

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1958

The Annual General Meeting terminating the year 1957 was held at the Society's Home, 60 Asoka Road, Bangkok on Monday, 10th March 1958, with H.H. Prince Prem Purachattra, Senior Vice-President, in the chair, the President being away in attendance upon their Majesties on their tour of the north.

The Meeting unanimously re-elected H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh, as President of the Siam Society for 1958, and the old Council was re-elected en bloc with the addition of Mr. W. Wheaton who was acting for the Honorary Editor of the Journal while the latter was absent on home leave.

The Council upon taking office appointed the following standing committees:—

### 1) Finance:

The Senior Vice-President (H.H. Prince Prem Purachattra), Chairman,  
The Honorary Treasurer,  
The Honorary Secretary.

### 2) Editorial:

The Honorary Editor of the Journal (Mr. Cecil L. Sanford), Chairman,  
H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh,  
Mr. Robert Swann,  
H.E. Monsieur G. Seidenfaden,  
Miss P. Liangpibul.

### 3) Exchange:

H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul, Chairman,  
Phya Anuman Rajadhon, Honorary Librarian,  
H.H. Prince Sukhumabhinand.

### 4) Natural History:

Lt. General Phya Salwidhan Nidhes, Chairman,  
H.E. Monsieur G. Seidenfaden, Honorary Editor of  
the Natural History Bulletin,  
H.S.H. Prince Piyarangsit Rangsit.

**5) Travel:**

Mr. Sanya Dharmasakti, Chairman,  
 H.S.H. Prince Ajavadis Diskul,  
 M.R. Sumonajati Swasdikul,  
 The Honorary Secretary.

Mr. Cecil L. Sanford was unanimously re-elected by the Council as Honorary Editor of the Journal.

In May 1958 our Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Jorgen Holm, had to leave for Denmark on account of illness and he was temporarily replaced by Mr. U. Underland of the Royal Norwegian Legation, who managed the Society's accounts in a very competent manner. The Society was fortunate enough to have the service of Mr. Jorgen Holm again when he, fully recovering from his ailment, returned to Bangkok in November of the same year.

It was a pleasure to the Council to see the return of Mr. J.J. Boeles, our Corresponding Member, to this country in the middle of the year. Because Mr. Boeles, who had previously been an active Council member, continued to take a keen interest in the Society's activities, he was co-opted as member of the Council in August 1958.

The Council held eleven business meetings during the year under review. Ten meetings took place in the President's house in Pechaburi Road and one meeting in the Society's Home in Bangkapi.

The Society's membership up to the end of 1958 was as follows:

Royal Patron and Vice-Patrons	3
Honorary Members	9
Corresponding Members	15
Free Members	3
Life Members	73
Ordinary Members	550
Total:	<u>653</u>

as compared with the number 618 in 1957. It is a source of gratification to the Council to see the increase in ordinary membership from year to year.

Deaths, however, dealt a heavy blow to the Society. The untimely death of our former Honorary Secretary, Mr. Robin Penman, occurred on 19th June 1958, and two of our Honorary Members passed away, namely: Major Erik Seidenfaden and Sir Walter Williamson. Luang Chakrapani, a former Honorary Secretary and several times member of the Council, also died. The Society mourns their loss greatly.

The Honorary Secretaryship of the Society has been taken over by H.S.H. Prince Ajavadis Diskul, who was Mr. Robin Penman's predecessor in this post, and who now retains at the same time his post of a Vice-President.

The financial standing of the Society can definitely be said to be satisfactory. At the close of the year under review the excess of receipts over expenditure amounted to Baht 49,277.19, a figure unsurpassed in the history of the Siam Society. This is derived from the fact that our effort in increasing the sale of publications has met with some success and several of our ordinary members have chosen to become life members.

On account of the increase in membership and a bigger demand by the general public of our Journal, the Council decided to increase the publication of the Journal from 800 copies to 1,000 copies. In 1958 the Society issued two numbers of the Journal, namely: Volume 46, Part 1 (June 1958) and Volume 46, Part 2 (November 1958). It also published "The Thai Peoples" by the late Major Erik Seidenfaden. It is hoped that in the following year the Society will be able to publish at least another issue of the Natural History Bulletin as well as further numbers of the Journal.

In June 1958, the Society was requested by and gave its permission to the Thai Embassy in Copenhagen to publish extracts from the Journal, Volume 31, Part 1 (March 1939), giving accounts of the Early Trade Relations between Thailand and Denmark on the occasion of the celebration of the Centenary of Treaty Relationship between the two countries.

