

Thailand King's Coronation Special

Ceremonies, processions held in honor of monarch

The coronation of Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn takes place from May 4 to 6, Thailand's Bureau of the Royal Household announced on Jan. 1.

The announcement stated that the king had ascended the throne as the king of Thailand, following the invitation of the president of the National Legislative Assembly, acting as the president of the National Assembly, on behalf of the Thai people.

The king has deemed it appropriate for the Royal Coronation Ceremony to be conducted in accordance with royal traditions and for the joy of the people and the kingdom on this auspicious occasion.

The Royal Coronation Ceremony takes place on May 4, when the king grants a grand audience to members of the royal family, the Privy Council and the Cabinet, as well as senior officials, who will offer their best wishes to his majesty.

On May 5, a ceremony to bestow his majesty's Royal Cypher and Royal Title and grant the royal ranks to members of the royalty will take place.

Following the ceremony, the king will travel in a procession around Bangkok.



King Maha Vajiralongkorn arrives for the annual Royal Ploughing Ceremony in central Bangkok on May 14, 2018. REUTERS

On May 6, the king will appear on a balcony of Suddhaisavarya Prasad Hall in the Grand Palace to greet the general public,

so that they may offer their best wishes to the king.

He will later meet with members of

the international diplomatic corps, who will offer their felicitations on this special occasion at Chakri Maha Prasad Throne Hall.

A royal barge procession will be held during the Royal Kathin Robe Presentation Ceremony in late 2019.

Early life and education

The king ascended the throne as King Rama X of the Royal House of Chakri, succeeding the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX).

He is the only son, the second of four children, of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Her Majesty Queen Sirikit. He was born in Bangkok on July 28, 1952.

After completing his primary education in Thailand, the king attended secondary school in the United Kingdom.

He completed his secondary education at Millfield School in Somerset, England.

In 1970, he attended a military training course at The King's School in Sydney.

In 1972, he enrolled at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, in Canberra. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in military studies from the University of New South

Wales, Australia, in 1976.

Upon graduation, the king returned to Thailand and served as a career officer in the Royal Thai Army.

He attended the Command and General Staff College in 1977 and the Royal College of Defence Studies in the United Kingdom in 1990.

The king also attended many other training courses, especially those concerning aircraft flight, and has served as an instructor for fighter pilots in the Royal Thai Air Force.

Thanks to the king's extensive military training, he has become highly experienced in this field and has disseminated his knowledge of military affairs to officers in the armed forces.

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Left: Thai Royal Palace officials gather in front of sacred water in white containers collected from all of the country's provinces and the Grand Palace, on its arrival at Suthat Temple for consecration in Bangkok on April 18. Right: Royal officials take part in a procession on April 19 in Bangkok to deliver the sacred water to be consecrated for the upcoming coronation ceremony for King Maha Vajiralongkorn. AP / REUTERS



The Grand Palace in Bangkok at sunrise. GETTY IMAGES

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