

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
THE SIAM SOCIETY RESEARCH CENTER

Year : 1st October 1961
30th September 1962

1. Establishment of The Siam Society Research Center.

The Research Center became established upon notification of the President of The Siam Society to the Treasurer of the Ford Foundation in New York City, N.Y., by letter dated September 30, 1959.

2. Program of activities of the Research Center.

A program of proposed activities of the Research Center as basis of operation is contained in the memorandum attached to the letter of the President of The Siam Society to the Director International Training and Research Program dated 13th October 1958.

3. Budget. U.S. \$ 25,000.—for 3 years.

The Research Center operates under a grant of the Ford Foundation of U.S. \$ 25,000.— payable in 3 annual instalments.

The first Annual Report dated 13th October 1960 together with the Statement of Accounts were published in the Journal The Siam Society Vol. XLVIII Part 2, November 1960.

The second Annual Report dated 9th November 1961 together with the Statement of Accounts were published in the Journal The Siam Society Vol. XLIX Part 2, November 1961.

Payment of U.S. \$ 8,000.— for the third and last instalment under this grant was received in December 1961. Also in the third year of operations the administration of the funds received remained the responsibility of the Hon. Treasurer of the Siam Society, who obtained authorisation of spending from the Committee of the Siam Society Research Center. Attached to this third report is the Hon. Treasurer's Financial Statement for this period, duly audited. From the statement it appears that the funds of this grant have been spent, leaving a small deficit of Baht 500.78 to be carried forward.

The breakdown of the approved Budget for one year is :

<u>Salaries</u>	<u>U.S. \$</u>
Director (part time)	3,000.—
Librarian	1,300.—
Research fellowships—Research	2,200.—
Library acquisitions	1,000.—
General operating expenses	1,000.—
	<u>U.S. \$ 8,500.—</u>

For reference with the actual figures spent, reference is made to the attached Financial Statement of the Hon. Treasurer as mentioned above.

4. Standing Committee.

The Research Center is governed by a standing committee of which the members have been elected by the Council of The Siam Society and which committee per 30th September 1962 was composed of the following members :

Committee:

H.H.	Prince Prem Purachatra	Chairman
H.S.H.	Prince Ajavadis Diskul	Deputy Chairman
H.E.	Monsieur Ebbe Munck	Member
Mr.	Kenneth Joseph MacCormac	Member
Mr.	V.F. Hemmingsen	Member/Hon. Treasurer
Dr.	Lauriston Sharp (Cornell)	Member in absence
Mr.	J.J. Boeles, Director	Secretary

The Committee during the third year of operations has held meetings regularly and at least once a month. In total during that period, 12 meetings were held and proper minutes, approved by the Committee, are being kept in the minutes book of the Research Center. During the period of three years a total of 32 meetings have been held. The Chairman of the Research Center Committee moreover reports once a month to the Council of the Siam Society on the activities of the Center. The Committee members residing in Thailand are also members of the Council of the Siam Society.

5. Personnel.

There were no mutations in the staff of the Research Center and which per 30.9.62 was composed as follows :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Engaged per :</u>	<u>Function :</u>
Mr. J.J. Boeles	Netherland	30.9.1959	Director
Mrs. Chucheeep Thiarabongse Boyle	Thai	1.5.1960	Librarian

Personal income tax is paid monthly by the Center and is deducted from Staff's salary in accordance with the requirements of the Revenue Code.

6. Facilities Research Center and Library.

It is most fortunate that as a result of the grant it has been possible also during the third year to keep the following business hours during weekdays :

9.00	—12.00	including	Saturday
14.00	—16.30	except	Saturday
17.30	—19.00	except	Saturday

The librarian requires much of her time bringing the library in good shape. Most of the books have now index cards. Also in the past year a considerable amount of binding and rebinding of books and periodicals was to be done. This rebinding is paid from the Society's own funds. As a result of the greater activities of the Center and of the Society the Librarian has become more and more busy with the sale of the Society's publications, as a result of which selling program more than Baht 100.000.— was collected, apart from sales by agents abroad. Moreover the number of visitors to the Center increased considerably.

As it was again considered that the librarian's work including the handling of sales should have priority, the Director continued to take care of all office correspondence and billing of sales abroad.

