

# ANNUAL REPORTS

## THE HONORARY AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1978

We have examined the statements of assets and liabilities of the Siam Society (Under Royal Patronage) as at 31 December 1978 and 1977, and the related statements of revenues and expenses for the years then ended. Our examinations were 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 a cash basis, with adjustments to give effect to unsold publications, dues collected in advance and inclusion of provision for depreciation.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, on the basis indicated in the preceding paragraph, the assets and liabilities of the Siam Society (Under Royal Patronage) at 31 December 1978 and 1977 and its revenues and expenses for the years then ended, applied on a consistent basis.

YUKTA NA THALANG  
C.P.A. (THAILAND)  
Registration No. 1

25 February 1979

## THE SIAM SOCIETY

### STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

For the years ended 31 December 1978 and 1977

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1977</u>
	(Baht)	(Baht)
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Interest income	376,163.53	102,747.59
Members' dues and fees	347,286.29	335,507.94
Sales of publications	219,992.51	217,085.19
Gain on sale of investment in share capital	—	1,786,986.58
Dividends	—	221,488.00
Donation from Ford Foundation	—	100,000.00
Others	176,342.94	230,286.05
Total revenues	<u>1,119,785.27</u>	<u>2,994,101.35</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Cost of publications	269,142.55	257,633.71
Salaries and bonuses	222,950.00	194,586.00
Repairs and maintenance	133,168.81	21,636.75
Travel and transportation	126,271.25	87,739.25
Dues and subscriptions	88,590.82	79,318.90
Stationery and printing	86,092.75	23,973.00
Postage, telephone and telegrams	69,731.00	55,073.25
Depreciation	44,138.61	9,104.70
Electricity and water	33,736.25	18,558.16
Staff welfare	30,865.00	25,531.00
Insurance	7,447.85	7,447.60
Representation and entertainment	7,287.25	8,340.00
Miscellaneous	57,305.40	70,595.92
Total expenses	<u>1,176,727.54</u>	<u>859,537.43</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES</b>		
<b>OVER EXPENSES (DEFICIT)</b>	<u>( 56,942.27)</u>	<u>2,134,563.92</u>
		<i>(initialed)</i>

See accompanying Note to Financial Statements.

# THE SIAM SOCIETY

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 1978 and 1977

A S S E T S	1978 <u>(Baht)</u>	1977 <u>(Baht)</u>	LIABILITIES AND FUNDS	1978 <u>(Baht)</u>	1977 <u>(Baht)</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Cash on hand and in banks	76,166.88	122,977.52	Dues collected in advance	42,855.01	37,603.50
Temporary investments	4,894,199.20	4,839,956.20			
Publications for sale	453,441.92	485,145.47	<b>FUNDS</b>		
Other current assets	48,000.00	48,000.00	Endowment fund:		
Total current assets	<u>5,471,808.00</u>	<u>5,496,079.19</u>	Thai Government	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
			Members' contribution	323,395.57	323,395.57
<b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</b>			Life membership fund	626,435.26	552,066.96
At cost or assigned value less			Carlsberg Foundation fund	60,205.25	100,000.00
accumulated depreciation			Staff welfare fund	82,125.00	82,125.00
Land	1.00	1.00	Edwin F. Stanton fund	22,608.47	22,608.47
Buildings	3.00	3.00	Kamthieng Memorial fund	—	4,052.19
Furniture, fixtures and office				<u>3,114,769.55</u>	<u>3,084,248.19</u>
equipment	102,990.09	110,308.30	Accumulated excess of revenues		
Transportation equipment	10,421.00	1.00	over expenditures		
Total	<u>113,415.09</u>	<u>110,313.30</u>	Balance, beginning of year	2,484,540.80	349,976.88
			Excess of revenues over		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>5,585,223.09</u></u>	<u><u>5,606,392.49</u></u>	expenditures (deficit) for		
			the year	( 56,942.27)	2,134,563.92
			Balance, end of year	2,427,598.53	2,484,540.80
			Total funds	<u>5,542,368.08</u>	<u>5,568,788.99</u>
			<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS</b>	<u><u>5,585,223.09</u></u>	<u><u>5,606,392.49</u></u>

