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## THE PARIS-BANGKOK PERSPECTIVE

“Paris-Bangkok Perspective: Innovative Projects For Inclusive Cities” is the title of an exhibition and the topic of a debate, both of which will take place at the Alliance Française on Witthayu Road this month.

On exhibit from Nov 12-26 will be photos and sketches that portray the urban development projects designed to improve the quality of life in Paris and Bangkok. Viewers will learn how the two big cities are designed and developed and see what Bangkok — which is full of buildings — can learn from Paris, a city that also has a lot of buildings, but also public spaces for recreational activities.

The exhibition will wrap up with the “Debate On Stage” event on Nov 26 at 7.30pm. Both Thai and French academics and architects will discuss the urban, social and environmental challenges both cities are facing.

The speakers include Dr Pinraj Khanjanusthiti, dean of Chulalongkorn University’s Faculty of Architecture; deputy

Bangkok governor Dr Amorn Kitchawengkul; Pierre Mansat, president of the Atelier international du Grand Paris; Dr Kanis Saengchot from Chulalongkorn University’s Social Innovation Center; François Decoster, director of L’AUC Paris; Niramorn Kulsrisombat, director of Urban Design and Development Centre; Béatrice Mariolle from Bres & Mariolle and François Brouat, president of ENSA Paris-Belleville.

Exclusively for this occasion, French sculptor Valerie Goutard will showcase a collection of her nine sculptures inspired by Bangkok from Nov 12 to Dec 12. One of the art pieces, titled *Ville Fantastique II*, will be given to Bangkok as a special gift for public showcase at the Skywalk of Chong Nonsi BTS Station in late January.

**There is no admission fee. The photos and sculptures can be viewed from 8.30am to 7pm on weekdays and 8.30am to 4.30pm on weekends. Email [culture@afthailand.org](mailto:culture@afthailand.org) or call 02-670-4222.**

*Ville Fantastique II*  
by Valerie Goutard.



A photo of Bangkok's Khlong Sathon.