Japan's foremost Thai scholar
Yoneo Ishii discusses his long relationship with the Kingdom

The story of their friendship is extraordinary, unpre-
cended, and laced with repercussions for the years that followed. Due to the
possibility of these events, the two men were
likely to have met almost every day. Their exchanges would probably have con-
vinced a wide range of viewers of
language and culture to politics,
science, and spiritual beliefs—but both
remained firmly in the present century.
The humble research in Tiamnok in
Thailand ended in Synch on Catholic
priest in Chiangmai. As it was, during the early
1970s they knew each other the first stage of
their relationship was to sustain.

Now in his later seventies, Japanese
scholar Yoneo Ishii finds the above trans-
cultural relationship between Kingdom
Thailand (1851-1949) and Europe
Poglaise (1885-1924) so intriguing that
he wants to write a book about it. If
completed, that book will add to the
zest corpus he has already produced in
his prolific academic career that has
run for over half a century. Considered
the dean of Thai studies in Japan, Prov-
essor Ishii has contributed immensely
from different disciplines and ideological
camps. This should come as no surprise.
Indeed, it is a fact that the two men
who are both full of diplomacy, and
honesty, when it comes to their opinions.

But why such an interest in the mem-
ory of two people who died well over 100 years ago? Ishii, 75 informed when he
described his visit to Congregation Church
where Poglaise was buried and how he discov-
ered it was located just 250km away from Wat Nezu
(aka Wat Ratchaburana), which was
King Mongkut’s quarter during his
monarchical years to taking the time.
His enthusiasm is like the delight of a
child putting together a jigsaw. Only
this puzzle is intellectual. Ishii even
wants to go so far as to speculate that
Poglaise, who had a generous physician,
would probably walk on foot when visiting
his royal friend and not riding a new boat.
The Japanese professor discussed at
length how the more he researched the
topic the more he was astonished at
King Mongkut’s profound knowledge of
Christianity and Poglaise’s mastering of
1684 sources of religious books from
the Kingdom, an exceptional consid-
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A surprisingly brisk adventure

Realities trump fantasy in ‘The Spiderwick Chronicles’

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T he Spiderwick Chronicle may not be in its prime, but its popularity shows no sign of waning. The concept of a fantasy world where everyone can coexist is an appealing one, and it’s one that many readers can relate to. The book is set in a world where magic exists, and the characters are able to do things that normal people cannot. This book is a great adventure for anyone who loves exploring a new world.

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Andrewf, followed that. History has proved that. Modern Thailand is not a recent phenomenon. It is a product of centuries of development, and it is a product of the Thai people themselves. They have built a modern Thailand that is a product of their own history and culture. They have created a modern Thailand that is a product of their own will and determination.

The term ‘panjat gantung’ or ‘climbing the rope’ was the start of a new era in Thailand. It was the start of a new era that was marked by significant changes in the country. It was the start of a new era that was marked by significant changes in the country that was marked by significant changes in the country. It was the start of a new era that was marked by significant changes in the country that was marked by significant changes in the country.

And how about Thailand meeting the challenges of the 21st century?

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