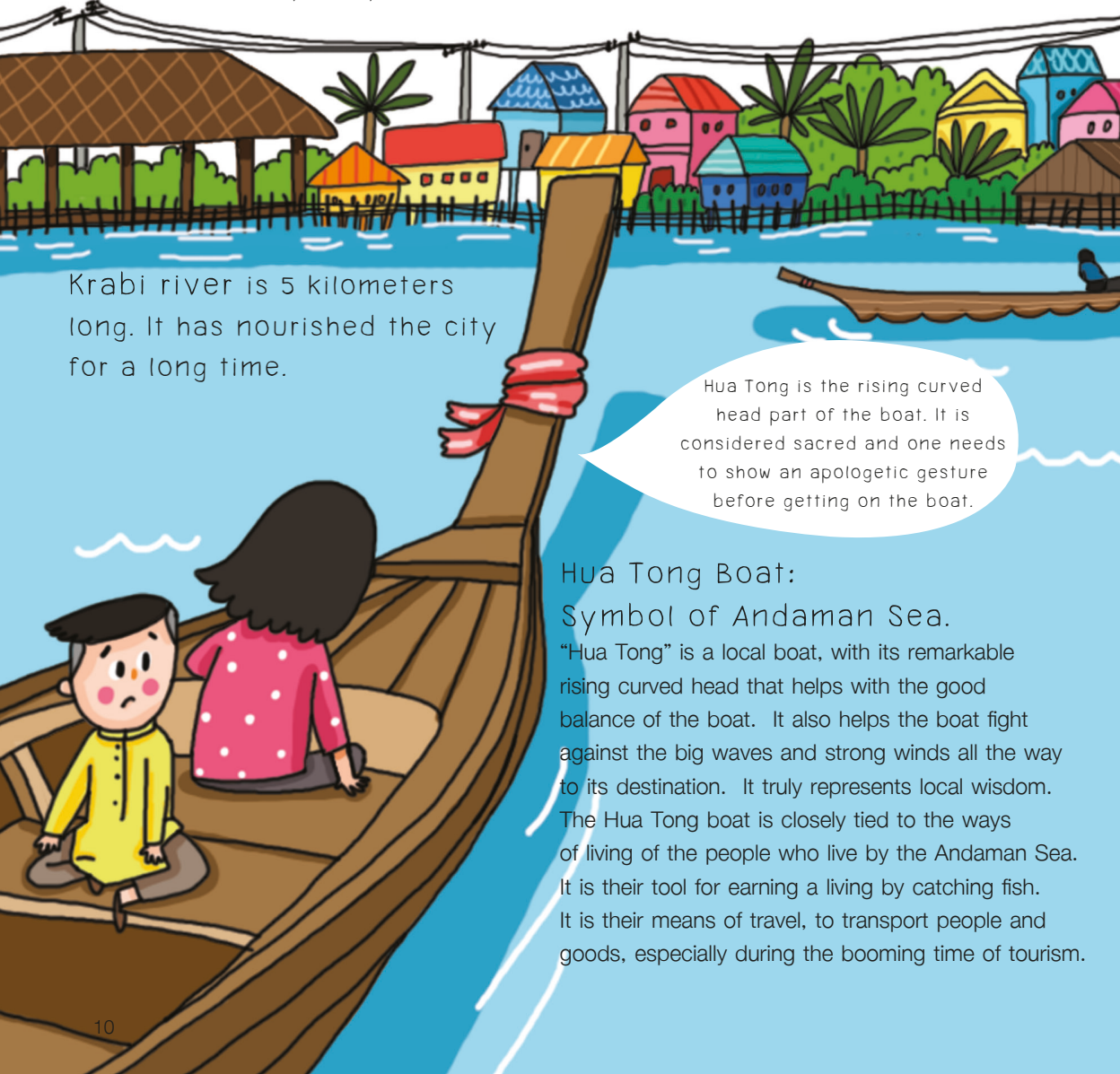
At Maharaj  
and Rod Boon  
intersections and  
Hu Tang Goon Rd.

Nok Ok  
Intersection  
Nok Ok is the name of white-bellied sea eagles that live around Krabi river. Their remarkable habits are: flying high, looking far, having a determined mind, and a love of solitude.



# Hua Tong Boat: Tying Our Relationships

At Koh Klang, Dad and Anda are excitedly getting ready to pick Lanta up. Mom stays home to cook dinner for Lanta and her aunt. Anda is the most excited one. Even though he has so few memories about his sister, he really looks forward to meeting her. He jumps into the boat with his dad to go and pick up Lanta.



Krabi river is 5 kilometers long. It has nourished the city for a long time.

Hua Tong is the rising curved head part of the boat. It is considered sacred and one needs to show an apologetic gesture before getting on the boat.

## Hua Tong Boat: Symbol of Andaman Sea.

“Hua Tong” is a local boat, with its remarkable rising curved head that helps with the good balance of the boat. It also helps the boat fight against the big waves and strong winds all the way to its destination. It truly represents local wisdom. The Hua Tong boat is closely tied to the ways of living of the people who live by the Andaman Sea. It is their tool for earning a living by catching fish. It is their means of travel, to transport people and goods, especially during the booming time of tourism.



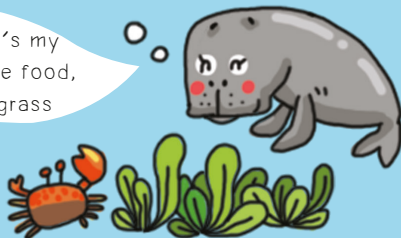
Dad is so happy to meet Lanta and she is also so thrilled to see him that she cries. However, the minute she meets Anda, they are both silent. Lanta feels estranged from her brother. The distance between them makes Lanta feel awkward and makes it look like she is indifferent towards him. This makes Anda remain quiet as well. The Hua Tong boat is heading to her home and it makes Lanta feel happy. It is totally different from what Anda is feeling.



“Green Lungs” The wetland at the mouth of the river is an abundant place with a wide range of biodiversity. It is like a lung for Krabi’s people. It is also the central food source for all kinds of animals. Krabi people earn their living with an awareness of conservation of this area.



