

Detail of the Film

English Title: THE ELEPHANT VILLAGE
Original Title: THE ELEPHANT VILLAGE
Genre: DOCUMENTARY FILM
Company: URBANICE CO., LTD.
Address: 12 RAMKAMHANG 16, HUAMARK, BANGKAPI,
BANGKOK 10240, THAILAND
Country of Production: THAILAND
Year of Production: 2013
Director's Full Name: MS. DUANGKHAE BUAPRAKHON
Key Cast: CHUKIAD PATPHAI "TOMORN"
SUCHET SALANGAM "CHET"
SOMYOT SUKBANTEONG "ROON"
MIO SALANGAM "MIO"
MOTHER ELEPHANT "KAM SAEN"
SON ELEPHANT "NOPPAKAO"
Running Time of the Film: 25 MINS
Digital and Video Formats: DVD All Zones (HD)
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Plot/Synopsis:**THE ELEPHANT VILLAGE**

Duangkhae Buaprakhon's "THE ELEPHANT VILLAGE" is a documentary that takes place in "the biggest elephant village" in the world, Baan Ta Klang Village, Surin province. This village is one of very few places in the world that majority of mahouts keep their elephants for the legacy reason. Elephants here are not kept just to make a living, rather they are treated like family members, and are passed on to the next generations as heritage from ancestors. When baby elephants are born, children in the house are so excited because they know they are having the special inherited siblings. The main story is about Tomorn, a 10-year-old boy who is learning how to take care of a family's heritage which will weigh more than four tons in the near future. "Noppakao", a male elephant, is the reason for Tomorn's practice. Tomorn inherited Noppakao since the elephant was born. He meets Noppakao at the elephant's first breath and feels so delighted to have Noppakao as a family member. Of course, at the time of Noppakao's birth, Tomorn doesn't know what obligation he has encountered. The relationship between Tomorn and his elephant, Noppakao, throughout this film is also enriched by Tomorn's relationships with his family and his elephant master and mentor. The focus of this documentary is not just about the boy and his elephant, but rather to reveal how an elephant-inherited boy will be able to survive with such massive responsibility in the midst of resource scarcity.