

ANNUAL REPORT

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 1969

The Annual General Meeting terminating the year 1968 was held on Wednesday 12th March 1969 at 8.35 at the Society's Home, 131 Asoke Road (Lane 21), Bangkok, Bangkok. The Meeting was attended by nearly 180 members and guests and the following members of the Council were present :

1. Lt. General Phya Salwidhan Nidhes, Vice-President, in the Chair
2. Luang Thavil Sethpanijkarn, Honorary Secretary
3. M.R. Pimsai Amranand, Assistant Honorary Secretary
4. Dr. Prasert Na Nagara
5. Professor Ouay Ketusinh M.D.
6. Mr. Ariyant Manjikul
7. Mr. Kenneth J. MacCormac
8. Mr. J.J. Boeles, Honorary Librarian and Director of the Research Centre

In accordance with the agenda as previously circulated among the members the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 23rd March 1968 were taken as read and then adopted by the meeting. The Annual Report was also adopted by the meeting. At the presentation of the Balance sheet for the year 1968, for adoption by the meeting, Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa rose to say that he could not accept the balance sheet, since Rule 29 of the Society was not observed. The Rule says that copies of the Financial Statement shall be circulated to members with the notice convening the Meeting. At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Boeles explained that the reason that the Financial Statement was not circulated to members beforehand was that it was deemed preferable to have the Balance Sheet audited by the Society's Hon. Auditor. The audit had taken place and the Auditor's statement to that effect was attached to the Balance sheet.

There was however not sufficient time to send the audited Balance Sheet to members in advance. A considerable debate ensued which resulted in two motions proposed and seconded :

- a. To adopt the Annual Report and the Financial Statement as it was.
- b. To defer the adoption of the Annual Report and the Financial Statement to the next General Meeting.

The meeting adopted the first motion by a show of hands.

The Annual Report and the Financial Statement were therefore adopted by the meeting.

The Chairman then moved to point 3 of the agenda, the election of officers for 1969. Dr. Nicholls proposed that the present Council of the Society be re-elected in bloc. This motion was seconded by Mr. M. Thomson. Mr. James Young proposed that Phya Anuman Rajadhon be elected President of the Society. Mr. Sulak stated that the procedure of voting the Council members on bloc was not desirable and that it was therefore preferable to elect Council members one by one. A debate followed. The Chairman observed that since Phya Anuman Rajadhon declined on two occasions to become Vice-President, it would be unlikely that he would accept now to become President. Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa stated that Phya Anuman would be willing to become President if the Council was composed of younger and more active members. Mr. Viwat Vichitnetinai raised a point of order. Two motions had been proposed :

- a. To reelect the Council en bloc.
- b. To elect Phya Anuman Rajadhon as President of the Society.

The Meeting should vote on these two motions.

A debate followed whether it would be in order to follow a procedure of voting the Council en bloc, though it was realised that this had been the practice in the past. The matter was put to the vote and the meeting by a showing of hands voted that a voting for re-election en bloc of the Council would be in order.

At this stage Luang Thavil suggested that the old Council be elected en bloc because this was his interpretation. This was loudly rejected by the members who took it as a procedural vote.

Under these circumstances Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa proposed the election of a second bloc of Council members as follows :

Honorary Vice-President H.S.H. Prince Ajavadis Diskul
(outside the Council)

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| 1. President : | Phya Anuman Rajadhon |
| 2. Vice-President | H.E. Mr. Sukich Nimmanhaeminda |
| 3. Hon. Secretary | M.R. Pimsai Amranand |
| 4. Hon. Treasurer : | M.R. Patanachai Jayant |
| 5. Hon. Editor : | Mr. Michael Smithies |
| 6. Hon. Librarian : | Mrs. Maenmart Chavalit |
| 7. Leader of the Natural | Mr. Tem Smitinand |

History Section :

8. H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul
9. Dr. Ouay Ketusingh
10. Mr. Patya Saihoo
11. Dr. Prasert na Nagara
12. Mr. Sirichai Narumit
13. Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa
14. Mrs. Nisa Sheanakul

The motion was duly seconded.

Mr. Patya Saihoo said that since his name was mentioned on the list he would like to say that there should be no feelings of animosity but that the young order should have the chance to accept this challenge for the good of the Society.