There’s my favorite food, sea grass



# Warm Hug Aromatic Rice



There is only one small concrete road in the village so people mostly use bicycle, motorcycle, or tricycle with sidecar.

When they arrive at Koh Klang, Dad gets Lanta off the boat and puts her stuff in the tricycle sidecar. She remembers the vehicle because she used to ride in the front and let the wind blow her face. But the front seat belongs to Anda now. "That's ok," Lanta thinks and she gets on the back seat. She is about to get upset when the neighbors along the way start asking her dad who she is. Anda joyfully tells them he is taking his sister home. So everyone says "welcome" to her all the way home. Somehow, Lanta feels so special.



Welcome!



As soon as they arrive home, Mom runs toward Lanta and gives her a warm hug. She keeps asking Lanta how she is. Lanta also feels the warmth of Mom's familiar hug. Mom tells Lanta and her aunt that she has prepared their favorite food. Then she asks everyone to get inside the house.

Let's Sit On the Mat and Eat.

Krabi people eat the same things as other southern people. They mainly eat rice. The meals are mostly soups, curries and fried food. Krabi's curry dishes are really spicy and thick. And one thing that is a must are different kinds of chili pastes and "Pak Noh", different kinds of fresh vegetables which are eaten with these chili pastes.

How do I cook it right?

Wash it gently, quick and only once. Then put it in water about one knuckle high and that's it



## Delicious Dishes That You Can't Miss!

Scalded dog conch  
(a kind of sea snail)



Khao Yam  
(southern Thai rice salad)



Lamp shell in coconut soup



Sang Yod Rice  
Koh Klang's famous rice.  
It is fluffy, soft and has an aromatic smell.

Gaeng Som  
(sour and spicy fish soup)



Spotted Babylon with  
lemon grass soup








There are 257  
small and big mountains  
and 154 islands in Krabi.


There must  
be as many  
cars in  
Bangkok as  
there are  
fishes here.



# Three Layers of Beauty



After dinner, they all sit down and talk. Anda asks Lanta to tell him about Bangkok. Lanta doesn't feel like it but she can't refuse since Mom is looking forward to hearing it too. So, unwillingly she has to tell him. When she finishes, she asks her dad to tell her about Krabi too.



Dad tells Lanta that Krabi is a very beautiful place to live, that people are very kind, and that Krabi has three layers of beauty. Meanwhile, Anda keeps interrupting dad and that makes Lanta feel more annoyed with him. Anda, on the other hand, is so happy to have his big sister here with him.

**First Layer: Grand mountain ranges, beautiful stalactites and stalagmites, and fun rock climbing places.**

**Second Layer: Clear sea and beautiful white sand beaches.**

Krabi has a 160 kilometer-long coast along the Andaman Sea.

**Third Layer: A marvelous underwater world with coral reefs and colorful fishes, a divers' heaven.**

The coral reefs around the islands are still in pretty good shape. Most of them are in the area of Hat Nopparat Thara National Park, the Phi Phi Islands, and Mu Koh Lanta National Park.

Dad and Mom want to take the kids out so they can get closer to each other. They plan to take them around Krabi. They hope that Lanta will be more loving to Anda, and that both sister and brother will enjoy spending time side by side with each other during this Krabi trip. So at dawn, to start a happy new day, Dad takes them on the Hua Tong boat to see the sunrise at the Fossil Shell Cemetery.

Big fossil shale about 40 centimeters thick.

Ancient shell fossil

The gastropod fossils at Shell Cemetery are about 40 million years old. They are only found in three places in the world—Japan, Mexico and Thailand.

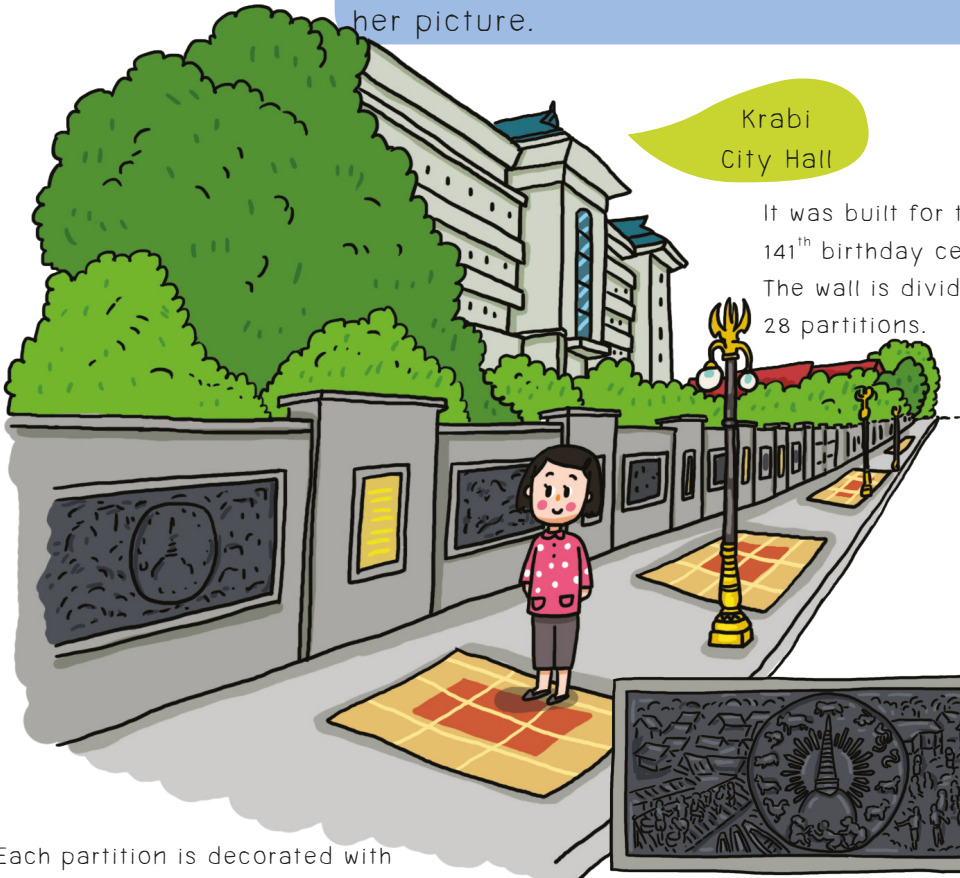
The beaches and sea here are very beautiful and are irresistible for swimming



# Starting a New Day in a Familiar Place.



Lanta's aunt is going back to Bangkok that evening. Everyone comes to see her off at the bus station. She tells Lanta she will come to take Lanta back before school starts. After that, Dad takes her to the back of Krabi city hall where there is a 250 meter-long historic wall. It is a simple yet beautiful source of cultural learning. Lanta really wants some nice pictures of her with the wall but Dad and Mom don't seem to be able to get a good picture for her. So she has to ask Anda to take her picture.



