



## เลื่อนจางไม่ร้างหาย TRACING THE FADING LEGACY

Stories of Living Legends  
An Exhibition at Raya Heritage

As the natural environment that shapes a way of life is ever changing, a community's identity and cultural heritage thus formed are gradually withering away. Traditional craftsmanship and artisanry that once underlied the soul of a community are alas threatened by inexorable changes in social conditions and cultural tastes that evolve with time.

December 8, 2018 - Chiang Mai - 'TRACING THE FADING LEGACY, Stories of Living Legends' an all-new exhibition at Raya Heritage, recounts the artisanry, life and cultural traditions of northern Thailand's ancient Lanna period. Through the traditional crafts, artifacts and motifs showcased throughout this hotel, together with the stories relayed, the exhibition pays tribute to the craftsmen and women – the "living legends" – who may sadly be the last guardians of Lanna's invaluable cultural heritage. Through the journey chronicled in this exhibition, it is hoped that the age-old knowledge and skills associated with this traditional artisanry would remain in the public consciousness and continue to be passed on to future generations. And it is from these artists, the "masters", the "teachers" and their passion for their crafts and their stories that the inspiration for this exhibition was drawn. It is with a debt of gratitude to them that we are committed to ensuring their treasured past lives on and their crafts continue to be produced within their communities, providing livelihoods to their makers and reflecting their simple yet graceful approach to life and art.

In TRACING THE FADING LEGACY traditional Lanna way of life and various forms of artistry are narrated from the collective memory of the living legends themselves, through their words and recollections visually presented as well as still and motion photographs.

The exhibition is a chronicle of stories told perhaps by the very few remaining guardians of an important part of northern Thailand's cultural heritage: a heritage that may fade into a mere legacy, one that our children and grandchildren may sadly not be able to ever witness.

The exhibition will be on display from December 8, 2018 – March 31, 2019. Open daily 10:00 – 19:00 hrs. at Raya Heritage



### **About Raya Heritage, A River Sanctuary**

Inspired by the spirit of Lanna life in former times, Raya Heritage offers a clean, contemporary take on traditional Thai design. Beautifully curated, one-of-a-kind furniture pieces, artifacts and accessories, created by hand by local craftspeople, are featured throughout. Immersed in tranquil natural surroundings on the banks of the Ping River, Raya Heritage's serene atmosphere makes it the perfect base for discovering the unique charms of the region.

Raya Heritage offers 33 spacious suite rooms situated on 3 levels set in lush gardens just steps from the banks of the tranquil Ping River and just 20 minutes from the city's historic temples, shopping and most important sites.

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