

**Regulation of the Thai Traditional Medical Council  
Pertaining to the Seal of the Thai Traditional Medical Council  
B.E. 2557 (2014)**

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By virtue of Section 24 (4) (*dor*) and Section 30 of the Thai Traditional Medical Professions Act B.E.2556 (2013), the Committee of the Thai Traditional Medical Council, with the approval of the Honorary President of the Thai Traditional Medical Council, issues the following regulation:

**Section 1.** This regulation is called “The Regulation of the Thai Traditional Medical Council Pertaining to the Seal of the Thai Traditional Medical Council B.E. 2557 (2014).”

**Section 2.** This regulation shall enter into effect as of the day after its publication in the Government Gazette.

**Section 3.** The seal of the Thai Traditional Medical Council is as shown below:



The two *nagas* mean strength and the preservation of knowledge and wisdom;

The two intertwined *nagas* mean the the field of Thai traditional medicine and the field of applied Thai traditional medicine in a relationship dedicated to the long-term conservation and promotion of the arts of Thai traditional healing;

“*mor ya*” (earthenware pot in which traditional medicines are prepared) means a symbol indicating that the unique nature of the Thai traditional arts of healing lies in the dispensing of medicinal concoctions based on the knowledge and art of preparing medicines and a reliance on the analysis of individual medicines used to treat and cure illness;

“*chaleo*” (a five-pointed star-like figure made from bamboo) means the woven figure placed on top of the *mor ya* which is believed to preserve the quality of the concoction inside; the five points refer to the casting of a magic spell invoking the five divinities, which means that in the saving of a human life, according to the Buddhist teachings, one must take into account the *Pañca khandha* (*Rūpa*, *Vedanā*, *Saññā*, *Saṅkhāra* and *Viññāṇa* (Five Aggregates which constitute a living being’s existence: Corporeality, Sensation, Perception, Mental formations and Consciousness));

The rays of light which radiate out from the *chaleo* mean the brilliance and greatness of Thai traditional healers who must remain a part of efforts to care for human life for generations to come.

**Section 4.** This seal is the property of the Thai Traditional Medical Council.

**Section 5.** Any possession or use of this seal as an emblem, decoration, article of clothing, or for any other purpose is subject to prior approval from the Thai Traditional Medical Council.

**Section 6.** Anyone who possesses or uses this seal for any of the purposes listed in Section 5 shall be considered in violation of the rights of the Thai Traditional Medical Council.

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