

SAN PA TONG



San Pa Tong is a district in Chiang Mai Province. It was founded in the late 7th to early 8th century A.D. during Hariphunchai (Lumphun) period. Lumphun's independent era was ended in the late 13th century when it was taken by King Mengrai of Chiang Rai and incorporated into the Lanna Kingdom.

San Pa Tong is a small satellite town about 30 KM from Chiang Mai. With the hills of Lampang Province and Khun Tan in the distance to the East and the Doi Pui-Doi Inthanon range to the West, San Pa Tong is set in the fertile Ping River Valley, one of the main watersheds of Northern Thailand. Originally named Ban Nae, it was renamed in 1939. The name "Sanpatong" is derived from the lush and hilly landscape



It is a bustling market town that has a surprising amount to offer.

In addition to natural beauty and breathtaking views, the jungle covered mountains just to the West offer countless adventure opportunities,

from jungle trekking and waterfall exploring to bamboo rafting and elephant safaris.

People come from all over the region to buy and sell at the weekly Saturday Farmer's Market. One of the largest such markets in the region, in addition to fresh fruits, vegetable, and hill-tribe handicrafts, it is best known as a place to get great deals on water-buffalo and used motorcycles.