7. Rehabilitation of the Library.

The Center's main task continued to be the rehabilitation of the Siam Society's library. It is a slow process to try to purchase

the many essential books which are not in the Library or have disappeared. Last year's statement is once more emphasized here that it is essential to aim at a library containing the basic material with reference to Thailand and neighbouring countries. The books of which this material consists, are the tools without which no proper scientific research in Thailand will be possible for those scholars and students who will use the Research Center.

As a result of a reduced spending under General Operating Expenses it became possible to increase the budget for library acquisitions from US \$ 1000.— or Baht 21.000.— to Baht 33.217.—. The new acquisitions have been published in J.S.S. Vol. XLIX Part 2 and in J.S.S. Vol. L Part 1 (July 1962).

The Center continued to supervise the steady flow of Exchange publications with some 85 learned institutions.

8. Research Projects.

During the third year the following research projects were further developed.

a. Thai-Danish Prehistoric Expedition.

During this period under review the second phase of the Thai-Danish Prehistoric Expedition was carried out and on a larger scale. The main expedition excavated in the Kwae Noi area from November 1961 to April 1962. Excavations were carried out by several teams at :

1. Chande Caves
2. Sai Yok Caves and Rock-shelter
3. Wang Pho, Sawmill Site
4. Ban Kao

The staff of this expedition consisted of : Dr. Eigil Nielsen, Mr. Van Heekeren, Mr. Chin You-di, Count Eigil Knuth, Mr. Thammoon Attakor. The very extensive excavations at the neolithic site at Ban Kao were made under the responsibility of Mag. Per Sørensen assisted by Mrs. Sørensen. In the same area considerable research in the fauna and flora was made by the associate members of the expedition the zoologist Palle Johnsen and the botanist Kai Larsen, the latter being assisted by Thai colleagues.

During that period a new discovery by Dr. Nielsen was made of a rock-shelter containing rock paintings at the Tam Roob between the Kwae Noi and the Burma border.

The scientists from Denmark and Holland have returned home to work on the great quantity of material excavated, and meanwhile shipped to Copenhagen. Further preliminary reports have been published as follows :

J.S.S. Bangkok Vol. L Part 1; July 1962 :

Dr. Eigil Nielsen	The Thai Danish Prehistoric Expedition 1960-1962	Page 7
H.R. Van Heekeren	A Brief Survey of the Sai-Yok Excavations 1961-1962 Season of the Thai-Danish Prehistoric Expedition	15
Eigil Knuth	Further Report on the Sai-Yok Excavations and on the Work at the Picture Cave	19

FOLK. Copenhagen Vol. 4 1962 :

Eigil Nielsen;	The Thai-Danish Prehistoric Expedition 1960-1962 I, pp. 21-27.
Per Sørensen;	The Thai-Danish Prehistoric Expedition 1960-1962 II, pp. 28-45.

Mededelingen van het Rijksmuseum voor Volkenkunde, Leiden, No. 15 1962 :

H.R. Van Heekeren;	A Tentative Investigation of the Sai Yok Neolithic Pottery in Thailand. pp. 42-49.
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This expedition which has been working in the field during two dry seasons has now come to an end and the next phase that of scientific evaluation of the findings both in Denmark and in Holland is now being made. It is expected that the results will be published gradually in English and eventually also in Thai. For this scientific effort private funds raised in Denmark have now reached the total of U.S. \$ 75,000.—, whilst U.S. \$ 4,000.— have been contributed by funds from the Ford Foundation derived from the first grant.

b. Library project. Inauguration of new Library and Research Center.

"January 13, 1962 was a red-letter day in the annals of the Siam Society, for on that day the new building housing the Society's Library and the Research Center was opened in the presence of two Kings, three Queens, many distinguished personages of several nationalities, hundreds of members of the Siam Society and their guests.

His Majesty The King, Royal Patron of the Siam Society, together with Her Majesty The Queen and Her Majesty Queen Rambai Barni, were joined by Their Majesties King Frederik IX and Queen Ingrid of Denmark, who had arrived in Bangkok the day before on a state visit. It was particularly appropriate that Their Danish Majesties should have been present on this occasion, for the construction and furnishing of the new building was made possible largely through generous contributions by Danish firms and individuals."

On that auspicious occasion an address was read by H.H. Prince Dhanivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh, President of the Siam Society, which has been published in the attached copy of the J.S.S. Vol. L, Part 1. The address mentioned a sum of nine hundred thousand baht representing the cost of construction and furniture, raised from private contributions and funds from the Siam Society.

