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Pak Nam Prasae Community

# **Glossary of Thai Terms**

Amphoe : District

Ao : Bay

Ban : Village

Hat : Beach Khao : Mountain

Phu : Mountain

Tambon : Sub-district

Tham : Cave
Khlong : Canal
Ko : Island
Laem : Cape
Maenam : River

Mu Ko : Group of islands

Ubosot or Bot : Ordination hall in a temple

Wihan : Image Hall in a temple

Wat : Temple
Mueang : Town or city
Namtok : Waterfall

Note: English spelling here given tries to approximate Thai pronunciation. Posted signs may be spelled differently. When seeking help from a Thai for direction, point to the Thai spelling given after each place name.

**Rayong** "Delicious Fruits, Advanced Industries, Savoury Fish Sauce, Scenic Ko Samet, Great Poet Sunthon Phu"

On the east coast of Thailand, 179 kilometres from Bangkok, modest beaches dotted around Rayong province are tranquil paradises for sea lovers who wish for hideaway places near to the capital. Months of monsoon allow lush forest as well as fruit orchards to cool down from the heat of the day, and give produce during May of each year. So fruit lovers always travel here for various tasty fresh tropical fruits, particularly durian, rambutan and mangosteen. After the end of the monsoon season in late October, the

crystal clear water of Rayong along its hundred kilometre-long coast embraces to welcome all visitors.

# **Boundary**

North borders with Amphoe Nong Yai,

Amphoe Bo Thong, Amphoe

Si Racha, Chon Buri

South borders with the Gulf of Thailand

East borders with Amphoe Tha Mai,

Chanthaburi

West bordets with Amphoe Sattahip,

Amphoe Bang Lamung, Chon Buri

# HOW TO GET THERE TRANSPORTATION

By Car

- 1. Take Highway No. 3, Sukhumvit Road, from Bangkok via Amphoe Bang Pu, Amphoe Bang Pakong, Bang Saen, Si Racha, Pattaya, Hat Jomtien, Sattahip, Amphoe Ban Chang, to reach Amphoe Mueang Rayong, Rayong province, a total distance of approximately 220 km.
- 2. Take Highway No. 34, Bang Na Trat Road, starting from the end of the Chaloem Maha Nakhon Expressway, Amphoe Bang Na, passing by Amphoe Bang Phli, Amphoe Bang Bo, Samut Prakan province, and connect to Highway No. 3 at Km. 70, Amphoe Bang Pakong, Chachoengsao province. Continue on via Bang Saen, Si Racha, along the same route as Route 1, a total distance of approximately 220 km.
- 3. Follow Highway No. 7, the Motorway, starting from Phatthanakan Road, Prawet district, to end in Chon Buri province, a distance of 75 km. Then, take Highway No. 36 for 100 km. until reaching Amphoe Mueang Rayong, a total distance of 175 km.

### By Bus

There are buses operated by the Transport Company Limited leaving the Bangkok Bus Terminal (Eastern) and Bangkok Bus Terminal (Chatuchak) on Kamphaeng Phet 2 Road to Rayong and nearby districts on various routes; such as, Bangkok – Rayong, Ban Phe, Klaeng, Laem Mae Phim, Map Ta Phut, etc. For more information, call Tel. 1490 or visit HYPERLINK "http://www.transport.co.th" www.transport.co.th, Rayong Bus Terminal, Tel. 0 3861 1378-9. Private companies that provide a bus service include:

- Nakhonchai Air Company Limited, Tel. 1624, HYPERLINK "http://www.nca.co.th" www.nca. co.th, Rayong Office, Tel. 0 3861 6009.
- Rayong Tour Company Limited, Tel. 0 2936 1216, Rayong Office, Tel. 0 3886 1354-5.
- Cherd Chai Tour Company Limited, Tel. 0 2391
   2237, 0 2396 0199, 0 3867 4144 (Sam Yan Office),
   0 3865 1528, 08 6150 0782 (Ban Phe Office).

From Suvarnabhumi Airport, Rayong Tour Company Limited, Tel. 0 2269 6999, 0 3886 1354-5, Suvarnabhumi Airport's Bus Terminal, Tel. 0 2134 4099.

