

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

by Prince Damrong*

H.R.H. Prince Damrong (Krom Phya Damrong Rajanubhab), Grand Cross of the Order of the Royal House of Chakri; of the Nine Gems; of the Chula Chom Klao; of the White Elephants (highest class); of the Crown of Siam (highest class); the Dusdi Mala Medal.

Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George; of the Legion of Honour; Officier de l'Instruction; Grand Cross of the Crown of Italy; of St. Maurice & St. Lazarus of Italy; of the Order of the Dannebrog (Denmark); of the Redeemer (Greece); of the Order of Gustavas Vasa (Sweden); of the Order of the Rising Sun, etc. etc.

Privy Councillor; First Grand Councillor; First Grand Court Officer; General in the Army; Special A.D.C. to the King, etc. Member of the Supreme Council of State; President of the Royal Institute; Member of the Finance Commission, etc.

Vice Patron of the Siam Society; Hon. Patron of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club; Vice Patron of the Golf Association of Siam; President of the Society for the Promotion of Animal Welfare; Hon. President of the Alliance Française, Bangkok; Hon. Member of the Bar Association of Siam; Hon. Member of the Teachers' Association of Siam; of the Royal Geographical Society of London; of the Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient, Hanoi; of the Academy of Fine Arts, Turin, Italy; of the Academy of Arts, Berlin; of the Societe Asiatique, Paris; of the Kern Institute, Leyden, Holland.

Born 21st June 1862, son of H.M. King Mongkut of Siam.

Education in Siamese, Pali and English under Siamese and English tutors in the Palace Schools. Religious education in the Paranives and Nives Dharmpravati Temples.

Cadet and Officer in King Chulalongkorn's Bodyguard Regiment 1875-1885. Organised the Survey Department 1885. Organised the Department of Education 1887. Chief of Staff of the Army 1887-1890. Minister of Education 1890-1892. Minister of the Interior 1892-1915. President of the Council of the National Library 1915. Minister of Privy Seal 1923-1925. Member of the Supreme Council of State since 1925. President of the Royal Institute since 1926.

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Recreation: Golf.

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