Dr. Ouay Ketusingh said that though his name was mentioned, he did not want to join the bloc.

Dr. Prasert said that he was willing to serve the Society and as he was already on the Council and his name was also on the list, he preferred not to comment.

It was announced that Dr. Stifel would be willing to replace Dr. Ouay.

Dr. Nicholls proposed that the election of Council members be deferred to another General Meeting.

A considerable debate followed whether or not the Chairman could postpone the election of officers to another meeting. Luang Thavil said that in his opinion the Chairman had the power to postpone the election of officers. Debate followed. Finally the Chairman decided that both motions for the election of Council Members en bloc be put to the vote.

The meeting by a show of hands elected the second bloc of proposed council members (the new bloc) 48-17.

By this vote the above-named persons were elected as members of the Council of the Siam Society.

Mr. William Klausner proposed a vote of thanks for the effective work and dedication of the Society's previous Council. This vote was carried by acclamation.

Mr. MacCormac proposed that Mr. Yukta na Thalang be appointed Auditor. This was seconded by M.R. Patanachai and the motion was carried.

The annual general meeting adjourned at 9.50 p.m. and was followed by a lecture by Mr. A.B. Griswold on the subject of :

SOURCES OF THE STUDY OF SUKHODAYAN HISTORY

The meeting adjourned at 11.05 p.m.

Bangkok, 13th March 1969

Honorary Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1969

The Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 12th March, 1969 at 8. 15 p.m. at the Society's home, 131, Soi Asoke, Sukhumvit 21, Bangkok, elected a Council consisting of :

H.S.H Prince Ajavadis Diskul	<i>Honorary Vice-President</i>
Phya Anuman Rajadhon	<i>President</i>
H.E. Mr. Sukich Nimmanhaeminda	<i>Vice President</i>
M.R. Pimsai Amranand	<i>Honorary Secretary</i>
M.R. Patanachai Jayant	<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>
Mr. Michael Smithies	<i>Honorary Editor, JSS</i>
Mrs. Maenmas Chavalit	<i>Honorary Librarian</i>
Mr. Tem Smitinand	<i>Leader of the Natural History Section</i>

H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul
Mr. Patya Saihoo
Dr. Prasert na Nagara
Mr. Sirichai Narumit
Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa
Mrs. Nisa Sheanakul
Dr. Laurence Stifel

In the course of the year, Phya Anuman Rajadhon died and H.R.H. Prince Naradhip Bongsprabandh graciously consented to be President. H.E. Mr. Sukich Nimmanhaeminda agreed to become Senior Vice-President and H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul Vice-President. Members co-opted on to the Council during the year were:

Mr. Kenneth J. MacCormac
H.E. Mr. L. Unger
H.E. Mr. A.W. Kønningfeldt
Mr. Chalerm Thongsriphong
Dr. Sood Saengvichien
Mr. William J. Klausner
Mr. Edward C. Dickinson

Dr. Tej Bunnag replaced Mrs. Maenmas who resigned as Honorary Librarian.

The Council accepted the resignation of Mr. J.J. Boeles, Director of the Research Centre, and appointed Mr. Sangvien Meephoubhongse as Administrative Secretary.

The Council appointed a committee to revise the rules of the Society with Mr. Domnern Garden as chairman. The other members of the committee were Mrs. Nisa Sheanakul, Mr. Kenneth MacCormac, Mr. Francis Martin and Mr. Chalerm Thongsriphong. The revised rules were presented to the Society at a general meeting on 29 August 1969 and accepted with slight modifications.

The members of the Siam Society numbered 1,259 on December 31, 1969. The classification of membership was as follows:

Royal Patron and Vice Patrons	4
Honorary Presidents and Vice President	3
Honorary members	3
Free members	1
Corresponding members	14
Life members	253
Ordinary members	964

24 institutions in Siam, 47 institutions abroad and 9 individuals subscribe to the Society's Journal and Natural History Bulletin.

The annual reports for 1969-70 of committee chairmen follow.

Programme Committee

The Committee arranged an average of one meeting a week throughout the year including some lectures in Thai.

