

THAILAND



1941- BE 2484 10 SATANG - OBV

THAILAND, KINGDOM of
BANGKOK MINT

10 SATANG 19MM .650 FINE 2.5 GRAMS

1941 (BE 2484) u/m

^OV: Around a center hole, design above, 10 in Siamese, left, 2 characters, right, Siamese inscription below.

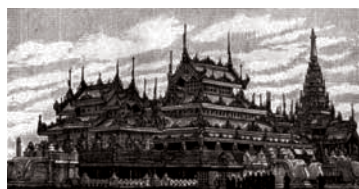
∇RV: Around a center hole, design above, Buddhist date 2484 in Siamese below, within center circle, multi-point burst, around.

EDGE: Reeded

MINT: (no mintmark) = BANGKOK

REFERENCE: Y-56

FOOTNOTE: The monetary unit of Thailand (Siam) is the baht (also called the tical) with 100 satang equal to 1 tical.



A temple in Siam



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FOOTNOTE: On June 24, 1939 the Siamese people celebrated the seventh anniversary of their first constitution and on that day the government officially changed the name from Siam to Thailand. The name Siam originally belonged to a city in the northern part of the country, when that territory was ruled by another people. In time the Thai people came down from the north and were ruled as vassals to the ruling class until they rebelled. The Chinese used the name Sayam for the people living in the city of that name and it became corrupted by the Europeans to Siam. Subsequently the country became known as Siam. Now the people are called Thai and the country Thailand. Thai means *Free*. King Prajadhipok (b.1893) ruled from 1925 to 1935 and died at his home in England May 25, 1941. He was only five feet tall and weighed 98 pounds, but he was fond of polo, golf and tennis. Until 1932 Thailand was governed under an absolute monarchy. In that year a coup d'etat was effected and a new constitution declared that the supreme power belonged to the people, the King exercising power only with the consent and advise of the people's representatives. Prajadhipok abdicated March 2, 1935, the Crown passed to his nephew, Ananda Mahidol (born Sept.20, 1925).



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