

# 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES





Nakhon Si Thammarat Rajabhat University maintains significant cultural heritage sites accessible to the public, allowing all to experience and appreciate these cultural landmarks. These sites include:

### 1.Phra Phuttha Sihing Ming Maha Chai

The world's largest Phra Phuttha Sihing statue, located at the base of Mount Maha Chai within the university grounds. It is modeled after the Nakhon Si Thammarat style, with a width of 9.84 meters and a height of 26.00 meters.

### 2.Phra Phuttha Sihing Pavilion

A dedicated hall for the Phra Phuttha Sihing statue.

#### 3.Chao Pho Maha Chai Shrine

A revered shrine within the community.

#### 4.Sacred Water Well of Khao Maha Chai

One of six important sources of sacred water in the province, located on the university grounds and highly respected by the local community.

#### 5.Mount Maha Chai and Mount Lak Kai

The sacred mountainous region where the university is situated.

Local beliefs, from Tha Ngiew Village to Phrom Lok Village, hold that these areas are under the protection of sacred spirits associated with Mount Maha Chai.

These heritage sites play a vital role in community identity, serving as cultural touchstones for worship and reverence for both residents and visitors.





Provide public access to museums, exhibition spaces or galleries, or works of art and artefacts



Nakhon Si Thammarat Rajabhat University provides exhibition spaces and galleries to showcase artwork and academic projects. Key locations include the Phakdi Damrong Rit Building, the main auditorium, Fine Arts Building, and NSTRU Southern Local Development Intelligence Center. The university regularly hosts a variety of events, such as the National Science Fair (Regional), the "NSTRU Research and Innovation Open House 2024," the Appropriate Technology Exhibition, and the Social Engineers' Open House Exhibition. Additionally, the university collaborates with local network sites, including the Shadow Puppet Museum (Suchat Subsin's House), Muang Khon Contemporary Art Gallery, Nakhon Si Thammarat City Learning Park (CLP), Si Thammasokarat Public Park, the Provincial Administrative Organization's theater, and Central Plaza Nakhon Si Thammarat. These venues have hosted events such as the Nakhon Si Thammarat Learning Festival under the theme "KhonNext: Connecting Roots to the Future," the Soft Power Handicrafts Festival 2024, and the "Southern Development Initiative: Rajabhat University for Local Development."

The university has also presented academic fairs, exhibitions of local products, and exhibitions in support of the Royal Project on Plant Genetic Conservation (RSPG), along with the 24th Student Creative Design Exhibition. These events demonstrate the university's dedication to regional development, cultural preservation, and fostering local knowledge and innovation.

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Measure and set targets for more sustainable commuting (walking, cycling or other nonmotorized transport, vanpools, carpools, shuttlebus or public transportation, motorcycle, scooter or moped, or electric vehicles)

Nakhon Si Thammarat Rajabhat University offers the GO GO BIKE electric scooter service for safety, convenience, speed, and zero emissions. This service is available for students, staffs, and the public within the university. There are 40 service points around the campus with a total of 200 scooters. The scooters are easy to use through a user-friendly mobile application.

The GO GO BIKE initiative reflects Nakhon Si Thammarat Rajabhat University's commitment to lowering carbon emissions and encouraging environmentally friendly transportation. By providing sustainable campus mobility solutions, the university positions itself as a regional leader in ecofriendly transportation. This holistic approach not only improves campus accessibility but also cultivates a culture of environmental responsibility within the university community, setting a positive example for other educational institutions across Southeast Asia.

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### **Build on brownfield sites, where possible**

Nakhon Si Thammarat Rajabhat University has established the Royal Initiative Practical Learning Center for Local Development; known as 1 Rai Hai Jon Khon (the "1 Rai to End Poverty for Rajabhat People") on a 14-rai (22,400 m2) plot of land located approximately 1 kilometer from the university.

This previously unused land is now dedicated to training students and local community members in grassroots economic practices and

sustainable land management. The center emphasizes community-based learning for self-reliance, vocational training, crop and vegetable cultivation, and the preservation of local wisdom for future generations. Its aim is to improve the quality of life for local communities and to support grassroots economic growt.

Currently, the university has also established a community market called "Lat Tha Ngiew" to support the livelihoods of people in Tha Ngiew district and surrounding communities near the university. This space is used for community activities, vocational training, and as an educational site for the Tha Ngiew community and nearby organizations.