Some of our senior officers travelled abroad during the year: our late Honorary Secretary made an extensive tour in America and England speaking on the subject of the Siam Society at various centers and making contacts on behalf of the Society. Recently also our President, H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh, at the invitation of the Vietnam Association to study Asian Cultural Relations, visited the University of Saigon in December 1958 and lectured on the subject of the Siam Society.

During the year the Siam Society was invited to send representatives to some of the international gatherings in the cause of science, such as the International Congress of History at Lisbon in August 1958, etc., but the exigencies of time and distance prevented our attendance.

It is a great honour to the Society that Their Majesties graced one of our Ordinary General Meetings in July 1958, when the royal films were shown to our members and their guests after a lecture on "The North Revisited" by our President.

Meetings and excursions arranged by the Society during the year were as follows:

### **Ordinary General Meetings:**

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| On 14th May 1958  | Mr. Karl Kup lectured on "The Making of a Western Illuminated Manuscript of the Middle Ages."  |
| On 2nd July 1958  | H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh lectured on "The North Revisited." The lecture was accompanied by films graciously laid at the Society's disposal by His Majesty the King. |
| On 16th July 1958 | Dr. W.R. Geddes lectured on "The Miao: A Hill Tribe of Northern Thailand."   |

- On 5th January 1959 Mr. Cecil Hobbs lectured on "The Service-Motive of the Library of Congress."
- On 23rd January 1959 Mom Rajawongse Sumonajati Swasdikul lectured on "King Naresuan the Great-1590/1605 A.D."
- On 24th February 1959 An exhibition of topical films of Siamese Life by the U.S.I.S.

### Natural History Section's Meeting:

- On 11th June 1959 Mr. R. Balakrishnan B.A., B.Sc. lectured on "Raw Materials of Agriculture and Industrial Development in Thailand-The Present and the Future."

### Excursions:

- On 10th August 1958 Excursion by bus to Nakhon Pathom.
- On 28th December 1958 Excursion to Wat Raj-oros, Wat Nangnong and Wat Sai in Thonburi.
- On 1st February 1959 Excursion by bus to the towns of U-thong, Supanburi, Wat Mahathat and King Naresuan's Victory Monument at Don Chedi.

# THE SIAM FINANCIAL RESUME

## Receipts

### Subscriptions

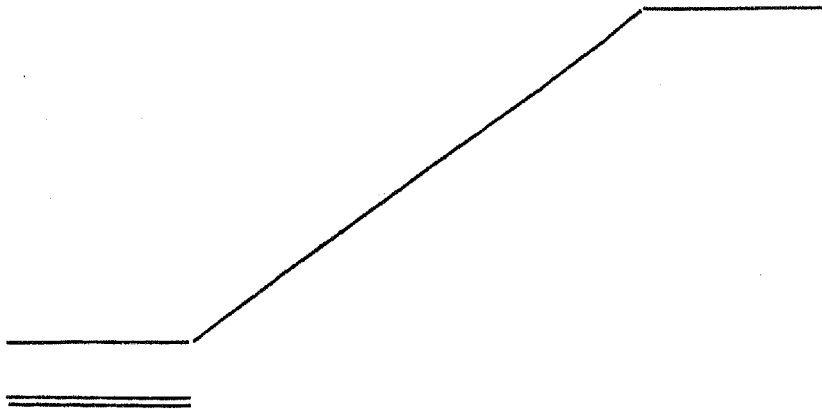
Ordinary members, current year	...	34,317.21	
Ordinary members, overdue accounts	...	2,606.30	
Life members	... ..	<u>23,539.00</u>	Baht 60,462.51

### Sale of publications

The Journal	... ..	10,886.24	
Natural History Bulletin	... ..	1,693.50	
Floræ Siamensis Enumeratio	... ..	880.49	
Credner's observations	... ..	22.40	
Reprint: Khao Phra Vihar	... ..	4,492.42	
Commemorative publication	... ..	8,512.73	
<b>E. Seidenfaden: The Thai Peoples I</b>			
Total cost of production	24,336.00		
Donation Asia Foundation	<u>20,000.00</u>		
	4,336.00		
Sale in 1958	<u>11,945.00</u>	7,609.00	
Sundry publications		<u>525.05</u>	Baht 34,621.83

### Sundry receipts

Bank interest	... ..		Baht 11,642.66
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Baht 106,727.00

