

# The Survey Study in Characteristics and Styles of Northeastern Religious Buildings (in Kalasin Province)

## ABSTRACT

Religious architecture in the northeastern Thailand has been diminished significantly during the past decades. This dues to the neglectful maintenance to the buildings and the lack of awareness and appreciation of cultural heritage.

this research is aimed to collect the architectural information before its disappearance. At the same time, it is hopeful that it will help raising the awareness and appreciation of Isan cultural heritage.

Religious building have long been the civic architecture for most local villages and settlements. In this research, only Buddhist religious architecture has been studied, for Buddhism is the major religion in the Northeast. Only religious architecture in the "Buddhavas" (Public ground area in Buddhist temple) will be studied.

This research reveals the distinctive characteristics and developing designs of religious architecture in the northeast. Its unique and typical, local styles are explained.

Factors and attitudes affecting the changes in architectural technologies and designs of buildings are also mentioned.

This research was a partial survey study of religious buildings of the northeastern Thailand. Due to the limited grant, the study has been done only in Kalasin province in 1991.