The new Research Center has adequate facilities for scholars and students to study. There is also a display showing tribal dresses and other artifacts from the hill tribes of Northern Thailand. It should be noted that no money from the Ford Foundation funds was used for this building, neither for the inventory.

c. Research into the Western cartography on Thailand.

A limited number of maps and photo copies of 17th and 18th Century maps of Siam were acquired from Europe.

d. Research into the hill tribes of Northern Thailand.

Also in the third year of operations more artifacts of the material culture of the hill tribes were acquired through the assistance of Mr. Kraisi Nimmanahaeminda in Chiangmai. A field trip to the North of Thailand was made in June by the Director in order to visit some tribes and to discuss the program with Khun Kraisi,

In August Khun Kraisi as leader of a small expeditions of the Research Center discovered the existence in Changvat Nan of remnants of a tribe described by previous research (Bernatzik) as "The Spirits of the Yellow Leaves." The expedition yielded excellent photo's, a film, tape recordings and articles of their material culture. The subsequent press release by the Center resulted in considerable interest by the general public. A lecture is scheduled for 1st November and two papers on this subject are in preparation for publication in the J.S.S. A second expedition also to be financed by the Research Center is expected to take place soon.

The Siam Society publication: Gordon Young: "The Hill Tribes of Northern Thailand", is selling well. A second edition has been printed by the Society.

e. Research Project: *A Critical Pali Dictionary.*

For this project recommendations have now been received from Prof. L.L. Hammerich in Copenhagen, as to which Pali texts have been selected for critical comment by Pali scholars i.e. Buddhist monks in this country. Cooperation has been offered by both Buddhist Universities through the Religious Affairs Department. These comments for which the Research Center has offered services of project-coordination, will be published in the Critical Pali Dictionary of which so far has appeared Vol. I and Vol. II fasc. 1. This is a long term publication by the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters in Copenhagen and compiled and edited by an international body of Pali scholars. The main sponsor of this project is UNESCO. The Research Center has allocated Baht 6,000.- for this project, to be spent in Thailand.

f. Research Project: *Inventory of titles of all palm-leaf manuscripts and books deposited in monasteries in Changvat Lamphoon.*

As a direct result of the Director's discussions in Chiangmai it was decided by the Committee to authorise a project of compiling an inventory in Thai of the titles of all palm-leaf manuscripts and books deposited in monasteries in Changvat Lamphoon. It is realized

that most of the titles recorded are known and will present nothing of interest. A selected inventory however would be less advisable as it may leave out manuscripts which could be of scientific interest. Inventory cards have been printed on each of which one title will be recorded. The Buddhist authorities in Changvat Lampoon are in full agreement with this project which again comes under the responsibility of Khun Kraisi Nimmanahaeminda. The budget expenditure is Baht 1000 – per month for 12 months. The results of this research are to be published in the JSS.

9. New Ford Foundation Grant of US \$ 43,000.— for three years.

Negotiations for the possibility of obtaining a second grant from the Ford Foundation were initiated at the meeting of Mr. George F. Gant, Program Director, Overseas Development South and Southeast Asia and Mr. Walter F. Rudlin, Representative for Southeast Asia with the Committee of the Siam Society Research Center on 24th February 1962 in Bangkok. As a result of this meeting the Committee submitted a proposal dated 3rd March 1962 for further financial support of its Research Center to The Ford Foundation through their Regional Representative Mr. Walter F. Rudlin in Kuala Lumpur. In this proposal it was stressed that during the period of the first grant of US \$ 25 000 – the following two major objectives were realised and financed from sources outside The Ford Foundation :

	<u>Funds/Value</u>
1. The Thai-Danish Prehistoric Expedition	US \$ 60,000.— (US \$ 75 000.—)
2. The New Library and Research Centre building and furniture/ fixtures	US \$ 44,000 —
	<u>US \$ 104,000 —</u>

Therefore it could be said that for every dollar which the Ford Foundation has invested in the Siam Society Research Center, four dollars have been received from other sources within 3 years of operations. In three years time the membership increased from 500 to 850 members. The more valuable the Library becomes as a

reference library the more it is used as such not only by members but also by scholars from abroad while moreover the attention of other institutions is attracted by the activities of the Research Center. There is a confidence in the Research Center as a growing institution.

