

Opening Ceremonies at the Indra

RIGHT: Her Majesty Queen Sirikit is escorted from the 13th century Thai House at the Indra Regent by Mr. Dante David, General Manager of the hotel, during the official opening. Behind Mr. David is M.R. Kukrit Pramoj, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bahoma Co.

BELOW: M.R. Kukrit Pramoj, Chairman of the Bahoma Co. Ltd., offers food to a monk on the occasion of the official opening of the Indra.



THE Indra Regent was officially opened on November 1, 1971, when 150 Buddhist monks, garbed in their traditional brilliant saffron robes, visited the hotel during the early morning hours to accept food offerings and participate in the ceremonies.

The staff of the Indra Regent, led by Mr. Dante David, the General Manager, participated in this colorful ceremony which took place in front of the hotel.

Later that day, the Indra Regent was honored with a visit by Her Majesty Queen Sirikit of Thailand. Participating in the official ceremonies, Her Majesty cut the symbolic ribbon marking the opening of the hotel.

The Queen was then escorted on a special tour of the hotel by Mr. David and M.R. Kukrit Pramoj, Chairman of the Board of the Bahoma Company. Her Majesty was shown the well-appointed restaurants and M.R. Kukrit was honored to be able to personally escort Queen Sirikit through the Sala Thai Restaurant. M.R. Kukrit designed and supervised the construction of the authentic Sukhothai period building which houses the restaurant.





TOP: According to Thai tradition, Buddhist monks are invited to preside over official opening ceremonies of all new buildings. At the Indra opening, 150 monks gathered to accept food offerings from many staff members.



CENTER: Her Majesty Queen Sirikit cuts the symbolic ribbon to open the hotel officially as Mr. Dante David (left), General Manager, and Mr. Chan Chak Fu, Managing Director of the Bahoma Co. Ltd., hold the ribbon.

BOTTOM LEFT: Mr. Dante David (right) offers food to a monk at the opening.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Her Majesty the Queen is given a tour of the Sala Thai Restaurant by M.R. Kukrit Pramoj (left), Chairman of the Board, Bahoma Co. Ltd., and designer of the restaurant. Mr. Dante David, General Manager, is at right.