A list of lectures, seminars and exhibitions follows:—

April

- Thurs. 17* H.E. Mr. Sukich Nimmanhaeminda, Minister of Education, introduced a panel of speakers on "The Future of Thai Education". The speakers included Dr. Saroj Bhasri and Dr. Kaw Sawasdi Panich (in Thai).
- Wed. 23* H.S.H. Prince Siddhiporn Kridakara, Magsaysay Award for Agriculture 1966—"The Past and Present Status of the Siamese Rice Farmer".
- Wed. 30* Dr. Tej Bunnag, Ministry of Foreign Affairs—"Prince Damrong and the Reform of the Provincial Administration".

May

- Wed. 7* Mr. Patya Saihoo, Member of the Council and Associate Professor of Social Anthropology, Chulalongkorn University—"Sociological Problems on the Southern Border of Siam".
- Thurs. 15* Dr. John H. Bryant, Rockefeller Foundation Visiting Professor of Medicine, Ramadhipadi Hospital—"A Relationship between Medical Education and the Health Needs of Rural Siam".
- Thurs. 22* Mr. Kamsingh Srinawk—"Issra Amatyakul's Influence on Thai Writers" (in Thai).

June

- Sun. 25* Tamboon at Kamthieng House.
- Wed. 28* Dr. H.E. Grether, Church of Christ in Thailand—"Problems of Cross Cultural Communications".

Thurs. 19 Dr. Laurence Stifel, Rockefeller Foundation Visiting Professor of Economics, Thammasat University, led a panel discussion on "The Population of Siam in Perspective". The panel included Dr. Visit Prachuabmoh, Dr. Snoh Unakul, and Dr. Allen G. Rosenfield.

Thurs. 26 Prof. William Gedney, University of Michigan—"The Saek Language as spoken in Nakorn Panom" (in Thai).

July

Thurs. 3 Mr. Steve Greene, School of Oriental and African Studies, London University—"King Rama VI and Siamese Nationalism."

Mon. 7 Panel discussion in Thai on "Growing Trees in Bangkok," with Dr. Puey Ungpakorn as moderator. Other speakers were M.R. Pimsai Amranand, Mr. Vilas Manivat, Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa and Dr. Prasop Rattanakorn.

Tues. 8 Sir Robert R. Blackwood, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of Victoria, Australia, and Member of the Board of Trustees of the Asian Institute of Technology—"Aboriginal Remains in Australia."

Tues. 15 Tao Kamtang Ketwong, of the Ministry of Education, Laos—"Modern Lao Language and Literature" (in Thai).

Thurs. 17 Mr. Hermann Hatzfeldt-Donhoff, Ford Foundation, Bangkok—"Siamese Economic Problems in the 1970s."

Thurs. 24 Dr. Jay Ingersoll of the Catholic University, Washington D.C.—"The Social Implications of the Mekong Irrigation Development."

Wed. 30 Photographic Exhibition of Bangkok during the Last to August 6 Hundred Years.

August

- Sat. 9 –* Seminar in Thai on Buddhism and Modern Siamese Society. The speakers included Mr. Sanya Dharmasakdi, Lt. Col. Prasarn Thongpakdi, Mr. Saeng Chandngam, Mr. William Klausner, and Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa.
- Mon. 11*
- Tues. 12* Mr. E.H.S. Simmonds, School of Oriental and African Studies, London University—“Drama in the Courts of Siam.”
- Thurs. 14* Mr. Konrad Bekker, U.S. Embassy, Bangkok—“The Cities of Sukhothai and Kampaengpet”.
- Tues. 19* Commander Mek Ampaichrit—“Phra Dharmanides, a Siamese Man of Letters” (in Thai).
- Thurs. 21* In the presence of H.M. Queen Rambhai Barni, Vice-Patron of the Society, H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat, Hon. President, gave a commentary on the film “The Coronation of H.M. King Prajadhipok.”
- Fri. 29* Special General Meeting to amend the Rules of the Society.