Krabi  
City Hall

It was built for the city's 141<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. The wall is divided into 28 partitions.

Each partition is decorated with low-relief sculptures displaying the history of Krabi, from past to present.

# Open Your Heart at Thale Waek (Separated Sea)

Koh Poda. The beach here is white and soft, and the sea is crystal clear. In front of the island, there is a giant islet very similar to Koh Tapu in Phang Nga.

"Take a good picture!"

Anda volunteers to take pictures for Lanta. It is a chance for them to talk more and get closer.



Koh Moh



Koh Tab.



It is a beautiful day today so Dad takes the kids out to the Andaman Sea. Lanta doesn't want to go because it has the same name as her brother, Anda. She feels like she is intruding into his space. But Mom has already prepared food for them. So Lanta convinces herself to go so she can get some nice photos to show her friends in Bangkok. However, along the way, the beauty of the Andaman Sea gradually makes her feel better.

## Exotic Thale Waek

It is a group of three islands - Koh Tab, Koh Moh, and Koh Gai (Koh Poda Nok) connected by a sandy beach.

When the tide goes out, the sandbar appears in the middle of the sea, separating it, so the tourists can walk across from one island to another.

Koh Kai

Strange formation of the rock.



The next day, Dad and Mom take the kids to Koh Hong. It is known as the emerald jewel of the Andaman Sea. Lanta and Anda do so many activities there.

Bird eye view  
of Koh Hong



### Relaxing in the Room in the Center of the Island

Koh Hong is the biggest limestone island among the island group, with clean white sand and a beautiful curved beach. The island is encircled by countless rocky outcrops that make the curved beach feel like a crescent. It makes the bay feel private, which is why people from around the world come here for their vacation. Also, on the north side of the island is where Pileh Lagoon or Thale Nai is situated. It is known as one of the top ten most visited and cleanest beaches in the world.

The  
Island  
Entrance

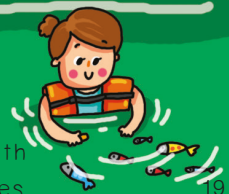
Snorkeling to see  
the shallow water coral reefs



Kayaking around the bay to observe  
the beauty of Thale Nai.



Swimming with  
friendly fishes.





# Strolling Along Klong Song Nam

The water here originated from Pra Kaew Pool.

## Sometimes Fresh Sometimes Salty

Tha Pom or Klong Song Nam canal is where freshwater and seawater from the Andaman Sea meet.

This makes it a wonder place where two kinds of water are in the same canal. When the tide is high, the water becomes murky-blue brackish water. But when the tide is low, the water turns into crystal clear and emerald-colored freshwater.

This is because the water is full of calcium carbonate and sulphur.

This canal is 5 kilometers long with a 700 meter-long nature trail.

At Klong Song Nam, there are also three different types of forests



**Mangrove forest**  
with its massive root system.

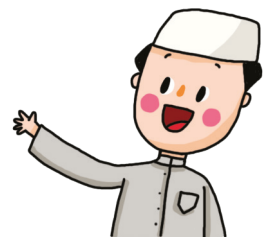


**Freshwater swamp forest**  
on the upland with a fascinating massive root system.



**Tropical rainforest**  
with lots of big trees.

Dad tells Lanta and Anda that the villagers here believe that Klong Tha Pom is a sacred place, named after Dato (teacher) Pom. He and his family were the first group of people to settle down here 150 years ago. They also believe that there is a white crocodile guarding the river source of the canal. Anyone who trespasses will be cursed. That is why no one dares to trespass in this forest.



From Tha Pom, Dad takes them to Ao Luek. Mom wants to go to Had Sai Ron (Hot Sand Beach), which is a sandy beach by a canal. There are spa treatments there. Lanta jokingly asks Anda to put the mud on his face, saying that it will make his skin soft. She doesn't think that he will believe her. So she ends up laughing out loud when she sees his face being covered by black mud.

### Had Sai Ron (Hot Sand Beach)

The beach only surfaces during those times when the high tides are very high and the low tides are very low. Hot steam gushes out from underground because the place is situated above the cracks in the earth's crust. It makes the temperature of the beach and the water high. The mud here is delicate and soft. The activities that you shouldn't miss are spa treatments and mud bath.



### Than Bok Khorani Waterfall

This waterfall is situated in Than Bok Khorani National Park, a forest in the center of Ao Luek District. A stream flows down to big and small ponds that are situated on different levels below, surrounded by green forest. You can swim here all year round.

Lanta posted her photos when she was at Koh Hong on her Facebook page. Under one of the photos said "This is my brother, Anda."



# Having Fun at Ao Luek

Dad takes the kids to Ao Luek to see the beauty of all the caves there. Lanta is really scared of the dark. Then suddenly she feels a tiny hand grabbing her hand. She can tell that this tiny hand is cold and that its owner must be feeling the same way as her.

## Sra Yuan Tong Cave

There are a lot of stone pillars in the cave. They look as if they are supporting the cave's ceiling. There is also a big natural pond in front of the cave.

## Petch Cave

The shape of the cave is like a heart shape and sparkling stone inside casts beautiful reflections like diamonds.

## Nong Tung Na Cave

There is a crystal blue lagoon inside the cave and Lesser Leaf-nosed bats can be seen here too.

## Lot Cave

Kayaking through the cave and enjoying beautiful stalagmites and stalactites.



