

THE REPUBLICATION OF ARTICLES ON SIAMESE HISTORY

During recent years, serious scholars of Siam have indicated that there existed a pressing need for a dependable body of source material on the history of the country. In order to help fill this need, the Council of the Siam Society decided to publish anew the most authoritative of the articles on Siamese history that have appeared in the pages of the *Journal* during the course of the fifty-four years of the Society's existence. This decision was strengthened by an offer from the United States Information Service to publish the articles with the facilities at its Regional Reproduction Center in the Philippines. The Council of the Siam Society has most gratefully accepted this offer.

His Highness Prince Dhani Nivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh, the President of the Council, appointed a Special Committee and charged it with the selection of the articles from the past issues of the *Journal*. The members of this Committee were Dr. Joseph Gould, chairman, Dean Rong Syamanonda, Mom Rajawongse Sumonajati Swasdikul, Phya Anuman Rajadhon, Mr. Kachorn Sukhabanij, Dr. Frank Williston, and Mrs. Mary Sanford. This Committee made a careful examination of all the articles that dealt with Siamese history and it has now selected those which it adjudged most valuable as source material.

These articles will be published during the current year. They have been grouped in six sections, each of which will be published as a volume. The first volume contains articles on early history, including that of Ayudhya; the second, material on Lopburi, Bangkok, and Bhuket; the third and fourth cover the history of Siam's relations with Burma; the fifth, on Siam's relations with Portugal, Holland, and the Vatican; and the sixth, on her relations with France, England, and Denmark. The articles that will be published, according to their grouping in the six volumes, are as follows:

Vol. I. Early History and Ayudhya

- "Siam in 1688 — A Translation of an Early Narrative," by O. Frankfurter.
- "Siamese History Prior to the Founding of Ayudhya — Translated from the Siamese of H.R.H. Prince Damrong," by J. Crosby.
- "Prehistorical Researches in Siam," by Fritz Sarasin.
- "The History of the Thai in Yunan, 2205 B.C. — 1253 A.D.," by M. Carthew.
- "A Short Account of the Ahom People," by Eric T.D. Lambert.
- "The Foundation of Ayuthia," by H.R.H. Prince Damrong.
- "Some Notes Upon the Development of the Commerce of Siam," by W. Nunn.
- "The City of Thawarawadi Sri Ayudhya," by H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat.
- "Kingship in Siam," by Phya Srivisarn Vacha.
- "Siam and the Pottery Trade of Asia," by Charles Nelson Spinks.

Vol. II. Lopburi, Bangkok, Bhuket

- "Historical Retrospect of Junkceylon Island," by G.E. Gerini.
- "Historical Sketch of Lopburi," by H.R.H. Prince Damrong.
- "Lopburi Past and Present," by R.W. Giblin.
- "Phaulkon's House in Lopburi," by E.W. Hutchinson.
- "The Inscription of Wat Phra Jetubon," by H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat.
- "The Early Postal History of Thailand," by Paul P. Lindenberg.
- "King Mongkut as a Legislator," by M.R. Seni Pramoj.
- "The Reconstruction of Rama I of the Chakri Dynasty," by H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat.
- "King Mongkut in Perspective," by A.B. Griswold.

Vol. III. Relationship with Burma

- "Burmese Invasions of Siam," as Recorded in Hmannan Yazawindawgyi.

"Intercourse Between Burma and Siam," as Recorded in Hmannan Yazawindawgyi.

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"The Statement of Khun Luang Ha Wat," by H.S.H. Prince Vivadhanajaya.

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Vol. V. Relationship with Portugal, Holland, and the Vatican

"The Introduction of Western Culture in Siam," by H.R.H. Prince Damrong.

"Notes on the Relations Between Holland and Siam," by W. Blankwaardt.

"Historical Account of Siam in the XVIIth Century," by J. Van Vliet.

"A Critical Analysis of Van Vliet's Historical Account," by Francis H. Giles.

"Vatican Papers of the XVIIth Century," by The Rev. Father P. Carretto.

"Fernaõ Mendez Pinto's Account of Events in Siam," by W.A.R. Wood.

"Early Portuguese Accounts of Thailand," by J.J. deCampos.

"The Travels of Ludovico Di Varthema and His Visit to Siam, Banghella and Pegu, A.D. 1505," by Ulrich Guehler.

**Vol. VI. Relationship with France,
England and Denmark**

- "The Abbé de Choisy," by R.W. Giblin.
- "The French Foreign Mission in Siam During the XVII Century,"
by E.W. Hutchinson.
- "Journey of Mgr. Lambert, Bishop of Beritus, from the Tenaserim
to Siam in 1662," by E.W. Hutchinson.
- "Four French State Manuscripts Relating to Embassies between
France and Siam in the XVIIth Century," by E.W. Hutchinson.
- "The Retirement of the French Garrison from Bangkok in the
year 1688," by E.W. Hutchinson.
- "The French Garrison at Bangkok in 1687 - 88," by E.W. Hut-
chinson.
- "The Mission of Sir James Brooke to Siam, Sept. 1850."
- "An Early English Merchant in Bangkok," by Adey Moore.
- "From Mergui to Singapore - A Neglected Chapter in the Naval
History of the Indian Ocean," by D.G.E. Hall.
- "Early Trade Relations Between Denmark and Siam," by H.H.
Prince Dhani Nivat and Major E. Seidenfaden.
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