

135 Boripat Road Bangkok,  
Thailand.

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Dear Shri Navnit,

Ladda and I had arrived in Bangkok safety. We are deeply impressed by your kind hospitality during our stay at your house in Bombay. We wish to thank you again by this letter, and hope that you would have time to visit Thailand some time in future.

Please also inform your beloved Mother of our deep respect and gratitude for her kindness extended to us during our stay with her.

I remember that you showed your interest in the project to develop the 2,000 acres of land, belonging to Shri Sod Kuramarohita, my close friend. Who lacks capital for the time being. Shri Sod is a wellknown writer in Thailand, having a long career of writing novels, plays, articles poems, for more than 30 years. He frindly believes in the freedom of the human race. His writing deals mostly with the life problems of mankind, especially in the field of social philosophy. His goal is free democracy. He sees clearly that free democracy is possible only if the mass is well educated. He writes, and at the same time, tries to make experiment with his writing. And on account of the experiment, he ran into debts. His experiment is to try to build up a modern village in Hin Wong, is which the people could live as free men, and live in plenty. He bought 2,000 acres of land, which, he believe, would yield enough agricultural products for exports. With benefits as reaped from the soils, he would start his rural reconstruction program for the people according to what he has been writing for years. He plans to grow oranges which, if planted in great number, say, 500,000 trees, would give an annual income of at least 100 million ticals. With this money even much less than this, he would be able to start his program to help the poor people in the vicinity. His program deals with 3 fundamental needs of the people, namely, (1) Livelihood, (2) Education, (3) Health, all free service.

Shri Sod is now 51 years of age. He tried for years to build up his plantation. But not even 10% of land has been developed, owing to short of capital. He tried to contact Ford Foundation in Delhi, but failed to obtain help. He wrote to Rockefeller Foundation, Asia Foundation, or even the USOM. But no helps came. He tried to get in touch with rich people in Thailand, but nobody could understand him.

Shri Sod plays no politics, because he does not believe in politicians.

With this letter, I insert some informations concerning works which had been done in the already developed land, and which is expected to be done in future if there is an opportunity to obtain enough capital.



Shri Sod also has in mind a scheme of building a Holiday Town along the coast with an area of 400 acres at least. There is no holiday town in complete form in Thailand for the people in other parts of the country to enjoy themselves. His place is only 160 kilometres from Bangkok, and can be reached both by land and by sea. He expects progress in his district through visits of the people from other parts of the country including foreigners, who would come to help stimulate the growth of new life in his district.

We look forward to your early visit again to Thailand. Please be sure of our hearty welcome. You must stay in my house we can prepare good vegetable meals for you.

Again, we wish to thank you most heartily for your very kind hospitality.

Please give our high respect to your Mother.

Very sincerely yours,

Prasidh Silapabanleng