September

- Thurs. 4* Dr. Richard Noss, Ford Foundation, Bangkok—“Some Unusual Features of Modern Colloquial Khmer.”
- Tues. 9* Mr. Francis Cripps, Cambridge University—“Economic Problems of Developing Countries, with special reference to those in Asia.”
- Thurs. 18* Mr. David Londe, of the Systems Development Corporation—“Computational Linguistics with Special reference to Siamese.”
- Thurs. 25* Mr. Kamchan Pradisth, Director-General of the Ministry of Information, Laos—“Diplomatic Relations between Laos and Neighbouring Countries.”

October

- Thurs. 2* H.E. Mr. P.K. Bannerjee, Indian Ambassador—"Gandhi's Universalism."
- Thurs. 9* Ven. Bhikku Khantipalo of Wat Bovornives—"Life in a Siamese Monastery."
- Mon. 13* H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul, Dean of the Faculty of Archaeology, Silpakorn University and Member of the Council, began a series of six lectures on Indian and Southeast Asian Arts, illustrated with slides, beginning with (1) "Indian Arts."
- Thurs. 16* Professor Soedjito Sosrodihardjo, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia—"The Impact of Culture on Religion—a Javanese Example."
- Tues. 21* A Siamese film made by R. Bunnag on Buddhist Holy Places in India.
- Mon. 27* Prince Subhadradis Diskul—Indian and S-E Asian Arts (2) "Ceylonese and Javanese Arts."
- Thurs. 30* Mr. Somthob Jayabandhu of the Royal Forestry Department—"Birds Protected by Siamese Law" (with film and colour slides).

November

- Tues. 4* H.R.H. Prince Wan Waithayakorn, President of the Siam Society invited H.H. Prince Dhaninivat, Hon. President to open an Exhibition on Education during the past 40 years.
- Tues. 4* H.E. Mom Luang Pin Malakul, Rector of Silpakorn University—"Siamese Education from the days when Prince Dhani was Minister of Education" (in Thai).
- Thurs. 6* A second showing of the film "The Coronation of H.M. King Prajadhipok,"

Thurs. 13 Dr. Sumet Jumsai, Member of Fine Arts Commission,
"The Reconstruction of the Plan of Ayuthaya."

Mon. 24 Prince Subhadradis Diskul—Indian and S-E Asian Arts
(3) "Khmer Arts."

December

Mon. 8 Prince Subhadradis Diskul—Indian and S-E Asian Arts
(4) "Thai Arts—Dvaravati, Srivijaya and Lopburi
periods."

Thurs. 11 M.L. Boonlua Thepayasuwan, Dean of the Faculty of
Arts, Silpakorn University—"Phya Anuman Rajadhon—
a tribute from a former student."

Thurs. 18 Dr. Jane Bunnag, Research Associate of the Institute of
Asian Studies, Bangkok—"The Sociological Role of the
Buddhist Monks in Ayuthaya, Central Siam."

Mon. 22 Prince Subhadradis Diskul—Indian and S-E Asian Arts
(5) "Thai Arts—Chiengsaen and Sukhothai periods."

January

Mon. 5 Prince Subhadradis Diskul—Indian and S-E Asian Arts
(6) "Thai Arts—U-Thong, Ayuthaya, Bangkok."

Thurs. 8 Dr. David Morton, University of California, Los
Angeles—"Thai Music—Hot House Plant or Sturdy
Stock."

Thurs. 15 Mr. Kachorn Sukhapanich, Lecturer in History at
Prasarnmitr College of Education—"The Rise of
Sukhodaya and the Kingdom set up by King Ramakam-
haeng."

Thurs. 29 Dr. Paichit Uathavikul of the National Institute of
Development Administration—"Regional Development
and Planning in Siam."

February

- Thurs. 5* Dr. Puey Ungpakorn, Governor of the Bank of Thailand and Dean of the Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University—"Thailand's Economic Prospects."
- Thurs. 12* "Teaching Dharma by Pictures by Buddhadasa Bhikku" a showing of slides illustrating traditional Siamese manuscripts, explaining Buddhism from an elementary level to the most advanced.
- Thurs. 19* Mr. D. Enright of the University of Singapore—"Teaching English Literature in South-East Asia with special reference to Shakespeare."
- Sat. 28* Panel discussion in Thai organized with the Fine Arts Commission on "The Future of Siamese Culture," accompanied by an exhibition on the present condition of Siamese art. The speakers included Dr. Sumet Jumsai, Mr. Patya Saihoo, M.R. Patanachai Jayant, Mr. Krisda Arunwongse, and Mr. Vichai Jokevivat.

