

# JIRCAS Newsletter

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## Waiting for the Royal Ploughing Ceremony to start

The Royal Ploughing Ceremony is an annual ritual presided over by the Thai royal family to mark the beginning of the rice-growing season and to pray for a good harvest. Toward the end of the ceremony, different types of feeds are offered to the sacred white oxen to predict the coming harvest. A bountiful harvest of cereals, fruits and meat is expected this year. (Photo by T. Sugino)

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