## Phi Hau To Cave

There are hundreds of prehistoric paintings inside this cave

These paintings are around 2,000-3,000 years old.



## Sao Hin Lak Khon

It resembles the famous Khao Tapu in Phang Nga Bay. It is a large lagoon so it is known as the best place for kayaking.



Lanta isn't sure whether it is because they are sister and brother or not, but she has fun holding hands with Anda while walking from one cave to another. She thinks that in these dark caves, Anda may not know whose hand he is holding and that Dad and Mom may not either.

## Pah Kom

has a long low-ceiling passage of about a hundred meters. When looking out to the sea, you will see a beautiful view with beautiful stalagmites and stalactites as a foreground.



## Karose, the Devil Valley

The high cliff of Khao Karose seems to change its expression from a smiling face to a grieving face according to the direction of the light.

## Klang Cave

There are about 13 caverns in here, both regular and water caves.



After going around all the islands and beaches, Dad, Mom and the kids stops by a famous Kanom Jeen with fried chicken restaurant in Nuea Klong District. After they are all full, they take the kids to Khlongthom Museum to see the fascinating cultural heritage of Krabi and the natural wonder in the middle of the forest in Klong Thom District.



## Khlongthom Museum

The museum was founded in 1966. Ancient artifacts and tools like stone-made tools, pottery, and jewelry that were excavated from Kuan Look Pat behind the temple are displayed here. There are also local tools that people have donated to the temple, along with elephant skeletons, whale skeletons, fossils, and ancient buoys made of glass.

## Sun God Beads

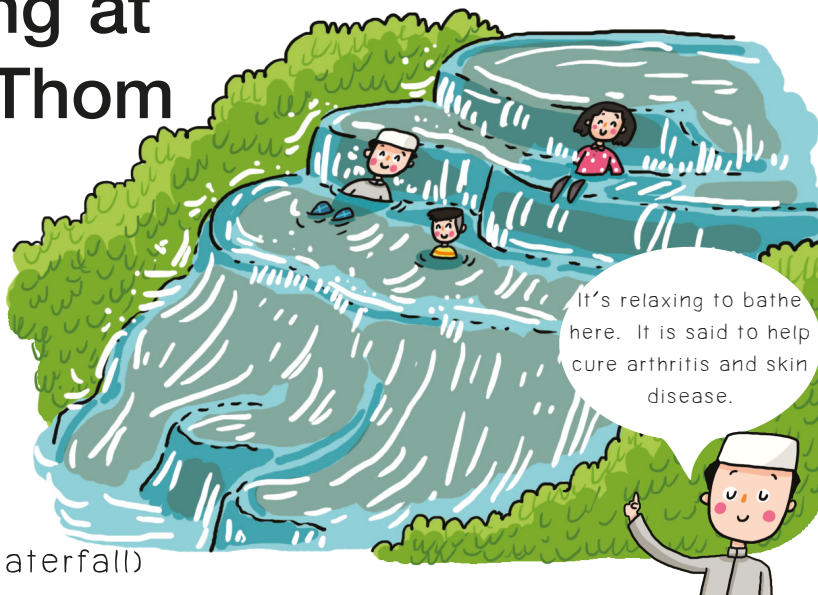
They are marvelous ancient beads with a diameter of 1 centimeter. The design on the beads looks like the face of the Sun God (thus the name). They are believed to be about 2,000 years old.

Beads and porcelain are displayed on the second floor.



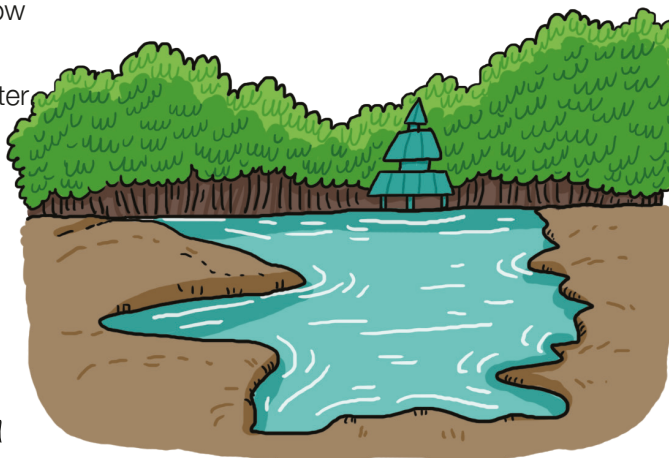
Ancient tools and artifacts, fossils, ancient coins and ancient jewelry are displayed downstairs.

# Glancing at Klong Thom



## Relaxing Namtok Ron (Hot spring waterfall)

The stream is above the earth crack where heat and minerals underneath flow up and mix with the cool water above and form a lovely cascade of warm water. The stream flows down to Klong Thom where the water turns cool.



## Breathtaking Emerald Pool

This clear emerald-colored pool is hidden in the middle of Tung Tiaw Forest. The water is replenished by a natural stream from freshwater sources in the middle of the forest that runs and mixes with the water into a big (almost round) pool. This creates a beautiful emerald pool where we can have fun swimming in nice warm water.

Tung Tiaw forest is the last abundant lowland evergreen forest in Thailand with plenty of biodiversity. It is also a habitat for a rare species of bird, the Gurney's Pitta.





Dad takes everyone home. He tells them that tomorrow's trip will be more exciting because they are going to Koh Lanta. As soon as Lanta hears the name, she is so excited. And when Mom tells Lanta that her name comes from Koh Lanta, Lanta gets even more restless that she can't wait for tomorrow to come. Luckily, Dad has a friend who lives there so he asks him to take them around.

# From Koh Lanta to the Name "Lanta"



**Koh Lanta Noi**  
Koh Lanta Noi is where the district office and other government offices are situated.

**Koh Lanta Yai.**  
A long mountain range is situated in the middle of Koh Lanta Yai. Along the west side of the island to Laem Tanod, the south-most part of the island, are beautiful beaches. Each has its own unique beauty and atmosphere. The east side of the island leads to the local community with old and interesting culture and ways of life.

Urak Lawoi means

“sea people.” Koh Lanta is a “capital city” for the sea people. There are four Urak Lawoi communities here: Toh Ba Liew, Nai Rai, Klong Dao, and Sang Ka Ou.

