

For each of the four places in this series there is an accompanying story that may, or may not, be of help in understanding the importance of these places to the Isan-Thai people.

The accompanying stories began as a term project to write a short essay in English (for our advanced students only). They then were made part of a reader, which was developed for beginning year(s) students in the old teacher training college system, the first two years were the equivalent of junior and senior high school years in US high schools.

Students completing the first two years of study would be certified as elementary school teachers in the Thai public school system.

The third and fourth year curriculum, offered only to the very best students would have been the equivalent of community college work in the USA and students who completed it would be offered certificates to teach in the Thai public high school system.