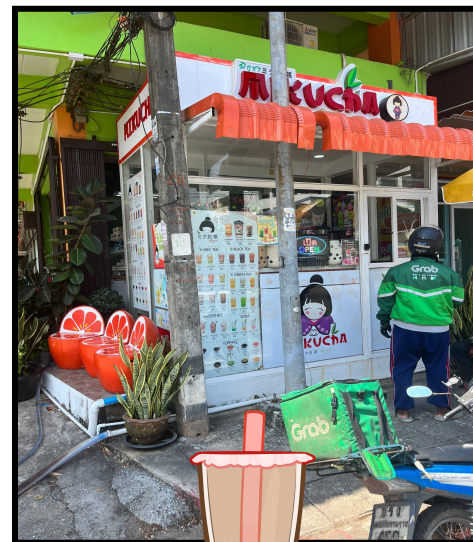


Break-Time at Thidamaepra: Places Near the School to Snack

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Picture this:

It's early morning in Thailand. The fog blanketing the ground begins to burn away as the sun rises, bright and hot. Palm fronds wave and impossibly beautiful flowers greet you as you walk up the steps to your office in the school building. You're moving a little slowly. As beautiful as the mornings are here, it's not even eight yet. Sleep still clings to you. You yawn a big, jaw cracking yawn as you open the office door. Turn on the lights. Turn on the air con (the most important part of the whole morning routine. Thailand is HOT). After some light morning work— maybe an assembly, some lesson planning, or some bookkeeping— you start classes. And then, almost before you know it, it's 10:30— time for the first break of the day. Even though it's early, you've already put several hours of work in. It's definitely time for a snack. But where should you go?

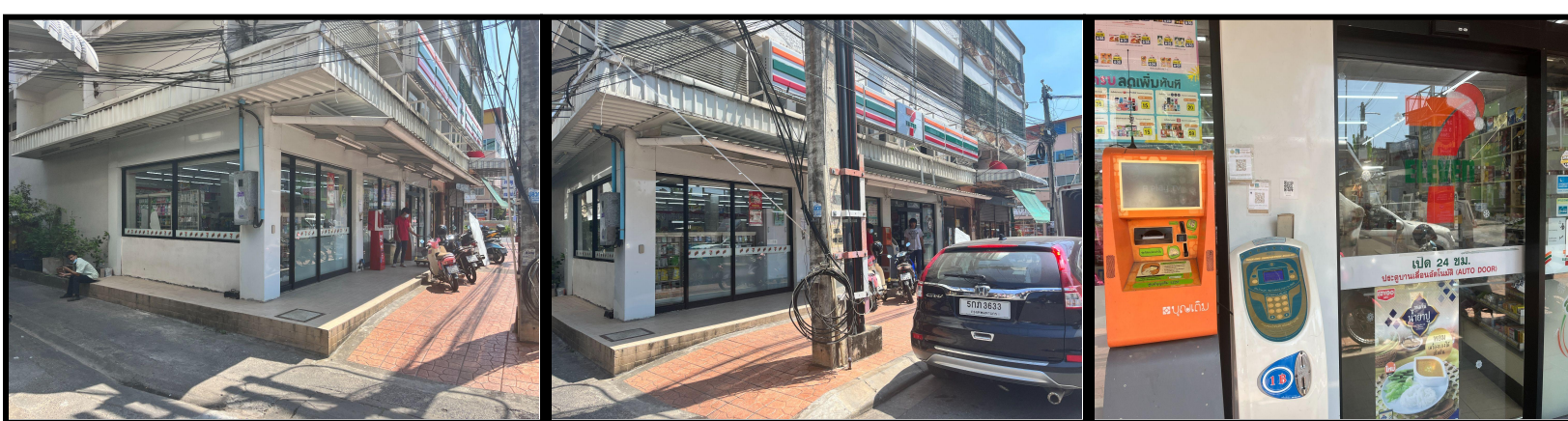
In this post, I'll show you some places near the school for a tasty snack. All are within easy walking distance (even on the hottest days). Happy snacking!

7-11

The first place I'll tell you about isn't the absolute closest snack spot. It's first on my list for two reasons: 1.) It has the most options and 2.) it has coffee. GOOD coffee. The place were talking about it 7-11:

Here's the address in case you wanna navigate there:

๑ 7-Eleven สาขา ซอยไทยรุ่งเรือง (11372)



Once you go inside, if you look to the right there is a temperature scanner that you can wave your hand in front of before you continue on. Everyone is still being really careful of COVID here, which I appreciate. If you keep going and look to the right again, you'll see the coffee station behind the counter. You can't read it super well from my pictures, but the drink menu includes hot drinks like lattes, hot chocolate, and teas as well as frappe versions of the same drinks. It also has fruit smoothies. Love 7-11.



Once you pass the coffee counter, you get to the cold food section. The onigiri (seaweed triangles) and the sweet sandwiches are especially delicious. They will toast your sandwiches for you at the counter if you get these kinds, as well as several other things from the refrigerated section. So if you buy something from the cold section at 7-11, and you get a question at checkout, it's probably "Do you want this warmed/toasted." The answer is yes 😊. So tasty.



Of course there's a cold drink area, which has your standard soda options as well as some unique Thai drinks. It also has these tiny bottles of health drinks that I haven't tried yet, but I'm intrigued by. And then in the middle of the store are a couple of snack aisles as well as a few aisles of household items. We'll stick with the snacks for now, because there are a couple other particularly delicious ones I wanna show you. In the picture below you'll see dried squid snacks and seaweed snacks. These are pretty healthy, sooo tasty (IMO), and uniquely Thai. Highly recommend trying at least once.



And then we get to the chip aisle. When it comes to junk food I have a devil on both shoulders, so usually I try to steer clear. But after trying Thai Lays I care a lot less than I did. They're deeply delicious, with legitimately complex flavor profiles. I didn't know it was possible to pack that many flavors into one chip. My favorite flavors so far are Boat Noodles and Som Tam 🥰:



Mikucha (The Bubble Tea Place)

The next place I'll tell you about is the bubble tea place. It's closer than 7-11, so if you're pressed for time this might be your spot. It's directly across the street from Thida's main gate. It's the sort of place you stand outside of and wait while they make your drink. The lady also runs a shop behind the bubble tea shop, so if no one's there just pop your head around the side of the building and call for someone. It might take a minute, but they'll come. The bubble teas here are good quality. My favorite flavor is Taro, which is purple sweet potato.

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(Bubble Tea place)



Not Sure of the Name 😊

The last spot on the list is actually not a place for a “snack.” It’s more of a sit down to eat, restaurant kind of place. It’s pretty new so tbh I haven’t eaten there yet. I’m not sure of the name either– it’s written in Thai. But it’s right next to the bubble tea lady, which means it’s also right across the street from Thida’s main gate. The place is super cute and it has A/C. I have a feeling this is gonna be everyone’s new favorite place to eat lunch.

Here’s the address in case you want to navigate there:

📍 9° 8' 58.1402" N 99° 19' 42.6929" E



I hope this article helps you in your snack endeavors during your first few weeks at Thida.

Enjoy!