Dad’s friend says that there are three ethnic groups of people living together here on Koh Lanta: Chao Ley, Thai-Muslim, and Chinese people. So, colorful lifestyles can be seen here. This is one of Koh Lanta’s charms that makes visitors fall in love with it.



### Toh Ba Liew Community

It is an Urak Lawoi community, with the Toh Ba Liew shrine as a center that holds this community together. Before reaching the village, there is a wooden piece in a shape that looks like a human. This is a protection talisman. The villagers believe in ancestor spirits’ protection.

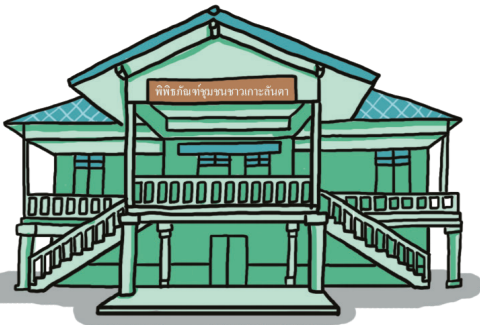


Dad’s friend takes Anda and Lanta to Pra Ae beach for a swim. It is a long, white sandy beach. Dad and Mom smile with happiness when they see their kids having fun swimming together. Dad thinks that bringing them to Koh Lanta is really worth it.



# Old Lanta Town

Everyone stays overnight at Dad's friend's house because they want to watch the "Pajak" boat floating ceremony. Lanta sleeps with Mom while Anda sleeps with Dad in another mosquito net. Lanta overhears Dad telling Anda that Anda is the Andaman Sea and Lanta is Koh Lanta in the Andaman Sea. The reason Dad and Mom name them like this is because they want Anda, who is a man, to take care of Lanta, who is a woman, just like the Andaman Sea that embraces Koh Lanta. Lanta hears Anda make a promise to Dad and she falls asleep with a smile on her face.



## Koh Lanta Community Museum

From an old district office to a community museum, the museum displays the history of the Lanta people. There is also an exhibition about old Lanta people's lifestyles, occupations, customs and traditions.

There are many interesting things inside the museum, e.g., the exhibition of an old charcoal kiln, which was the Lanta people's main occupation in the past, the Urak Lawoi's Pajak boat that is made of Salacca wood, the old movie theater, and many other interesting things.



Charcoal Kiln



Old Houses on Koh Lanta



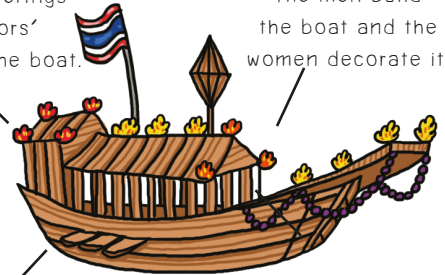
## "Pajak" Boat Floating Ceremony

This ceremony is done to drive away the villagers' bad luck by asking ghosts or the sacred power to rid the village of the evil and to protect them. The "Pajak" boat is built as a vessel to carry their misfortune out to the sea.



The sacrificial offerings for the ancestors' spirits are put in the boat.

The men build the boat and the women decorate it.



To Moh performs a 3-day ceremony.

The ceremony is held twice a year, in the middle of the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> months of the lunar calendar.



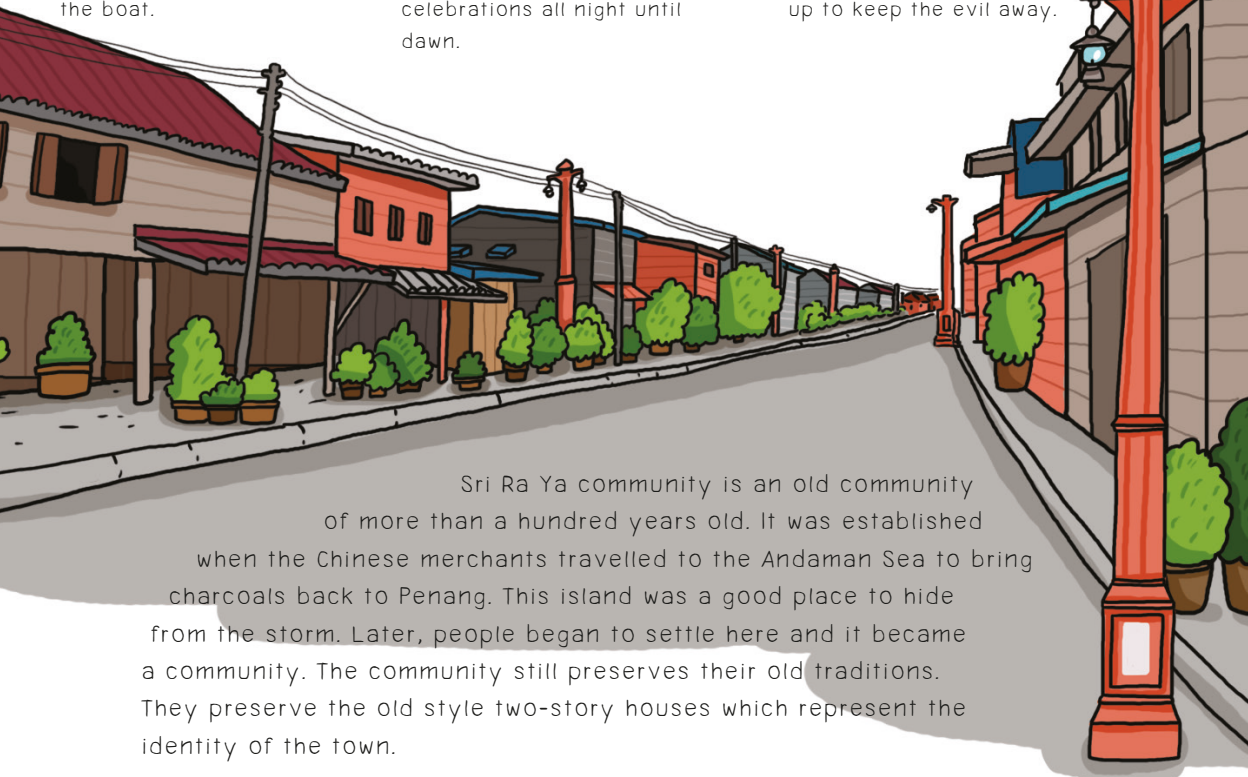
First day: They apologize to the sacred power before cutting down salacca Palm and Suicide tree to build the boat.



