

Luang Prakob Nitisar

The Siam Society noted with deep regret the sudden and tragic death of Luang Prakob Nitisar on 15 March 1970.

Luang Prakob Nitisar was born on 16 October 1901. He was called to the Thai Bar in 1921 and to the English Bar in 1928.

His legal and political career was exceptionally brilliant. He became the Chief Judge of Nakhon Sithammarat in 1933. From 1947 to 1968, he was a member of the Bar Council and the Council of Legal Education, a Law Lecturer and an Examiner. He was one of the founders of the Democrat Party of which he was Adviser at the time of his death. He was a member of the Senate from 1947 to 1952 and once again in 1968. He was a member of the Constituent Assembly of 1948 and that of 1958 to 1968; he became a member of the Constitutional Tribunal in 1969. He was a member of the House of Representatives in 1957.

From 1964 onwards, Khun Luang Prakob participated most actively in international parliamentary and juristic organizations. He led the Thai Delegation to many Asian and International Parliamentarians Union meetings. In 1965, Khun Luang Prakob, by Royal Command and as representative of the Thai Bar Association, made the speech presenting a replica of King Ram Khamhaeng's Stone Inscription of 1292 to the International Commission of Jurists on the 17th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights. In 1969, the Council of the Asian Parliamentarians Union recommended his appointment as its Expert Adviser; the recommendation was unanimously adopted by the APU General Assembly. He also participated in two conferences of the International Commission of Jurists and a conference of the International Bar Association.