March

- Thurs. 5* M.R. Seni Pramoj, M.P. for Bangkok, Leader of the Democrat Party and former Prime Minister—"Siamese Poetry."
- Thurs. 12* Mr. William Klausner, Member of the Council and Representative of the Asia Foundation—"Popular Buddhism in the North-East of Siam."
- Thurs. 26* Annual General Meeting, followed by a talk on "The Coining of Siamese Words by the President, H.R.H. Prince Wan Waithayakorn, Kromamun Naradhip.

Members of the committee: Mr. Patya Saihoo, Chairman, M.R. Patanachai Jayant, Mr. Michael Smithies (resigned in September), Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa.

Travel Committee

The Travel Committee did not start its activities until fairly late, due to a lack of a chairman and then to the rainy season. Its first excursion was on Saturday 11th October, when Mr. Sirichai Narumit and Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa led an artistic tour of Wats in Dhonburi. About 40 people took part in visiting Wats Paorohit, Suwanaram, Hong, Moliloke, Nang Nong and Raja Oros.

The next two historical and archeological excursions were kindly arranged under the supervision of H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul who also acted as guide. On Sunday 2nd, November, he led about 100 people on a one-day trip to Nakorn Pathom and U-Thong, and from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th, December, 1969 two bus-loads of members and their guests went to Kampaengpet, Sukhothai and Srisachanalai, spending the two nights at Pitsanuloke, and returned on the new road via Pechaboon and Lamnarai. The Fine Arts Department and the people at the museums at all these places must be thanked warmly for their collaboration.

The trip planned for January to Maeklong had to be cancelled but the one kindly led by Mr. John Blofeld to some Chinese temples in Bangkok on Sunday 8th February was very much appreciated by all who took part in it. Many members asked for a similar trip again.

The last excursion for the season was an extensive tour of Wat Bovornives on Saturday 7th March, when Bhikku Khantipalo kindly agreed to be the guide for the whole afternoon. Afterwards members and their guests walked across the street to have *khaotom* and attended a *likay* performance.

The Travel Committee had H.S.H. Prince Ajavadis Diskul as its adviser. Members of the Committee were Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa, Chairman, H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul and Mr. Nij Hinjirananda.

Editorial and Publications Committee

1. Journal of the Siam Society

JSS changed its cover during the year, and, in order to offset mounting production costs, solicited advertisements. The scope of the contents of the Journal has been broadened somewhat by including more reviews and trying to strike a balance so that 'the arts and sciences of Thailand and neighbouring countries' are represented in proportion. Plans have been laid for a series of issues devoted to specific topics or around specific institutions.

2. Publication of Books

a. *Prince Dhani Nivat—Articles Reprinted from JSS*

This volume, edited by Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa, was printed in November 1969 on the occasion of the 7th cycle of His Highness' birthday. The Bangkok Bank and the Asia Foundation generously contributed to printing costs.

b. *Mom Rachawong Pimsai Amranand—Gardening in Bangkok*

This book should be out by the time this report is printed.

c. *Dr. Vichin Panupong—Inter-sentence Relations in Modern Conversational Thai*

Thanks to a generous grant from the Ford Foundation, the Society was able to undertake the publication of this valuable Ph.D. thesis. The volume is at press at the time of writing.

d. *In Memoriam Phya Anuman Rajadhon*

When the late President of the Siam Society died in July 1969, it was decided to publish a festschrift in his memory. Articles were solicited from those scholars who knew Phya Anuman and whose fields of study were similar. The Asia Foundation and the Breezewood Foundation have kindly subsidised this volume, which is being edited by

Dr. Tej Bunnag and Mr. Michael Smithies and which consists of 23 articles on a wide range of subjects, and is at present at the printer's.

e. *Proceedings of a Seminar on Buddhism*

The Society held a three-day seminar in Thai on 'Buddhism in the Modern World' in August 1969, the proceedings of which, edited by Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa, are being published with the help of Asia Foundation. The volume is also at press.

f. *Joyaux—Etude du règne de Rama II*

The Society will undertake publication of this study in French and hopes to publish it in 1970.