Second day: The men help build the boat until the afternoon. Then they bring the boat to the village center. There are celebrations all night until dawn.



Third day: The villagers take the boat out far into the sea to prevent it from coming back. Then they put a protection talisman up to keep the evil away.



Sri Ra Ya community is an old community of more than a hundred years old. It was established when the Chinese merchants travelled to the Andaman Sea to bring charcoals back to Penang. This island was a good place to hide from the storm. Later, people began to settle here and it became a community. The community still preserves their old traditions. They preserve the old style two-story houses which represent the identity of the town.

# Harmony in Diversity



## Tung Yee Peng Village

Tung Yee Peng village is an old community of Koh Lanta. Most people are Muslims. They are either fishermen or they grow rubber trees as their main occupations. Their lifestyles are closely related to the forest, the sea, and Lanta Island. They depend on nature for a living.

Lanta is happy to see that different groups of people—Muslims, Buddhists, Chao Ley, and Chinese people—live harmoniously together. She also feels much better toward her brother. Most importantly, Anda is her personal photographer for this trip. He doesn't complain and he takes good pictures.

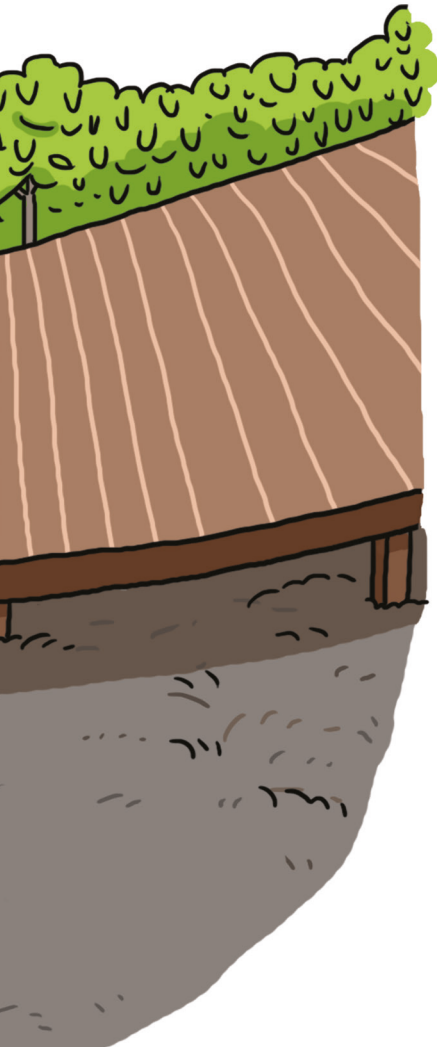






Tung Yee Peng villagers work together to conserve and restore natural resources back to abundance. They try to build a stronger community. They encourage activities that make their village attractive as an ecotourism village where people can still continue living their simple lives. They do shallow water fishing just to make a moderate living. They have inherited the old way of making delicious and authentic shrimp paste from krill, which is a famous product of this community.

The paste has a pinkish purple color which is the natural color of krill. Moreover, they have the Monkey Training School that helps conserve about 20 macaques that are trained to pick coconuts from coconut trees and perform other entertaining shows for visitors.



### Basic Rules When Visiting the Village

1. Dress properly.
2. No alcohol consumption.
3. No pork allowed.
4. Do not make loud noises during religious ceremonies.
5. Respect and honor the local lifestyle and culture.

I'm glad to see you guys getting along really well.



# The Wonders of Koh Klang

After travelling around Krabi, Dad and Mom want Lanta to see how wonderful and cozy Koh Klang is because they want Lanta to move back home when she finishes her education. Dad tells Lanta about Koh Klang because he hopes to plant a love of her hometown in her heart. Then, the family will finally be able to reunite and live together again.

## Simple but Beautiful Koh Klang's Style

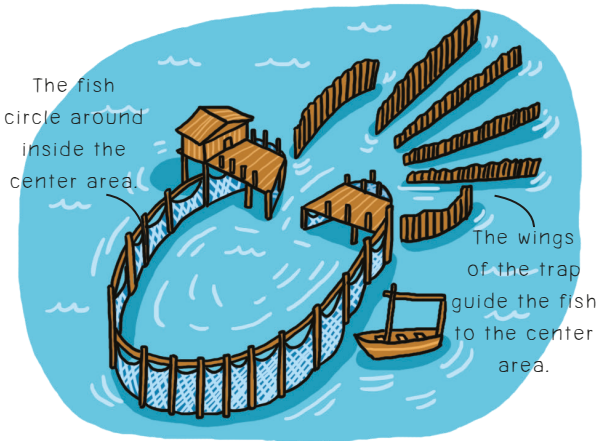
Koh Klang village is an old community more than a hundred years old. Most people are peace-loving Muslims. They live a simple life and earn their livings in accordance with the resources they have.

"An eleven-meter-long cement road can take you around the island."



## Fish in the Stake Trap

The villagers build shallow water stake traps which are built using ancient local wisdom. When the tide is low, they will bring their boat closer to the trap and use the dip-nets to catch the fish and the shrimps



## Shellfishing in the Sand

Shellfishing is basically digging up shells out of the sand. The villagers use pointy long sticks to find the shellfish. They stab the stick into the sand. If there are any shellfish underneath, the shellfish will blow the water out and come up above the sand. The villagers then use their toes to pick the shellfish up and put them in the can.

Grandma Prajim Lekdam is the president of the Batik OTOP group.

Mom takes Lanta to the Batik OTOP group. Lanta has fun making a handkerchief.

Beautiful and Unique Batik  
Koh Klang villagers have their own unique ways of making batik. They mix the Malaysian way of making Batik with their own to make their unique colorful batik design. You can try this yourself.