*Bangkok,*

# SOCIETY

## FOR THE YEAR 1958

### Expenditure

#### Home Maintenance

Salary to caretaker	...	...	...	1,600.00	
Fire insurance	...	...	...	2,048.00	
Electricity supply	...	...	...	652.60	
White ants control	...	...	...	250.00	
Purchase and maintenance of furniture	...	...	...	2,370.00	
Misc. expenses	...	...	...	<u>5,320.50</u>	Baht 12,241.10

#### Library:

Salary to clerks	...	...	...	5,800.00	
Fire insurance	...	...	...	798.76	
Misc. expenses	...	...	...	<u>1,365.00</u>	Baht 7,968.76

#### Secretarial & Editorial:

Stationary and Office supplies	...	...	...	7,095.90	
Postage and Delivery expenses	...	...	...	4,525.70	
Revenue stamps	...	...	...	470.00	
Expenses for lectures	...	...	...	1,771.10	
Clerks assistance	...	...	...	1,120.00	
Printing of publications	...	...	...	17,785.00	
Representation expenses	...	...	...	150.00	
Property taxes	...	...	...	3,932.50	
Misc. expenses	...	...	...	<u>394.75</u>	Baht 37,244.95

**Excess of receipts over expenditure** ... .. Baht 49,277.19

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January 12th, 1959

J. Holm

Examined and found to agree with books and vouchers.

**P. Baniya Sara Vides**

*Honorary Auditor*

# THE SIAM BALANCE SHEET AS OF

## Liabilities

### Creditors:

Subscriptions prepaid	...	...	...	Baht	2,300.00
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### Reserves:

General Reserve	...	...	...		8,509.40
Reserve for repairs	...	...	...		5,929.26
Reserve for book purchases	2,246.69				
Expenses during 1958	487.20				1,759.49
Reserve for gratuities to library asst.	...		...	Baht	17,248.15
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Reserve for excursions	...	...	...	Baht	953.87

### Surplus:

Balance brought forward from last 1957					122,193.83
Excess of receipts over expenditure in 1958				Baht	171,471.02

### Funds for Research Fellowship:

Capital	...	...	...		7,858.94
Donations	...	...	...	Baht	7,958.94
					Baht 199,931.98

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**SOCIETY**  
**DECEMBER 31ST, 1958**

Assets

Cash & Banks:

Cash at hand	...	...	...	...	343.65	
Siam Commercial Bank Ltd.	...	...	...	...	34,858.42	
Bank for Co-operatives, Fixed deposit	...	...	...	...	47,695.29	
Nationale Handelsbank, Fixed deposit	...	...	...	...	65,659.62	
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp., Fixed deposit	...	...	...	...	26,375.00	
Bangkok Bank of Commerce, Fixed dep.	...	...	...	...	25,000.00	Baht 199,931.98