3. **Other Publishing Matters**

a. *Greeting Cards*

The Society published two greetings cards in December for sale to members. Stocks remain and will be available again at the end of this year.

b. *Rules of the Society*

The revised Rules are being printed at the time of writing.

c. *Reprinting of JSS Volumes I-XXV (with Index)*

The Kraus Reprint Corporation, Liechtenstein, in December 1969 fulfilled their contract with the Society, signed in 1964, to reprint the first 25 volumes of the *Journal* which are now out-of-print. Sets are available from the company at a list price of U.S. \$360 (bound).

4. **Committee Members**

Mr. Michael Smithies, Honorary Editor, chaired throughout the year the committee which met eight times. Dr. Tej Bunnag, Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa, and Mr. James Young served on the committee with Mr. Aswin Kongsiri who was also Honorary Advertising Manager. A number of people have spared valuable time to help with proof reading, notably Mrs. Nancy Eskey.

Library Committee

1. **Report on the Library** At the invitation of the Administration Committee, Dr. Maria Laosunthara, Programme Specialist/Documentation, UNESCO, Khun Chinda Singhapreecha, Librarian, USIS/AUA, and Mr. John Davies, Librarian, British Council, visited the Library on the 4th October, 1969 and thereafter drew up a report which examined various problems and proposed possible solutions.

The committee has been endeavouring to follow the Report's proposals.

- a. **Stocktaking** This has not been done for several years and was necessary in view of the information needed for further improvements to the Library. The Library is now in possession of 4917 printed books in European languages, 1442 Thai books 12,848 European-language periodicals, (excluding natural history periodicals), and 494 Thai periodicals.
- b. **Miscellaneous books** Following the Report, it was decided to withdraw material not directly relevant to the Society's aims. A list of miscellaneous natural history books has now been presented to and approved by Council. A list of the rest of the miscellaneous books awaits Committee discussion and presentation to Council at the time of writing. Committee will then decide how to dispose of these books.
- c. **Card index** Since the Report described our cataloguing system as "an unusual one" with "a number of obvious disadvantages", it is hoped to rearrange the card index in a more rational and practical manner sometime this year.
- d. **Library Guide** Following the advice of the Report, the Honorary Librarian, with the assistance of Mr. Davies, is now drafting a Guide to the Library.
- e. **Microfilming** This is necessary in order to preserve some of the older and extremely valuable material in the Library. Mr. Charles Kirkwood, Managing Director of the Bangkok World, has offered to microfilm the Bangkok Times.

- f. *Air-conditioning* This would reduce the possibility of attack by insects and moulds, slow down the chemical deterioration of paper, and permit storage for material in poor condition. Quotations have been received from two firms.
2. **Assistant Librarian** Khun Pranee left and Khun Sunthorn took her place.
3. **Exchanges** The Library has now taken over this function from Administration which in turn took over from the Library responsibilities for the sale of Society publications.

It was found that the old exchange list for the Journal bore little relation to reality. The Society was giving away more than it was receiving. Circulars were sent round to those institutions which had not reciprocated our gifts. They were informed that we would no longer send them presentation copies and were asked to subscribe to the Journal if they wished. As a result the exchange list has been halved. The Publications and Library Sub-Committee of the Natural History Section is undertaking a similar survey with regard to the exchange list of the Natural History Bulletin.

4. **Finance** Additional resources have appeared in the form of the Edwin F. Stanton Fund which stands at 17,930 baht. It is hoped to use this Fund for the purchase of books, and especially books on Buddhism, to fill the gaps in the collection.
5. **Committee Members** Since November 1969, Dr. Tej Bunnag, Honorary Librarian, has chaired the Committee which met four times. He succeeded Mr. Michael Smithies, who was Acting Honorary Librarian in place of the previous Honorary Librarian, Mrs. Maenmas Chavalit. Messrs. Edward Dickinson, Craig Reynolds, John Davies, and Michael Smithies served as Members. Mr. Smithies resigned pleading overwork on other committees, and Khun Chun Prabhavivadhna joined the committee on Mr. Reynolds' return to Cornell University.