1. Melt the wax. Then dip the metal pattern block into the wax and imprint it on the white cloth.

2. Wait until the pattern is dry and then paint it.

3. When the paint is dry, apply the hot wax above the pattern and dye the cloth with the base color.

4. Boil the cloth to wash out the wax and dip it in the color catcher solution.

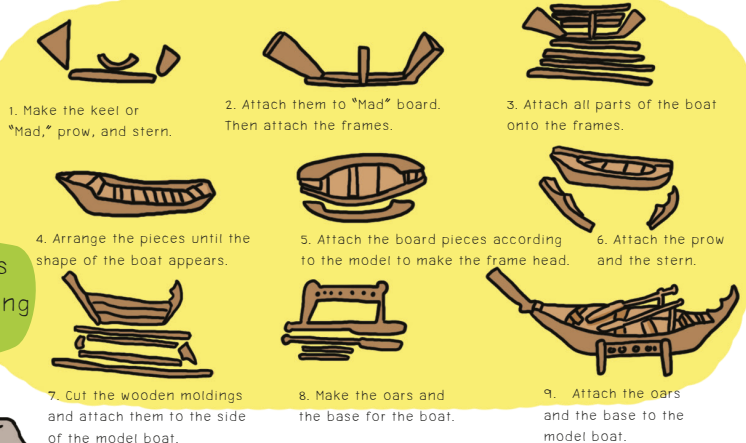
5. Wash the cloth. When it dries, you will get your own, only one in the world, colorful batik.

Primary colors are used in the dyeing.



In the afternoon, Dad takes Lanta and Anda to try building a Hua Tong model boat. They help each other until it is done. They show it off to their mom.

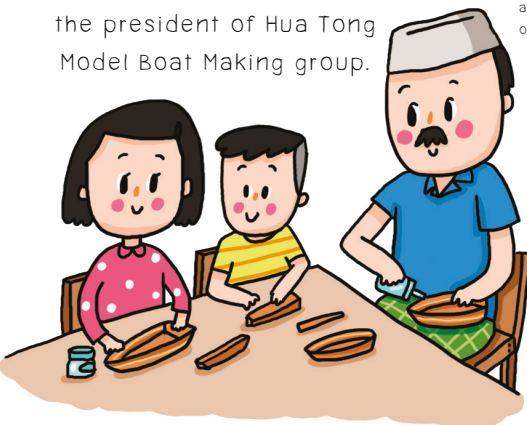
Let's Follow This Process of Hua Tong Model-Making



## Hua Tong Preservation

The Hua Tong boat is considered an indispensable vessel for Koh Klang people, but the original Hua Tong boats are now hard to find. So, the villagers get together to demonstrate how to make a model boat that uses the exact same method as building the real boat. This helps preserve their precious lifestyle and local wisdom.

Uncle Somboon Manka is the president of Hua Tong Model Boat Making group.



# Unforgettable Khao Khanap Nam

The two very high mountains on both banks of the river at the entrance of city are the symbol of Krabi. There are a lot of historic caves inside for visitors to search around.

Dad hires a Hua Tong boat to take Lanta and Anda to Khao Khanap Nam. The loving relationships in the family tears down the wall Lanta had built. Now that all the good memories return, Lanta holds her brother's hands and they walk together happily.



## Primitive Man's Home

Traces of human settlement from the prehistoric age to the time around World War I and II were found inside the caves of Khao Khanap Nam.





## Light in the Room

Inside the biggest cave of Khao Khanap Nam, there are a lot of beautiful stalagmites and stalactites, and gigantic limestone pillars. A large hole on the other side of the cave brings in the light all over the cave.



In 1999, many traces of prehistoric human settlement were found here. Sea shells and animal bones are evidences that they were cooked as food.

Animal teeth and fangs, pieces of charcoal, pieces of tools, three pedestaled pots, and human leg bones are found here.



Model of a Human Skeleton



An exhibition of Prehistoric human lifestyle is displayed inside the cave.



Model of a Japanese campsite.

During World War II around the year 1941-1945, the Japanese troops landed on Krabi. Their ships lined up along the river in front of Krabi city down to Khao Khanap Nam to transport their weapons. They also set up camps in many places including Khao Khanap Nam's cave. It was one of the places the Japanese soldiers set up as a check point on the villagers' boats that were passing by. So there are evidences of the Japanese shelters there.

# Promises on the Rice Field

Other villagers already planted their rice seeds in their rice fields except her dad. He has been waiting for Lanta to do this together. Lanta is awkward on the rice field so Anda shows her what to do. He has helped Dad and Mom on the rice field many times. Even though it's exhausting, everyone is very happy.



Let's  
Grow  
Sang Yod  
Rice!

Select the seeds  
and sow them.



Transplant the rice  
seedlings during  
August – October.



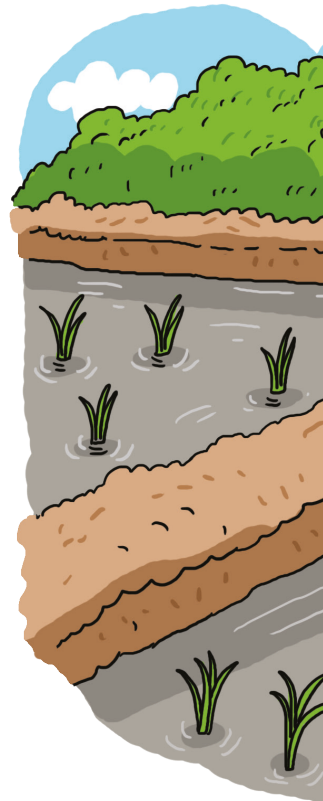
"Do as I do, Sis."  
Anda said.



Dad tells Lanta that  
this rice field will wait  
for Lanta to come back  
and harvest the rice.  
He asks Lanta to come  
back to live at home  
and he apologizes for  
sending her to live with  
her aunt.



Anda has nothing to say.  
He stretches his hands out  
toward his sister.





Wait for 4-5 months  
for the rice to grow.



Harvest from  
December – February.



Husk the rice.



