

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1959

The Annual General Meeting terminating the year 1958 was held at the Society's Home, 131 Lane 21, Sukhumvidhya Road (formerly 60, Asoka Road), Bangkok, with His Highness Prince Dhani Nivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh, President, in the chair. The Meeting was attended by about 50 members and their guests and the following members of the Council were present :

H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra, Senior Vice-President,  
H.E. Chao Phya Sri Dharmadhibes, Vice-President,  
H.S.H. Prince Ajavadis Diskul, Vice-President and  
Honorary Secretary,  
Mr. Jorgen Holm, Honorary Treasurer,  
Mr. Cecil L. Sanford Jr., Honorary Editor of the Journal,  
H.E. Monsieur Gunnar Seidenfaden, Honorary Editor of  
the Natural History Bulletin,  
Mr. J.J. Boeles,  
Mr. Ariyant Manjikul.

The Meeting unanimously re-elected the Council en bloc.

The Annual General Meeting was then followed by a lecture by H.E. Mons. Sukich Nimmanhaeminda, who is now Thai Ambassador to India. The subject of the lecture was "The Failure and Success of Early American Missions."

The Council upon taking office appointed the following standing committees :

- 1) **Finance:** The Senior Vice-President (H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra), Chairman,  
The Honorary Secretary,  
The Honorary Treasurer.
- 2) **Editorial:** The Honorary Editor of the Journal ( Mr. Cecil L. Sanford, Jr. ), Chairman,  
H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh,

H.E. Monsieur Gunnar Seidenfaden,  
Mr. John Cairncross.

- 3) Natural History:** Lieutenant General Phya Salwidhan  
Nidhes, Chairman,  
H.E. Monsieur Gunnar Seidenfaden,  
H.S.H. Prince Piyarangsit Rangsit.
- 4) Exchange:** H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul, Chair-  
man,  
Phya Anuman Rajadhon,  
H.H. Prince Sukhumabhinand.
- 5) Travel:** Mr. Sanya Dharmasakti, Chairman,  
H.S.H. Prince Ajavadis Diskul,  
H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul,  
Mom Rajawongse Sumonajati Swasdikul.
- 6) Research:** H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra, Chairman,  
Dr. Lauriston Sharp,  
Mr. Cecil L. Sanford, Jr.,  
Mr. J.J. Boeles,  
Mr. Jorgen Holm.

Mr. Cecil L. Sanford, Jr. and H.E. Monsieur Gunnar Seidenfaden were unanimously re-elected as Honorary Editor of the Journal and Honorary Editor of the Natural History Bulletin, respectively.

It was with sincere regret that the Council had to lose the services of H.E. Monsieur Gunnar Seidenfaden, the Danish Ambassador, who in September 1959 had to resign from the seat on the Council owing to his transfer to a new assignment. Through his energetic leadership in the field of natural history the Society has been able to produce two valuable volumes of *The Orchids of Thailand*, namely: Part I and Part II, No. 1. Because of his interest in and assistance to the Society in many other ways he has been elected to Corresponding membership of the Siam Society. However, the Society has been very fortunate in secur-

ing the services of Monsieur Gunnar Seidenfaden's successor, H.E. Monsieur Ebbe Munck, the new Danish Ambassador, whose interest in and knowledge of natural history in other parts of the world is well-known. He was co-opted as member of the Council in October 1959 and is now serving as Honorary Editor of the Natural History Bulletin as well.

During the period under review one of our Vice-Presidents, H.E. Chao Phya Sri Dharmadhibes, was absent on leave for four months in Europe. He has, however, returned and resumed his duty on the Council.

The Council held ten business meetings during the year and all of them took place in our President's house. The reason for this is that the road leading to our Home in Bangkapi was undergoing major repairs. The Council is happy to report that the work is now completed and future meetings can conveniently be held at the Society's Home.

The Council must take this opportunity to express its gratitude and appreciation to the U.S. Information Center for having kindly put its auditorium in Patpong Road at the Society's disposal whenever it was requested for our general meetings.

