

Code of Photography Practices for the Royal Ploughing Ceremony

On the Phra Meru Ground (Sanam Luang) Premises

1. Eligible photographers with right of entry into the Royal Ploughing Ceremony

a. Staff members of the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives who have been granted royal permission to take photographs at the Royal Ploughing Ceremony.

b. Individuals not affiliated with the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives shall first have to be granted royal permission to take photographs at the Royal Ploughing Ceremony. Requests for royal permission in this regard shall have to be initiated and implemented by line agencies with which any such individuals are affiliated.

c. Photographers who are members of the press or affiliated with local or international news agencies shall need to present identifications cards issued by the Public Relations Department.

2. Dresses

a. For gentlemen: men's western dresses [jackets and trousers of the same decent colour without any patterns printed thereon: i.e. navy blue, black or dark colours). Light-coloured shirts worn shall bear no printed patterns. Photographers/cameramen shall have to wear neckties with no patterns printed in any decent colours (under no circumstances shall black or navy-blue neckties be worn). Dark-coloured socks and leather shoes are to be worn.

b. For ladies: ladies' dresses [jackets and skirts of the same decent colour without any patterns printed thereon: i.e. navy blue, black or dark colours). Skirts worn shall be of an adequate length, covering the knees. Light-coloured shirts worn shall bear no printed patterns. Photographers/cameramen shall have to wear neckties with no patterns printed in any decent colours (under no circumstances shall black or navy-blue neckties be worn). Dark-coloured all-wrap leather shoes are to be worn.

c. Photographers failing to comply with the dress formality prescribed shall not be allowed to take photographs on the ceremony premises.

3. Entry into the Royal Ploughing Ceremony for the taking of photographs on the Ceremony Day

- a. Thai and foreign photographers are kindly requested to produce/present their press identity cards issued by the Public Relations Department for camera and equipment inspection by the staff members of the Police Special Branch Bureau between 06.00 hrs at the designated camera inspection point.
- b. Only photographers having undergone inspection by the Police Special Branch Bureau and having been granted permission to wear armbands shall be allowed to be stationed at one of the three points designated for photographers: i.e. within the wooden frame fitted at the ceremony stead/grounds (TV1), and two television camera points (TV2). It is to be noted that any photographers proceeding beyond the designated areas to take photographs are kindly requested to return to the designated points in order to maintain orderliness.

(Staff members at the designated camera points shall coordinate with photographers/camera men in this regard on the ceremony day).

- c. Photographers/cameramen shall have to wear prescribed dresses with jackets and green armbands printed with the Royal Ploughing Ceremony logo provided by the official staff the arm bands or printed with the logo designated by the Police Special Branch Bureau. Photographers/camera men failing to dress accordingly shall not be allowed to take photographs during the ceremony. (Armbands will be provided on the ceremony day).

4. Camera types: Only professional still-photography cameras and video cameras shall be allowed for use. (Cameras for amateurs shall not be allowed for recording purposes during the ceremony).

5. Photography practices during the Royal Ploughing Ceremony

- a. Photographs/cameramen who have been granted permission to take photographs and who have undergone inspection by the Police Special Branch Bureau are allowed to take photographs of the general atmosphere at the ceremony prior to the arrival of Royal Chairperson (prior to 08.00 hrs.) and shall be seated at the designated marquees. Such photographs/cameramen to be seated at the marquees will be provided with ribbons to be affixed to the jackets for the purposes of orderliness.
 - b. Upon the arrival of the Royal Chairperson, invited guests, individuals designated to have an audience, and photographers/cameramen who do not wear any such armband shall not be allowed to take photographs. Photographers/cameramen who wear such armbands shall be allowed to take photographs at the ceremony.
 - c. While the Royal Ploughing Ceremony is being officiated on the ceremony grounds, no photographers/cameramen shall be allowed to proceed into the procession in order to take photographs. They are allowed to take photographs only at points on the ceremony ground on either side of the procession.
6. Regarding professional etiquette, photographers/cameraman shall behave themselves and remain respectful vis-à-vis the Royal Chairperson at all times, and strictly follow instructions given by the staff members of the Police Special Branch Bureau.
7. Photographers/cameraman affiliated with public agencies or members of the press who are not granted permission to take photographs during the ceremony may request copies of photographs from the Audio-visual Technology Branch, the Agricultural Information Division, (telephone number: 0-2281-5955, extension number: 233).

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