

WORLD FLORAL EXPOSITION

We got out of the van and looked around to *the World Floral Exposition*. It was a big show of many different kinds of flowers. The first question that came up, “*Are we still in Thailand?*” Most of us had never seen flowers like this in Thailand. There were many people at the exposition and some of them were taking a photograph.

All the arrangements of flowers were very beautiful, but they looked artificial. The flowers in the show showed us human management and alteration.



The floral show displayed a special relationship that humans have with flowers. Humans have grown and grafted flower for centuries. Many new kind of flowers have been created. *Khuntan* was pure nature and touched us differently from the flowers show.

Grown and grafted flowers by humans make it easy to keep nature and its beauty close to us, in our cities and in our modern society. However, it is not the same as the natural, wild, untamed nature of *Khuntan*. We could see that *the World Floral Exposition* did not have the same true beauty of the forest. In the end, it was difficult to enjoy the flowers, which seemed more colourful but less natural.

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