

SUMAA NEWSLETTER

Songkran festival



- "Songkran" is a Sanskrit word that expresses the idea of movement or a change of position. It's used in the context of the Thai New Year because Songkran Day is believed to mark a change in the zodiac and the transition to the next year.

- In the past, Thais considered the beginning of the cold season to mark the start of the new year, so this began on the first day of the month of Ai, which was calculated on a lunar calendar but was typically in late November or early December. However, beginning in the Sukhothai period, Thais moved to a Brahminical system that dated the new year from the first day of the waxing moon in the 5th month, which was usually in April, though from 1889, Rama V fixed this on 1 April.

- Things changed again in 1940, when Thailand moved to the international calendar and officially counted 1 January as New Year. Nevertheless, old traditions are hard to change, and Thais have continued to consider Songkran as the Thai New Year, with the result that this continues to be a major festival that is celebrated across the country.



SàP·Sèt (ศัพท์SET) 'VOCAB SET JUST LET'S LEARN'

When they hear the word "Songkran",
what do the foreign students at Sumaa think of?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IW4XNi18MFE>

Sà·Sǒm·SàP
(สละสมศัพท์)
"rót·náam·dam·hǔa"
commonly takes place
on Songkran.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEAN?
THE ANSWER'S COMING UP!

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=DUWKNPGB6X8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DUWKNPGB6X8)

DO YOU KNOW WHEN
MAHA SONGKRAN DAY
IS THIS YEAR?

IT'S ON 14 APRIL.

