

# News about His Majesty most sought after this year

## THE NATION

NEWS REPORTS about His Majesty the King brought the most delight to Thais, according to "News of the Year 2013", a survey of this year's most popular news reports.

Conducted by Bangkok Poll, the survey found that 64.5 per cent of respondents were most delighted by news reports about His Majesty's discharge from Siriraj Hospital and his return to Klai Kangwon Palace in Prachuap Khiri Khan province. His Majesty's public appearance on December 5, his 86th birthday, was just as popular.

The survey, which covered 1,283 people across the country, found that 49.2 per cent believed the saddest news of the year was the one about clashes between Ramkhamhaeng University students and the United Front for Democracy against

Dictatorship and the use of tear gas against anti-government demonstrators.

Of those polled, 58.7 per cent said they were most interested in news coverage about anti-government rallies led by Suthep Thaugsuban. When asked about the most creative element of the rallies, 53.5 per cent answered "whistles".

To date, a total of 22.4 per cent said they felt caretaker Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra was the most admirable person of the year.

The survey also addressed "the most ... of the year" in other areas, including broadcasting.

For example, it asked which TV series respondents liked the most in 2013, and 67 per cent gave the thumbs up to TV3's "Thong Nua Kao". Respondents also chose Lamyong – the lead actress in the series – as their favourite TV character of the year.