

Literally a man of letters

Thanong Khanthong tells the story of an author whose early love of reading inspired him to take up a pen himself

As a learned man, MR Kukrit Pramoj (1911-1995) excelled in everything he laid his hands on, from arts and culture, education and teaching, politics and government, to writing and literature.

In recognition of his greatest achievements he was named National Artist in Literary Arts in 1985.

His most renowned books include "Si Phan Din" (The Four

Reigns), "Lai Chivit" (The Many Lives), "Phai Daeng" (Red Bamboo), "Mua Phama Sia Muang" (When the Burmese Lost Their Country), "Jo Cho Nayok Talod Karn" (Jo Cho: The Ever-Lasting Prime Minister) and "Khun Chang Khun Phan, Kawao Thi Pangpleng".

His books are still the most widely read among those by any Thai writers.

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