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Thais negotiate loudly, while travelers stop on a busy sidewalk as something catches their eye. The area is precariously crammed with merchandise and looks underwhelming from the outside. But we are in a different world of Bangkok, separated from the street life and polluted smell. The sound of traffic and bustle is not masked by this colorful euphoria but instead is forgotten in the vibrant garden that envelops travelers and vendors. One side of the walkway is a bright blue, expressed through a maze of petals. The other is painted in yellow daffodils that loudly call our names as we walk by. Each block is more mesmerizing than the last, as we realize that beauty goes on forever within Thailand, even within the impoverished streets. As the thirteen of us conclude our adventure in one of the most famous markets, we exit in a single file line, each of us with a purple flower in hand. The memories of this forested sidewalk were brought back with us, but we left our flowers with Buddha that day.