### **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**

There is a Song Thaeo service from the Rayong Bus Terminal 1 to Map Ta Phut, Ban Chang, Ban Khai, Hat Mae Ramphueng, Ban Kon Ao, Rayong Estuary, Ban Phe, Suan Son, Laem Mae Phim, and Klaeng (Sam Yan).

# TRANSPORTATION TO OTHER PROVINCES

From the Rayong Bus Terminal 2, there are buses leaving for various provinces including Chanthaburi, Chon Buri, Chachoengsao, Nakhon Ratchasima, Chiang Mai, Nong Khai, Ubon Ratchathani, and Loei. For more information, Tel. 0 3861 1378-9.

# Distances from Amphoe Mueang Rayong to Other Districts

Ban Khai	11 km.
Ban Chang	27 km.
Nikhom Phatthana	30 km.
Pluak Daeng	46 km.
Klaeng	47 km.
Wang Chan	70 km.
Khao Chamao	74 km.

# Distances from Amphoe Mueang Rayong to Nearby Areas

U-Tapao International Airport	35 km.
Pattaya	60 km.
Chon Buri	98 km.
Chanthaburi	110 km.
Trat	179 km.

# **Climate and Seasons**

Rayong has a tropical climate; warm and humid. An average temperature is 28 degree celsius. The best time for traveling is between



Hat Nam Rin Rayong 9 November and May. During monsoon season that is from June to October, it is not a good time to travel to islands.

# ATTRACTIONS Amphoe Mueang Rayong The Shrine of King Taksin the Great (ศาล สมเด็จพระเจ้าตากสิน)

Located in Wat Lum Mahachai Chumphon, Taksin Road, with a huge tree of 300 years old at the front. Folklore says that King Taksin the Great tied his elephant to the tree while leading the troops to Chanthaburi for retrieving the Kingdom of Siam from Burmese occupation. The shrine houses a statue of King Taksin the Great.

How to get there: From Mueang distirct, take Sukhumvit Road for 200 metres and turn right at the Taksin intersection into Taksin Maharat Road.

# Phra Phuttha Angkhirot Buddha Image Hall, Suan Si Mueang (ทอพระพุทธอังคีรส สวน ศรีเมือง)

Located at the back of the old City Hall in the public park named Suan Si Mueang, the Thaistyle building with a roof of four-side porches houses the symbolic Buddha image of Rayong, Phra Phuttha Angkhirot.



Phra Phuttha Angkhirot Buddha Image Hall, Suan Si Mueang



Wat Pa Pradu

# City Pillar Shrine (ศาลหลักเมือง)

Located on Lak Mueang Road, the City Pillar Shrine has been renovated from a wooden structure to be a brick building featuring a Chinese shrine. The old city pillar was replaced by a new one, which has been covered by the Mondop square building with four-side porches since 4 November, 1992. Celebrations are held annually during the Songkran Festival.

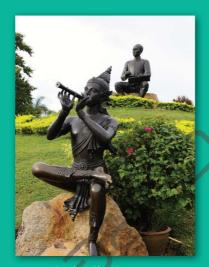
### Wat Khot Thimtharam (วัดโขดทีมธาราม)

Built around 1464, which dates back to the end of the Ayutthaya period, by the Governor of Rayong named Thim, this temple is located at Tambon Tha Pradu. The ubosot features mural paintings and the much revered Luangpho Khao. A Celebration is held annually during 13 – 15 April.

### Wat Pa Pradu (วัดป่าประคู่)

Located on Sukhumvit Road in Mueang municipality, this ancient temple dates back to the Ayutthaya period. The temple was honoured as a royal temple in the year 1990. The wihan houses a large reclining Buddha image, 11.95 metres long and 3.60 metres High. Unusually, the reclining Buddha image lies on its left-hand side. The image was first built outdoor and the Wihan was built later in 1981. The public can come to pay homage at this temple daily during 8.00 a.m.-5 p.m.

How to get there: The temple is accessible by two routes. The first route: From Mueang district, take Sukhumvit Road via Rayong Hospital and Wat Pa Pradu School, then turn left into Pa Pradu Road to reach the temple. The second route: From Highway 36, bypass



Sunthon Phu Monument



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