The Council also wishes to put on record its sincere appreciation for the kindness and assistance received from the United States Information Service in presenting the Society with the publications of historical reprints from our Journal. They complete the series of eight volumes in the collection of fiftieth anniversary commemorative publications produced under the imprimatur of the Siam Society.

During the year under review our Society had the pleasure of a visit from the President of our sister society, namely, The American Siam Society, whose office is at 1250 Princeton Street, Santa Monica, California, U.S.A. During his stay in our capital Commander H. Carroll Parish, President of the American Siam Society, also gave a lecture to members of our Society.

The Society's membership up to the end of 1959 was as follows:

Royal Patron and Vice-Patrons	3
Honorary Members	4
Corresponding Members	17
Free Members	3
Life Members	92
Ordinary Members	463
	<u>582</u>

as compared with 653 in 1958. The decline was partly due to the resignations, upon leaving this country, of several members.

The financial standing of the Society continues to be satisfactory, and the accounts at the end of 1959 show an excess of receipts over expenditure to an amount of Baht 25,690.80, in spite of a large outlay for the cost of publications, the sale of which the Council hopes will eventually bring a substantial income to the Society.

The Council acknowledges with profound gratitude a recent annual grant of US \$8,500.00 from the Ford Foundation in the United States for the establishment of a research center under the auspices of the Siam Society. A committee has been formed to supervise the work of this research center, consisting of H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra (Chairman), Dr. Lauriston Sharp, Mr. Cecil L. Sanford, Jr., Mr. Jorgen Holm and Mr. J.J. Boeles. Mr. Boeles has also been appointed the Director of the new Siam Society Research Center and work is now progressing in the field of archaeological research.

The Council must also record grateful appreciation to the Asia Foundation, Bangkok, for its kind and valuable assistance in the matter of the Society's publications. Recently a reprint of *A History of Buddhism in Siam* by H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh, for free distribution has been made possible by its sponsorship. Mention must also be made of the publication of *The Thai Peoples* by Major E. Seidenfaden which is again due to the generosity of the Asia Foundation.

The Society published two journals in 1959, namely Volume 57, Part 1 (June 1959) and Volume 57, Part 2 (November 1959), and also *Siamese Pottery in Indonesia* by Dr. Charles Nelson Spinks.

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

### Ordinary General Meetings :

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| On 10th March 1959    | Mr. Sukich Nimmanhaeminda lectured on "The Failure and Success of Early American Missions."   |
| On 12th March 1959    | Mr. Shahind Ahmad Dehlavi, President of the Cultural Institute of Karachi, gave a lecture on "Tradition and Change in Pakistani Music."                       |
| On 31st March 1959    | Mr. R. Balakrishnan B.A., B. Sc. (Agriculture), lectured on "National Festivals and Their Agricultural Significance—A Comparison between India and Thailand." |
| On 30th June 1959     | Professor Charles Moraze, SEATO Lecturer, gave a talk on "The Impact of the Far East on the History of European Cultures."                                    |
| On 21st July 1959     | Royal films showing Their Majesties' Tour of the Southern Provinces which were graciously laid at the Society's disposal by His Majesty the King.             |
| On 20th August 1959   | Commander H. Carroll Parish, President of the American Siam Society, lectured on "The American Siam Society: Heritage, Prospects and Possibilities."          |
| On 21st November 1959 | Professor Giuseppe Tucci, President of the Italian Institute for the Middle and   |

