

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1968

The Annual General Meeting of the Siam Society terminating the year 1967 was held on Wednesday 13th March 1968 at 8.15 p.m. at the Society's Home, 131 Asoka Road (Lane 21), Bangkok, with His Serene Highness Prince Ajavadis Diskul in the Chair. The Meeting was attended by nearly 200 members and guests.

In accordance with the agenda, the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held on 22nd March 1967, as well as the Annual Report for 1967 and the Financial Statement for 1967 were adopted and Mr. Yukta na Thalang was re-elected Honorary Auditor for 1968. Following the resignation of the President, H.H. Prince Prem Purachattra, due to his appointment as Thai Ambassador to India, the meeting unanimously elected H.S.H. Prince Ajavadis Diskul as President. The meeting also re-elected the standing Council for 1965 en bloc, whilst as additional Council members were elected:

H.E. Monsieur Leonard Unger

Mr. Pracha Guna-kasem

The Council upon taking office re-elected the following standing committees for carrying out the activities of the Society:

### STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1968

#### 1. Finance Committee

The President (H.S.H. Prince Ajavadis Diskul)

The Honorary Secretary (Luang Thavil Sethpanijkarn)

The Honorary Treasurer (Mr. S. Gønge)

H.H. Prince Sukumabhinand Paribatra

Mr. Kraisri Nimmanahaeminda

#### 2. Editorial Committee

The Honorary Editor (Dr. Lawrence Sternstein)

H.H. Prince Dhanivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh

H.E. Monsieur A.W. Kønigsfeldt

Mr. J.J. Boeles

H.E. Monsieur Leonard Unger

Phya Anuman Rajadhon

**3. Natural History Committee**

Lt. General Phya Salwidhan Nidhes  
H.E. Monsieur A.W Kønigsfeldt  
Mr. Ariyant Majikul  
H.S.H. Prince Piyarangsit Rangsit  
Dr. Ouay Ketusingh M.D.

**4. Exchange Committee**

H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul  
Mr. J.J. Boeles  
Phya Anuman Rajadhon  
Dr. Lawrence Sternstein  
Mr. Pracha Guna-Kasem

**5. Travel Committee**

H.S.H. Prince Ajavadis Diskul  
H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul  
Mr. J.J. Boeles  
Mr. Kraisri Nimmanahaeminda  
H.E. Prince Sukumabhinand Paribatra  
Mr. Pracha Guna-Kasem

**6. Research Committee**

H.S.H. Prince Ajavadis Diskul  
Mr. Luang Thavil Sethpanijkarn  
Mr. S. Gønge  
Mr. Kraisri Nimmanahaeminda  
Dr. Lawrence Sternstein  
Mr. J.J. Boeles (Director of the Research Centre)  
H.E. Monsieur Leonard Unger  
Dr. Prasert na Nagara

**7. Membership Committee**

Mr. S. Gønge  
H.E. Monsieur Leonard Unger  
H.E. Monsieur A.W. Kønigsfeldt  
Mr. Pracha Guna-Kasem  
H.S.H. Prince Piyarangsit Rangsit

**8. Program Committee**

H.S.H. Prince Ajavadis Diskul  
 Mr. J.J. Boeles  
 Mr. Luang Thavil Sethpanijkarn  
 Mr. Pracha Guna-Kasem  
 Mr. Ariyant Manijkul

During the year Council co-opted Mr. Kenneth J. MacCormac as a member of the Council, as well as Mr. Tem Smitinand, F.L.S. in capacity of Hon. Co-Editor of the Natural History Bulletin.

The year 1968 saw publications by the Society of the following periodicals :

The Journal of the Siam Society Vol. LVI, part 1 and 2;  
 The Natural History Bulletin of the Siam Society Vol. 22, Nos. 3 & 4.

The Council is pleased to report that its publications have proved of greater interest than ever before.

The Council held 13 business meetings during the year and 1 special General Meeting was held for members.

The Society's membership at the end of the year 1968 reached a number of 1055 members of which 799 ordinary members had paid their dues for 1968.

The classification of membership as per 31st December 1968 is as follows:

Royal Patron and Vice Patrons	4
Honorary Presidents and Vice Presidents	3
Honorary members	3
Free members	1
Corresponding members	14
Life members	231
Ordinary members	<u>799</u>
Total	1055

The Society has also 56 subscribers to its Journal and Natural History Bulletin. The Society elected a number of 179 new members and recorded 120 resignations and deaths. The number of visitors to

the Library/Research Centre and Kamthieng House during the year was 1741 persons.

The financial position of the Society, under the laudable direction of the Honorary Treasurer, remains satisfactory as is reflected in the balance sheet for 1968.

During the year a special general meeting was convened in which members, on 8th October, unanimously decided in favour of an administration of the property in Thailand of Mr. James H.W. Thompson, to be carried out jointly with the relatives of Mr. James H.W. Thompson.

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

1. 17th January      Lecture by Mr. Victor Kennedy: "A Technical Description of the Thai Rice Farmer's House"; with slides.
2. 7th February      Lecture by Dr. Mochtar Apin: "The Appreciation of Modern Art of Asia and the Role Art plays in uniting Mankind"; with paintings.
3. 14th February      Lecture and film by Dr. Gunna Thorsen: "Marine Biological Research of the 5th Thai-Danish Expedition (1966)".
4. 13th March      Lecture by Mr. Konrad Bekker: "An Introduction to Pagan"; with slides.
5. 26th March      Lecture by Mr. Gerald P. Dyck: "A Survey of Music in Norther Thailand"; with tape recordings.
6. 2nd April      Lecture by H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul: "Masterpieces from Private Collections displayed at the Bangkok National Museum"; with slides.
7. 5th April      Excursion to the National Museum.
8. 12th June      Lecture by Dr. Robert Exell: "Some Problems in the Interpretation of Buddhist Literature".

