

# KREANGKRAI PAOJINDA



**AK.** Hello, when did you start modelling and what was the first subject?

Hello, My name is Kreangkrai Paojinda, I'm 38 year-old. When did I start modeling... Back then in school when I was young, about 9-10 year-old, I received a model book from my brother (The book name was "Hobby Model" Thailand editions) and it was the first time I knew the Model. I was very excited with many models from Movie & Animation but I was more interested in scale miniatures, like the AFV, Ship or Aircraft.

My first scale model was the Hasegawa F-16 in 1/72 scale that I bought from a department store. I can't remember how old I was back then, but yes, the first F-16 was a failure... Anyway I had been improving my modeling skills until I graduated with a Master's Degree of Fine art.

**AK.** When I was in Thailand, I enjoyed the weather, food and nature. But I was totally unaware of modelling in your country. Is modelling a popular hobby in Thailand? Are there many modellers, clubs, shops & events?

I can say it was a popular hobby a long time ago. Toys and video games have replaced the Model hobby for the new generation. We've had modeling events for a long time (The Tamiya Thailand Hobby Model Con-

test). Now we also have the Tamiya Events and some Mini meetings of many group of Gunpla, Aircraft or AFV and ship with sponsorship of modeling shops and modeling products. We don't have many model shops. Some modelers buy their kits from online shops and facebook model group.

**AK.** You build AFVs, dioramas and figures, WW2 & Modern subjects. How did you manage to master all of them to the equally high level? Which topic or subject is your favourite? Thank you! As I've said, I'm always learning and I've made many works to development my skills. I love to apply my fine art skills to modeling. It is very helpful to look at the objects and replicate them.

My favorite subject is WW2 German Panzers. I like the historical background of the vehicles, design, painting camouflage and powerful image of the Tanks.



**AK.** You build a lot of models, more than many modellers. What is your yearly average number of finished models?

I build 22 tanks a year, but the number will be less when I build dioramas.

**AK.** The high quality of models doesn't suffer because of their quantity. How do you achieve this result? Please share your tips and tricks of speed building and finishing models.

Maybe I have much time...haha. I build models 5-6 hours a day. I like to take step by step pictures of using techniques, tools and products for weathering. The photos help me to recall stuff when I build further projects. I spend some time looking at my photos, find useful tips to apply for my further models... Thank you!

**AK.** Thank you for the interview. Looking forward to see more models from you!