# THE SIAM FINANCIAL RESUME

## Receipts

### Subscriptions

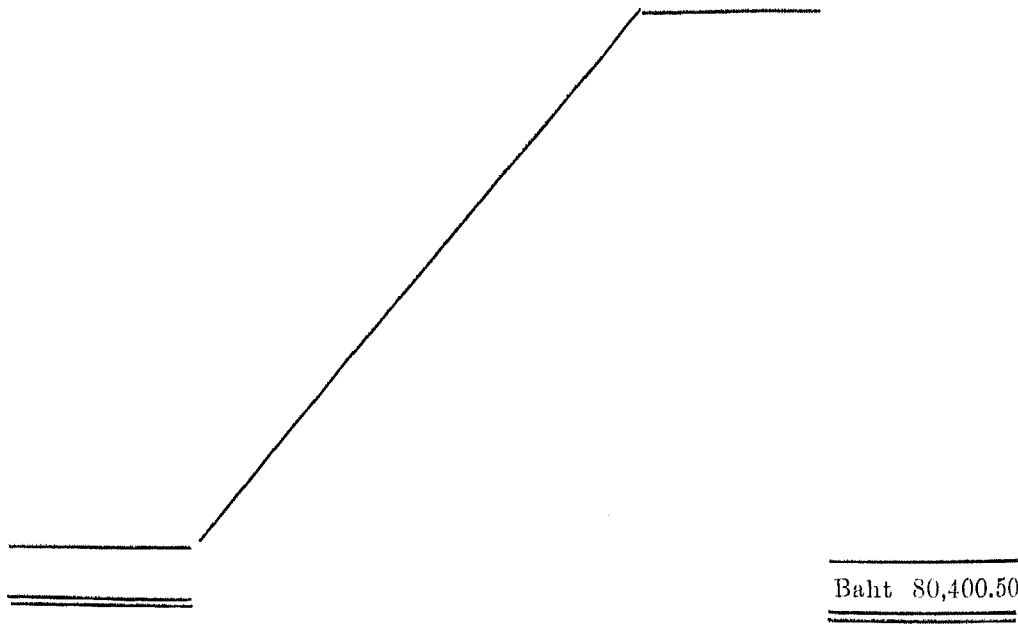
Ordinary members, current year	...	35,718.17	
Ordinary members, overdue accounts	...	2,303.08	
Life members	... ..	<u>21,700.00</u>	Baht 59,721.25

### Sale of publications

The Journal	... ..	6,608.16	
Natural History Bulletin	... ..	1,135.34	
Florae Siamensis Enumeratio	... ..	<u>42.50</u>	Baht 7,786.00

### Sundry receipts

Interest received	... ..		Baht 12,893.25
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# SOCIETY

## FOR THE YEAR 1959

### Expenditure

#### Maintenance of the Home:

Salary to caretaker	...	...	...	2,000.00	
Fire insurance	...	...	...	2,048.00	
Electricity supply	...	...	...	645.75	
White ants control	...	...	...	250.00	
Misc. expenses	...	...	...	<u>232.00</u>	Baht 5,175.75

#### The library:

Salary to library clerks	...	...	...	6,000.00	
Fire insurance	...	...	...	<u>1,024.00</u>	Baht 7,024.00

#### Secretarial and editorial:

Stationary and Office supplies	...	...	...	2,721.00	
Postage and Delivery expenses	...	...	...	6,021.45	
Revenue stamps	...	...	...	665.00	
Expenses for lectures etc.	...	...	...	2,670.00	
Clerks assistance	...	...	...	1,000.00	
Printing of publications	...	...	...	24,860.00	
Representation expenses	...	...	...	1,942.50	
Property taxes	...	...	...	907.50	
Misc. expenses	...	...	...	<u>1,722.50</u>	Baht 42,509.95

**Excess of receipts over expenditure** ... .. Baht 25,690.80

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January 31st, 1960

J. Holm

Examined and found to agree with books and vouchers.

**P. Baniyya Sara Vides**

*Honorary Auditor*

# THE SIAM SOCIETY

## Income

Received from The Ford Foundation US\$ 8,500.00	Baht 178,925.00
Interest received in 1959	„ 666.67
	<u>Baht 179,591.67</u>

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## RESEARCH CENTER

Stamp duty	Baht	1.25
Balance to be carried forward	„	179,590.42
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	Baht	<u>179,591.67</u>

*February 14th, 1960*

J. Holm

Examined and found to agree with books and vouchers.

**P. Banijya Sara Vides**

*Honorary Auditor*

