













Hello everyone, and welcome back. It's June already, a month that has many important dates. For us in Thailand, that includes Sunthorn Phu Day, which we celebrate on the 26th.

Sunthorn Phu's life spanned the reigns of Rama I through to Rama IV, and he has long been regarded as one of Thailand's most important poets. Although he was a master of a number of different forms, he is most famous for his masterpiece 'Phra Aphai Mani', which has been recognized by Thailand's Royal Society of Literature as the finest of all Thai poetic novels (if you would like to read this, ask your teacher for advice).

In 1986 on the bicentennial of his birth, UNESCO honored Sunthorn Phu as a great world poet, the fifth Thai to receive this accolade, though he was the first non-royal.













