

Hitting the right note

Thailand will soon be home to the biggest Southeast Asian Music Museum, which will display all kinds of music instruments of the region. The 600-million-baht project has been proposed by the College of Music, Mahidol University, with support from the Ministry of Education. The seven-storey museum building, designed by Chatree Ladalalitsakul, will be situated on a 1.9-hectare plot of land on the College of Music compound in Salaya district, Nakhon Pathom. Apart from an exhibition room, there will be a music library, demonstration room, music instrument repair room, recital hall, souvenir shop, cafeteria and accommodation.

Sukree Charoensuk, dean of the College of Music, said the museum will not only display music instruments of Asia, but it will also be a living place that showcases the "Usakane sounds" to visitors.

The college has collected a number of music instruments and will acquire more. With the museum project, Mahidol University will become a musical hub of Asia, he said.

Under the project, the college will offer Asian folk music, as well as world music courses in its curriculum. It will invite music gurus from other countries to be guest lecturers at the college.

Dr Boon Wanasin, chairman of the fund-raising committee for the project, said a fund-raising event,



"Usakane Harmony: Night for the Music Museum Founders", featuring a gala dinner and a performance by the Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra will take place on Saturday at the College of Music.

A table of 10 for the gala dinner costs 1 million baht, limited to 10 tables.

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