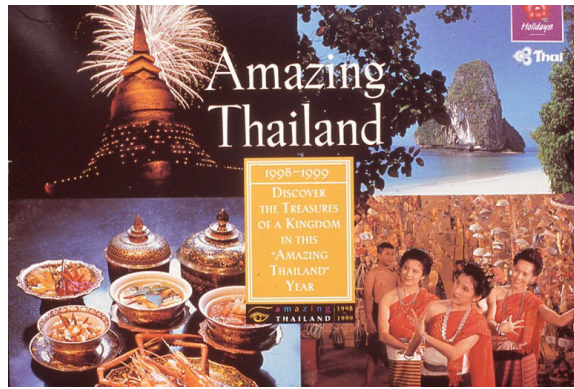


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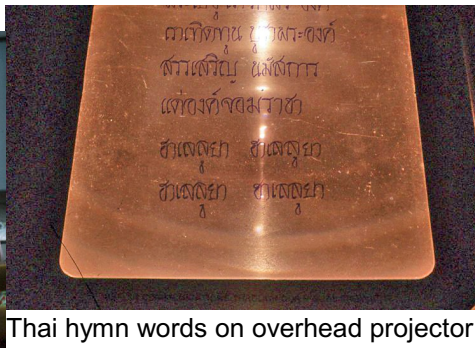
Ed and Gail Holroyd visited Thailand, mostly for Ed to attend the 7th WMO Conference on Weather Modification, held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, 17 to 22 February 1999, and to present his research topic in a poster session.

The red lines on the atlas map approximately show the aircraft routes: arrival from and departure to the Pacific Ocean, Bangkok to Chiang Mai in the north, then to Phuket in the south, and return to Bangkok.

Our arrival in Bangkok (many airlines typically arrive at about 1 or 2 AM during the night) early Sunday morning gave us the opportunity to visit a Christian church later that day.



The orange insert says: 1998-1999 Discover the Treasures of a Kingdom in this "Amazing Thailand" Year



Thai hymn words on overhead projector



"Jesus Loves Me" hymn in Thai



Lunch at church is usual



This Sunday was 14 February,



also known as Valentine's Day



Our host took us to dinner here.



On Monday we flew north to Chiang Mai for another day to recover from jet lag. There we stayed at the Lotus Hotel, our conference location.

For Tuesday, 16 February, we rented a vehicle and drove to the top of Thailand's highest mountain, Doi Inthanon, to view the scenery and look at the birds that were new to us.



Notice the right-hand drive, stick shift.



A gold-plated Buddhist temple



Distance, 47 km, to Doi Inthanon



An understandable fire hazard sign



Do not pass here!



Not our destination peak; too small.

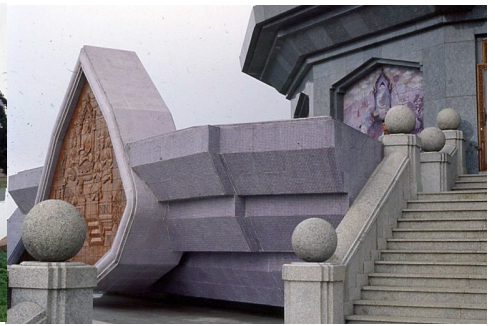
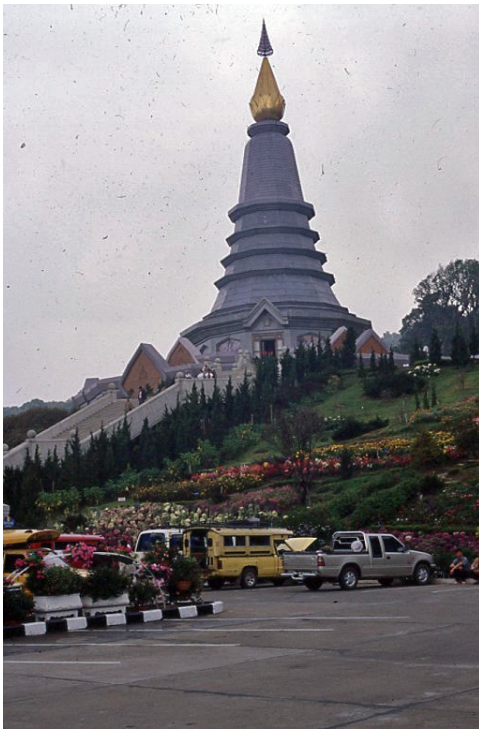


Google Earth satellite view of national pagodas half way up the mountain, dedicated to the king and queen of Thailand.



There was also an abundance of flowers in this well-groomed garden environment.



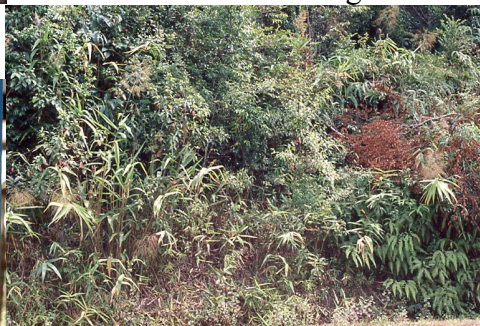


Nearby there was this trail for enjoying the mountain vegetation.

At the lower levels the vegetation was different, indicating drier air.



At the top of Doi Inthanon was this sign describing its cooler and wetter weather.



A terraced hillside

Then back to Chiang Mai. The conference started the next day.

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