

## INTRODUCTION

Khon Kaen University is the first higher-learning institution ever established in the north-eastern region of Thailand. The location is at the vicinity of the Khon Kaen Province, and along the west side of the Super-Highway No. 2 which is directed north to Udorn Province. The campus is somewhat rectangular in shape, covering an area about 11 square kilometers, situated on the undulating ground that slants down southwards. It is known that this selected site for the University Campus was formerly a degraded forest of mixed deciduous type comprising various kinds of tree, shrub, climber, and many herbaceous entities including grasses and sedges. At present, apart from areas used for administrative building and ground of different faculties, offices and other university development such as : residential housings, university farms, roads and recreation ground, there are still more areas within the campus left original for intensive fauna and flora study.

This work is designed for the purpose of studying the flora of the campus, which is not conducted before and the result though far from completeness is expected to be a prime academic importance as a basic record of floral elements, for the north-eastern university, and of course a contribution to the Thai Flora as well. The Taxonomic

Study of Flowering Plants in Khon Kaen University Campus.