

Wan Wai Kru – วันไหว้ครู

Wan Wai Kru (วันไหว้ครู) or Teachers' Appreciation Day is usually held shortly after the beginning of the term, on a Thursday, as Thursday is traditionally the day of wisdom and teachers.



The Students recited the *wai kru chant (บทไหว้ครู)*, which expresses respect for, and gratitude to the teachers, and asks for the teachers' blessing of their studies. Then the students offered flowers to their teacher.



The traditional offerings for *wai kru* are 1) Ixora flowers (*khem*, ดอกเข็ม), which while closed form pointed buds, symbolizing sharp wit, 2) Bermuda grass (*ya phraek*, หญ้าแพรก) the rapid growth which symbolize perseverance and the ability to learn, 3) Popped rice (*khao tok*, ข้าวตอก) which symbolizes discipline, and 4) Eggplant flowers (*ma kua*, ดอกมะเขือ) which bow low when nearing fruiting, symbolizing respect and humility.