Turn the leftover  
rice stubbles, rice  
straws and rice  
hulls into fertilizer.

## God-given Rice

Sang Yod rice is grown  
organically once a year using  
only water from the rain.  
That is why it is called  
God-given rice. It is uniquely  
delicious.





# Memorable Phi Phi Islands

Finally, it is time for Lanta to say goodbye to Krabi. Before going back to Bangkok with her aunt, Dad and Mom take her to Phi Phi Island, one of the world-renowned tourist attractions.

## Phi Phi Don Island

Phi Phi Don is a big island. The main attraction is the world-class beauty of the double bay of Loh Dalum and Ton Sai. At Tong Cape on the north side of the island there is a Chao Ley village

Ton Sai Bay's sea is deep.  
There is a pier there and there  
are all kinds of facilities.

Walking up from Ton Sai Bay to the scenic point,  
you can enjoy the beautiful sights of the double  
bay and the mountain.



The islands were originally called "Pulau Api-Api" by the sea people. The word "Pulau" means "island" and the word "Api-Api" refers to the grey mangrove which was later called "Pi Pi." Later the sound was distorted to "Phi Phi." The main islands in the groups are Phi Phi Don and Phi Phi Leh. The rest are Koh Pai, Koh Yung, Koh Bida Nok and Koh Bida Nai.

### Phi Phi Leh Island

Phi Phi Leh is a small island on the south of Phi Phi Don. The beauty of the beaches there, Pileh Bay, Maya Bay, and Loh Samah Bay, are also world-renowned. Inside the "Viking" Cave, historic paintings of elephants and boats can be found. It is believed that the seamen or pirates painted these paintings.

I am so happy to be in Krabi during this school break

Loh Dalum Bay has shallow water so it is good for sunbathing..

# Krabi's Souvenirs

Finally, the day has come for Lanta to go back to Bangkok. Her aunt arrived yesterday. Anda takes a picture of the four of them as a memento. He tells Lanta to think of him some time. Lanta is so touched. Tears run down her cheeks. She takes his hands and promises everyone she will come back home after she finishes her 9<sup>th</sup> grade and she will go to high school here in Krabi. She wonders whether when that time comes, her young brother would still allow her to hold his hand and takes him around Krabi again or not. Anda smiles shyly. Close bonds have now formed in this family.

Dad and Mom prepared a lot of souvenirs for Lanta and her aunt to take back to Bangkok.



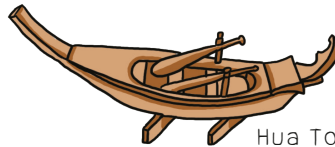
Batik Cloth,  
an OTOP product from  
Koh Klang Village



Dried Shrimp Paste



Sang Yod Rice,  
a famous rice from  
Koh Klang Village



Hua Tong Model Boat,  
OTOP product from  
Koh Klang Village



Shogun Orange  
from Khao Panom Bencha



Dried Anchovies



Batik Handkerchief



Beads



Pandan Mat,  
OTOP product made  
from the screw pine  
or Pandan tree

Smooth Taste Shrimp  
Paste made from  
small-sized shrimps



## How to Get to Krabi?



- By plane from Don Muang Airport or Suvarnabhumi Airport to Krabi Airport. It takes 1 hour 15 mins.



- By car, using highway number 4 (Petchkasem) passing Petchburi, Prachuab Khiri Khan, Chumphon, Ranong, Phang Nga, until arriving Krabi.

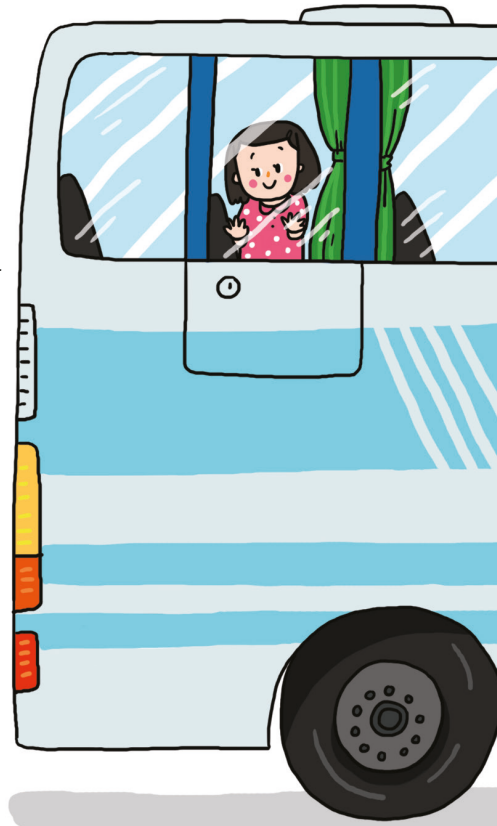
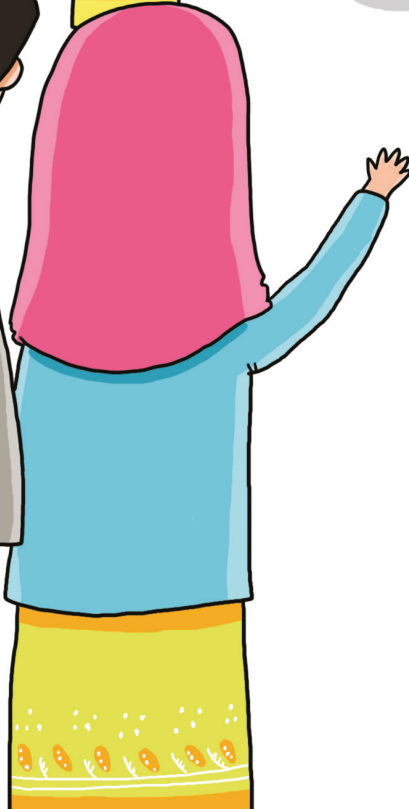


- By train from Hua Lampong train station. Get off at Pun Pin train station in Surat Thani. Then take a bus to Krabi.



- By bus from the New Southern Bus Terminal to Krabi Bus Station. Then take the small red bus to downtown Krabi.

When you come back, I will take you to Khao Panom, Big Sis. Safe trip. Bye.





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