9. 18th September Lecture by Dr. Sukich Nimmanahaeminda :  
"The Emperor Asoka and his inscriptions".
10. 26th September Film Show by Dr. William Robert Geddes :  
"The Meo People of Northern Thailand".
11. 3rd October Lecture by Dr. Friedrich Wilhelm: "The  
Capitals in the History of South Asia."
12. 8th October Special general meeting for members.

It is gratifying to note that lectures and excursions were much appreciated by members.



## **Honorary Auditor's Report**

*To the Board of Directors of the Siam Society,*

We have examined the balance sheet of the Siam Society as at 31st December, 1968 and the related income and expenditure account for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the Accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and the related income and expenditure account present fairly the financial position of the Siam Society as at 31st December, 1968 and the result of its operations for the year then ended on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

**Yukta na Thalang**  
(Yukta na Thalang)  
*Honorary Auditor*  
Yukta na Thalang & Co.,  
Certified Public Accountant

Bangkok, Thailand  
7th March, 1968

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**THE SIAM SOCIETY**

**BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31st December, 1968

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash on Hand	5,000.—	Subscription Prepaid	9,555.92
Siam Commercial Bank		Life Membership Fund	291,585.50
A/C No. 1328051	7,609.91	Endowment Fund :	
Bangkok Bank of Commerce		Thai Government	2,000,000.—
A/C No. 01-273-189	<u>2,081.—</u>	Members Contribution	<u>323,395.57</u>
Bangkok Bank of Commerce		Provision for Interest	
A/C No. 110 277/68	300,000.—	Receivable	16,625.—
Stock of Publications as at		Suspense Creditor	500.—
31/12.68	202,905.38		
Consignment Stock-Martinus,		Profit for 1968	78,163.06
The Hague	<u>102,451.61</u>	Less Deficit b/f from	
Accounts Receivable	17,141.56	Previous year	<u>61,759.74</u>
Interest Receivable	16,652.—		16,403.32
Insurance Prepaid	466.65		
Investment	2,000,000.—		
Land Property	1.—		
Lecture Hall	1.—		
Library Building	1.—		
Kamthieng House	1.—		
Office Machinery (less Deprec.)	9,362.70		
Vespa Scooter (less Depreciation)	8,000.—		
<b>Special Funds :</b>		<b>Grants earmarked for special</b>	
Research Center		<b>Purposes</b>	
		Research Fellowship Fund	12,082.50
Bangkok Bank of Commerce		Research Center	<u>3,106.74</u>
A/C No. 10-272-189	1,606.74		15,189.24
	<u>2,673,254.55</u>		<u>2,673,254.55</u>

**E. Damkilde**  
for Honorary Treasurer



**THE SIAM SOCIETY**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**  
for the year ending 31st December, 1968

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
<b>Cost of Publications</b>			
Stock as at 1/1.68	300,447.09	Entrance Fees	26,109.30
<b>Cost of Printing 1968</b>			
The Journal	31,417.—	Subscription – current year	125,869.78
Natural History Bulletin	<u>21,440.—</u>	– previous „	<u>3,570.52</u> 129,440.30
	353,304.09	Donation—General	5,351.30
Stock as at 31/12.68	202,905.38	Profit on Exchange	31.58
Consignment Stock 31/12.68	<u>102,451.61</u>	Profit on Shares Sold	144,375.—
	305,356.99	Dividend on Shares	100,000.—
	47,947.10		
<b>Salaries</b>			
Salaries, Director	168,000.—	<b>Sales of Publications :</b>	
„ , Librarian	44,400.—	Journal of Siam Society	14,928.78
„ , Clerical Staff	40,624.—	Natural History Bulletin	4,722.98
„ , Watchmen & Gardeners	<u>33,000.—</u>	The Thai People	9,686.78
	286,024.—	The Orchids of Thailand	12,579.70
<b>Compound and Office Expenses</b>		The Ceramic Wares of Siam	15,271.70
Land Tax	1,234.—	The Kamthieng House	5,272.88
White Ant Control	2,150.—	Sundry Publications	<u>44,880.34</u> 107,343.13
Fire Insurance, Buildings	6,844.20		
„ „ , Inventories & Granary	1,399.95		
Repairs & maintenance	13,860.50		
Cleaning	6,960.50		
Electricity	7,212.70		
Water	957.50		
Stationery	16,178.86		
Postage & Revenue Stamps	16,695.70		
Telephone & Telegrams	4,538.65		
Purchase of books & bindings	2,849.41		
Subs. to Newspapers & Periodicals	<u>690.31</u>		
	81,572.28		
<b>Sundry Expenses</b>			
Representation	2,405.50		
Transportation	3,854.50		
Petrol for Vespa Scooter	588.—		
Repairs—Maintenance for Vespa Scooter	184.—		
Interest on Overdraft Account	1,007.54		
Bank Charges	74.83		
Miscellaneous	<u>559.50</u>		
	8,673.87		
Depreciation	3,040.30		
Photographic Project	7,230.—		
Profit for 1968	<u>78,163.06</u>		
	<u>512,650.61</u>		
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