It was therefore most gratifying to be able to record that after several further discussions The Ford Foundation awarded a new grant to the Siam Society of US \$ 43,000.— to support the Research Center for a further period of three years. The Grant letter dated 10th August 1962 was handed to H.H. the President of the Siam Society by Mr. Walter A. Rudlin, the Ford Foundation's Representative for Southeast Asia at the lecture meeting of the Society of 15th August 1962, in the presence of H.R.H. The Princess Regent. A statement was made to the press.

The estimated Budget as specified in the Grant reads as follows :

ESTIMATED BUDGET

For Support to the Siam Society Research Center
Over a Three-Year Period

Salaries (Director and Librarian)	\$ 30,000
Research projects and fellowships	5,000
Microfilm project	2,000
Library acquisitions	6,000
	<u>\$ 43,000</u>

The main character of the new grant is that it enables the Society to engage the Director of the Research Center on a fulltime basis. An additional financial benefit of considerable importance is derived from the fact that the total amount of the Grant has been received in the meantime.

7. Conclusion.

As a conclusion of this final report on the first grant of US \$ 25,000.— it may be observed that in the past three years the Research Center has proved the value of its existence in several ways as outlined in this and in the previous two annual reports to the Ford Foundation.

Apart from the work on various research projects great efforts have been made to strengthen the organisation not only of the Center but also of the internal routine matters of the Society itself. The confidence of members and of other institutions in the Society has resulted in the creation of the new Library and Research Center and in which all the financial means of the Society have been invested. The Society is however not in debt. The possessions of the Society—land and all buildings—have a clean title. The income of the Society by way of membership fees is mainly used to finance the publications of the Society's Periodicals; The Journal of The Siam Society (50 volumes published) and The Natural History Bulletin (20 Volumes). The income from sales of publications—a responsibility of the Center—is used to finance additional publications of the Society such as Monograph I; Gordon Young: The Hill Tribes of Northern Thailand.

With the renewed confidence in the Research Center as has now been demonstrated again by the Ford Foundation's new grant of US \$ 43,000—it has become possible to continue the following policy for operations :

1. Further rehabilitation of the Library.
2. Further improvement of the international distribution of sales of the Society's publications, including the Journal S.S. and the Natural History Bulletin.
3. Broadening of contacts with learned institutions and with scholars in the same field abroad.
4. Development of Research Projects.

This concludes the third annual report—at the same time the final report—of the Siam Society Research Center under the first Grant of the Ford Foundation. Deep gratitude is expressed herewith that the Ford Foundation has honoured the past performance of the Research Center by the award of a new and even larger Grant for a further period of three years.

Bangkok, 18th October 1962.

J.J. Boeles

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Director

The Siam Society Research Center

Encl. 1 Financial Statement

THE SIAM SOCIETY RESEARCH CENTER

Financial Statement for the period 1st October 1961-30th September 1962

INCOME

Brought forward from previous year	Baht	10,219.19
Grant from Ford Foundation, US \$ 8,000.00	Baht	166,800.00
Interest received	Baht	<u>275.27</u>
Total income during the year	Baht	<u>177,294.46</u>

EXPENDITURE

Salaries:

Director (incl. tax)	60,000.00	
Librarian	<u>30,000.00</u>	90,000.00
Clerk's assistance	<u>7,200.00</u>	Baht 97,200.00

Research :

Hill Tribes	34,066.30	
Cartography of Siam	486.09	
Critical Pali Dictionary	6,000.00	
Microfilm Library	840.00	
Manuscript Inventory Project	<u>3,000.00</u>	Baht 44,392.39

Administrative Expenses :

Stationery	604.00	
Postage, telegrams, and delivery	1,781.80	
Misc. expenses	<u>600.00</u>	Baht 2,985.80
Purchase of books		Baht <u>33,217.05</u>
Total expenditure during the year		Baht 177,795.24
Total income during the year		Baht <u>177,294.46</u>
Deficit carried forward to next year		<u>Baht 500.78</u>

Bangkok, October 5th, 1962
THE SIAM SOCIETY RESEARCH CENTER

W.F. Hemmingsen
Hon. Treasurer.

Examined and found to agree with the books and vouchers.
Bangkok, 15 October 1962

Phra Banijya Sara Vides
Honorary Auditor

