

The event known by the abbreviated name "October 14" is one of the most significantly political events in Thai history. In October 1973, young men and women as high school and college students joined hands with hundreds of thousands of ordinary citizens to demand the government to free 13 protesters, a group of students and politicians, who had been arrested because they demanded a constitution. These protesters had been charged with breaking the law by holding a gathering of more than 5 persons in a public place for political purposes, and by subverting the stability of the state - acts of rebellion and engagement communist activity.







Location 14/16 at the intersection of Central Ratchadamnoen Ave and Tanao Rd Bovornnivest Dist, Phra Nakorn Bangkok Thailand 10200

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14 OCTOBER 1973

MEMORIAL

## **History**

The 14 October 1973 Memorial was completely erected in 2001 or 28 years after the 'October 14 Event". In 1974. National Student Center of Thailand (NSCT) and the Government of Prime Minister Dr. Sanya Dharmasakti, in agreement, proposed that the 'October 14 Event" was the symbolic memory of political event. It was the 'public' event, no one, in particular, owned this event.

They were also on agreement that the construction of the 14 October Memorial (formerly known as the Monument of the October 14 Heroes) should be the mission of the State together with the citizens and the public sectors. The location of the 14 October 1973 Memorial should be on Ratchadamnoen Avenue where the events mostly took place during October 14-16, 1973. In addition, NSCT proposed that the monument should serve not only for commemorating the historical event but should be also practically useful.







The 14 October 1973 Memorial was designed by Mr. Terdkiart Sakdikamduang. Its total area of 1,722 square meter is composed of indoor utility space (988 m<sup>2</sup>) and outdoor space (734 m<sup>2</sup>). The construction started in the year 2000 and completed on Oct 14, 2001.

## The Stupa Saga

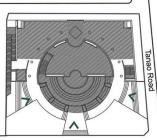
The Stupa Saga created by Sethabutra Ms.Surojana 14-meter inverted-conical sculpture composed of rectangular wide base and narrow top. Its apex has indentation indicating a ceaseless quest for democracy. The tip made of transparent material allows light to shine from the stupa implying the power of democracy that is immortal.



14 meter

## Concept

The design concept of the memorial is based on respect for the truth of history. It is also based on the citizens including children, women, artists, poets, villagers who engage extensively. This is meaningful to the public in that it will be a lesson as a motivation to Thai people aimed to tackle problems and fight for society. Architects developed the monument to represent the serenity, spaciousness, simplicity for commemorating and paying tribute to the heroes with the memorial sculpture at its center.



building The with circular shape has 3 entrances by staircases, one at the front from the Ratchadamnoen Central Ave and two more on both sides.

Central Ratchadamnoen Avenue

## **Exhibition**

The building is composed of three floors with the top floor on the street level, the mezzanine floor below with the exhibition hall and the basement with the conference hall.