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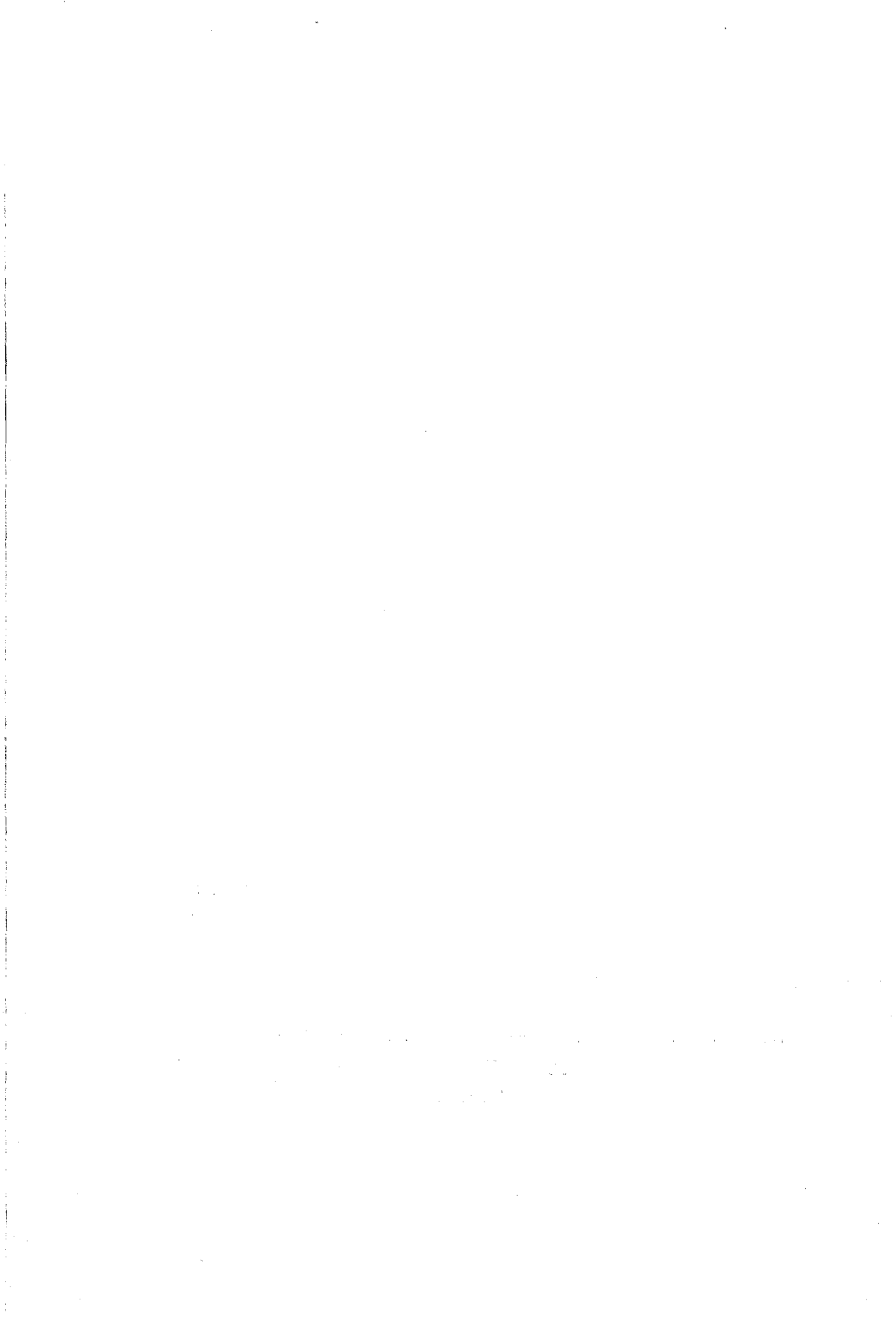
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**P. Baniya Sara Vides**

March 8th, 1959



# THE SIAM SOCIETY

Under Royal Patronage  
60 Asoka Road, Bangkok, Bangkok (P.O. Box 65)

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## OBJECTIVES

"The objects of the Siam Society shall be the investigation and encouragement of art, science and literature in relation to Thailand and the neighbouring countries." (From Rules of the Siam Society).

## SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription is Baht 100.00 (Baht One hundred only), payable in advance. There is no entrance fee. Persons wishing to become members should communicate with the Honorary Secretary, H.S.H. Prince Ajavadi Diskul.

## APPLICATIONS FOR COPIES OF JOURNAL

Applications for copies of the Journal should be made to the Honorary Secretary.

## LIBRARY

The Library is at the Society's Home, 60 Asoka Road, Bangkok. It is open every day from 17.00 hours to 19.00 hours except Saturday and Sunday, and also at any other time by arrangement with the Honorary Secretary or with the Society's caretaker living on the premises.

Books may be consulted at any time, but may not be borrowed except at times when the Honorary Librarian or his assistant is present. Books borrowed from the Library *must be returned within one month.*

## PUBLICATIONS OF THE SIAM SOCIETY

	Price (Baht)
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3. Index to Volumes, I to XXV ... ..	12.00
4. Index to the Journal, Volumes XXVI to XL ... ..	12.00
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7. The Natural History Bulletin—per number ... ..	20.00
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9. The Commemorative Publication issued on the occasion of the Society's 50th Anniversary:	
One set ( Vols. I & II ), cloth—bound ... ..	120.00
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Early History and Ayudhya ( Vol. III ), paper-bound ... ..	50.00
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11. Descriptive Catalogue of the Stamps of Siam ... .. (out of print)	
12. Reginald le May: The Coinage of Siam ... .. (out of print)	
13. Jean Burnay et Robert Lingāt: Lois Siamaises, Code de 1805 A. D., Lois Diverses ... .. (out of print)	
14. Erik Seidenfaden: The Thai Peoples ... ..	45.00
15. Charles Nelson Spinks: Siamese Pottery in Indonesia ... ..	30.00

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