Kamthieng House Committee

The Kamthieng House Committee was formed in September 1969 with the aim of making the Kamthieng House function as a truly ethnological museum as was originally intended, serving and attracting both scholars and tourists more than it has in the past since its opening in November 1966.

The first step was to close the Kamthieng House temporarily to visitors for repairs. New electric wiring was installed. The brick tiles on the ground floor were cleaned and turned over. The old wooden planks and beams on the verandah were replaced. More display shelves and panels were made and installed in the room upstairs. The basket-work, both on display and in the store-room, has been cleaned and re-varnished for better preservation.

As for the curator and cataloging, the Kamthieng House Committee freed Mrs. Chucheeep to allow her to concentrate on her library duties. Mrs. Chira Chongkol of the National Museum has been employed part-time since last December to catalogue all the objects belonging to the house. It is expected that cataloging will be completed in the near future.

The re-opening of the Kamthieng House took place on Monday, March 16, 1970. The President officiated on the occasion. New displays have been arranged and the house is now open to visitors on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 am to 12 noon.

The committee members are Mrs. Nisa Sheanakul, Chairman, H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul, Mr. Kenneth J. MacCormac, Mr. Sirichai Narumit, M.R. Patya Saihoo and M.R. Pimsai Amranand.

Natural History Section

1. Organization: The Section committee decided to put priority on setting a firm base for the future. Three subcommittees were appointed to deal with

- a. Publications and Library
- b. Meetings
- c. Membership (including public education and conservation)

On Friday 26, 1970 an elected committee took office for the year 1970. Since Natural History is the only Study Section the initiative was taken in devising Regulations for Study Sections to govern the scope of activity and of supervision by Council. These rules were duly approved by Council.

2. Publications: The Natural History Bulletin published one double number—Volume 23, No. 182. Contributions have been selected for a special number dedicated to the memory of the late Herbert G. Diegnan, Free member of the Siam Society. It is hoped to publish this in April-May 1970.

3. Meetings: Two indoor meetings were held. One field trip was arranged for early 1970.

4. Questionnaire: There were over 30 replies to the questionnaire sent out to discover members' interests.

5. Committee Members: Mr. Tem Smitinand (Chairman), Mr. E.C. Dickinson (Secretary), H.E. Mr. A.W. Køningsfeldt, Dr. Jinda Thiemmedh, Dr. Sanga Sashasiri and Mr. Norman Wake.

Administration Committee

Efficiency and welfare of the staff were the first considerations of the committee. Regulations covering job descriptions, salary scales, working hours and holidays were drawn up in accordance with national labour laws. Workmen's compensation insurance has been taken out for all staff.

Nai Cheng, day attendant since 1933, was retired with a bonus. Pai, the part-time gardener was persuaded to work full time. A new typist, Mr. Jayant was hired after Mrs. Suwakon resigned. The three watchmen of the Kamthieng House all resigned in December and new ones were hired.

There was a general tidying up in the office and the grounds, things like putting all the stationery in one cupboard and getting rid of piles of old lumber. Equipment and special materials belonging to the Society were listed and checked. The hall was decorated with new lights and curtains, a new lavatory was installed, pictures were reframed and rehung, furniture re-arranged and all the carved wood from Chiangmai displayed in the shed.

We found that the watchmen had been living in very insanitary conditions and so we put them in Nai Cheng's house which was made habitable with a cooking and washing area fenced off to keep the grounds looking tidy.

The committee took over from the Library committee the sale of stocks of our own publications. These were checked and a complete list was made.

The pond was filled in, new grass grown in the Kamthieng House garden and a water pump acquired.

We are still waiting for estimates for airconditioning the offices and library which we think necessary for the preservation of the books as well as for the comfort of members and staff.

The Administration Committee was formed in April to supervise the running of the office and the grounds of the Society. It consisted originally of M.R. Pimsai Amranand as Chairman, Mrs. Nisa Sheanakul and Mr. Sirichai Narumit. In August Mr. Michael Smithies joined the committee and chaired when M.R. Pimsai was away in October. The Administrative Secretary joined the committee after his appointment in September.

