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Dr. Friedrich Schäfer and the Creation of a Public Health Service in Early Twentieth-Century Siam



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This study examines the role of German medical experts during the reigns of Rama V (1868–1910) and Rama VI (1910–1925), with a particular focus on the German surgeon, Dr. med. Friedrich Schäfer, who served in the Siamese army between 1909 and 1914. By exploring western influence on the Siamese administration between 1868 and 1911, this study analyses Schäfer's role in the Siamese military and as a consultant for the construction of King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital and the development of the country's medical education.

Dr. Schäfer helped lay the foundation for modern surgery in Thailand. He made significant contributions to the advancement of medical and surgical training and assisted in the construction of advanced military

hospitals in Bangkok and surrounding areas. As a sharp observer, he documented natural phenomena in Bangkok and other cities, as well as the rapid urban expansion at the end of King Chulalongkorn's reign.



Source: Kornkanok Khetnongbua

Online Lecture *via Zoom & in English*



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Friday, 6 February 2026

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