Finance Committee

The financial position of the Society has improved and this is reflected in the balance sheet for the year ended 1969. Notwithstanding increased expenditure due to an expansion of activities, the Society managed to retain a small surplus at the end of the year. This favourable balance would not have been possible without the following contributions presented to the Society and the Editorial Committee :—

The East Asiatic Co., Ltd.	10,000.—	Baht.
Bangkok Bangk Ltd.	30,000.—	„
Ford Foundation	40,000.—	„
Asia Foundation	<u>96,500.—</u>	„
	<u>176,500.—</u>	„

The council wishes to express its gratitude to the above-mentioned institutions for their very kind help and support.

An appeal to members for funds to construct a wall to protect the Kamthieng House against fire was launched immediately after a fire broke out last April at a building next to the Society's compound. This has resulted in donations totalling Bht. 7,268.73. The amount is far from adequate for our purpose and additional donations are still urgently needed.

Apart from constructing a wall, the main item of expenditure in the near future is the cost of improving the Hall and Library. Since our regular income is just enough to cover the present operational expenses, capital donations from other institutions and private sources will therefore be most welcome and appreciated.

The committee members are M.R. Patanachai Jayant, Chairman and Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Chalerm Thongsriphong, Dr. Laurence D. Stifel, and M.R. Kasemsiribhand Kasemsri.

Honorary Auditor's Report

We have examined the statement of assets and liabilities of the Siam Society (Under Royal Patronage) as at December 31, 1969 and the related statement of revenues and expenses 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 the circumstances.

The accounts of the Society are maintained, and the accompanying financial statements have been prepared, on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, with adjustment to give effect to publications not sold and the inclusion of the provision for depreciation.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements present fairly the assets and liabilities of the Siam Society (Under Royal Patronage) at December 31, 1969 and its revenues and expenses for the year then ended, on the basis indicated in the preceding paragraph, which basis is consistent with that of the preceding year.

Yukta Na Thalang

Yukta Na Thalang C.P.A. (THAILAND)
Honorary Auditor

March 18, 1970
Bangkok, Thailand

THE SIAM SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
as at December 31, 1969

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash on hand and in banks	Baht 106,283.32
Notes receivable	360,000.00
Publications for sale	309,189.88
Total Current Assets	<u>775,473.20</u>

INVESTMENT IN SHARES OF STOCK - at cost

(market value approximates cost) 2,000,000.00

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT - at cost

(Net of accumulated depreciation)

Land (Estimated market value Baht 7,200,000)	1.00
Buildings	3.00
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	42,652.22
Transportation equipment	6,000.00
Total	<u>48,629.22</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

Baht 2,824,102.42

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Dues collected in advance Baht 10,561.65

FUNDS

Life membership fund	300,585.50
Publication fund	110,000.00
Edwin F. Stanton fund	17,930.69
Tamboon account fund	10,090.63
Kamthiang memorial fund	220.00

Endowment fund:

Thai Government	2,000,000.00
Members' contributions	323,395.57
Total	<u>2,762,222.39</u>

Accumulated excess of revenue over expenditure

Beginning of year	16,403.32
Excess of revenue over expenditure for the year	34,915.06
End of year	<u>51,318.38</u>
Total Funds	<u>2,813,540.77</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS

Baht 2,824,102.42

THE SIAM SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
for the year ended December 31, 1969

REVENUES

Cash dividend received	Baht 160,000.00
Members' dues and entrance fees	149,606.09
Interest income	44,364.84
Sales of publications (Less Baht 73,790.11 of directly related costs)	30,075.85
Others	<u>25,865.43</u>
Total	<u>409,912.21</u>

EXPENSES

Salaries	221,035.00
Postage, telephone and telegrams	30,876.55
Repairs and maintenance	23,810.00
Dues and subscriptions	23,388.53
Stationery and printing	22,602.54
Insurance	8,244.15
Electricity and water	7,670.30
Representation and entertainment	7,216.25
Travel and transportation	5,995.50
Depreciation	3,510.48
Advertising expenses	3,240.00
Land tax	1,224.00
Miscellaneous	<u>16,183.85</u>
Total	<u>374,997.15</u>

EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES

Baht 34,915.06

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