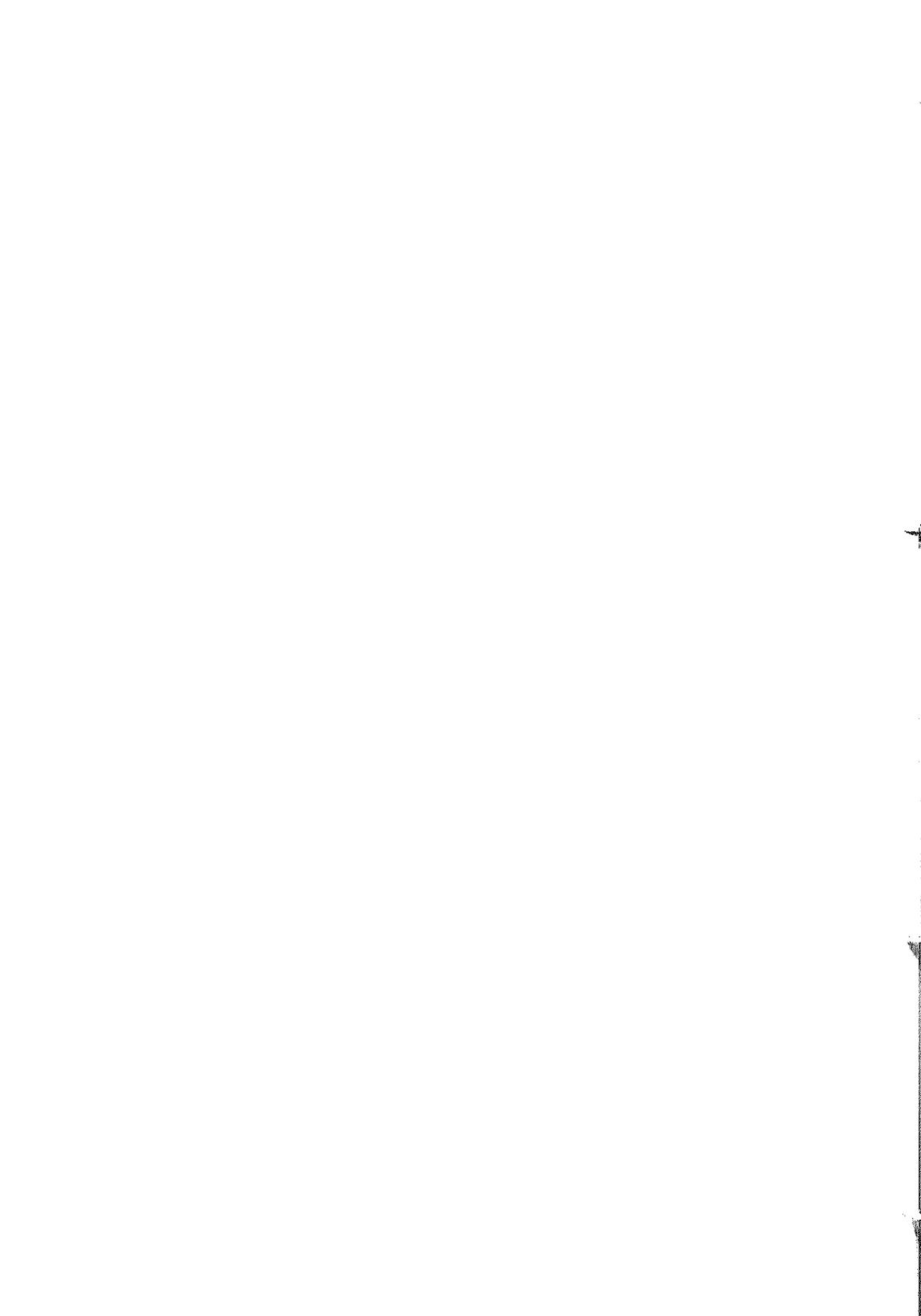
See accompanying Note to Financial Statements.

Note to Financial Statements  
31 December 1978 and 1977

**Property and equipment**

The Society has adopted the practice of recording donated properties at nominal values. Because of the nature of the Society's activities, it has not put emphasis on establishing the current values of those properties. In the past, the Society had obtained a valuation for its land which was quoted at 7.2 million baht.

Furniture, fixtures and office equipment are being depreciated by the declining balance method; whereby the depreciation rate of 10 per cent is being applied on the net book value at the beginning of each year, while the transportation equipment is depreciated by the straight-line method of five years. Depreciation expense amounted to 44,138.61 baht in 1978 and 9,104.70 baht in 1977.



**HONORARY TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT  
1978/79**

The financial position of the Society has been steady, and this is reflected in the balance sheet for the year ended 1978. Notwithstanding increased expenditure due to the high cost of living, the Society managed to make a small surplus at the end of the year.

The books and accounts of the Society have been examined and audited by our Honorary Auditor, Mr. Yukta na Thalang and his colleagues at SGV - na Thalang & Co., Ltd. Their excellent services rendered to the Society are greatly appreciated.

*M.R. Patanachai Jayant*  
Honorary Treasurer

## THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 1978/79

The year 1978/79 has been a very special year as it coincides with the 75th anniversary of the Siam Society. The occasion was celebrated on two separate dates.

1. "*Tam Boon*": a religious ceremony, held on Sunday, 4 March 1979, was performed by a chapter of nine monks from Wat Bovorn. After the chanting, lunch was presented to the monks as well as books published by the Society and packages of medicine. After the ceremony, about 50 Society members enjoyed a buffet lunch on the lawn.

2. *Photographic exhibition of mural paintings*: Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, Vice-Patron of the Siam Society, graciously presided over the opening of the exhibition on Thursday, 8 March 1979, at 7.00 p.m. About 300 members and guests attended the ceremony.

Other activities of the Society have been as follows.

### *Rental of the Society's grounds*

1. The Union Carbide Company held a party on 28 March 1978.
2. Asian Institute of Technology, on 9 May 1978.
3. The American Chamber of Commerce held a welcome party for the new US Ambassador to Thailand, in May 1978.
4. Sayawan Motion Picture rented the Society's grounds for three days for filming in November 1978.
5. The Ford Foundation entertained a group of presidents and managers from the Japanese Foundation in November 1978.
6. The German-Thai Chamber of Commerce held a "Thai Night" party at the Society on 24 November 1978.
7. The Association of the Northern Community rented the Kamthieng House for filming at the end of February.

### *Repairs and maintenance*

1. Earlier in this Council year, the pavement around the Library and the one leading to the Kamthieng House were repaired.
2. The ground floor of the Kamthieng House and the shed behind the Lecture Hall were also repaired as well as the gutters of the shed.
3. A well for waste rainwater was constructed in the northeastern corner of the Society's grounds.

### *Equipment and furniture*

1. The following were acquired during the 1978/79 Council year.

- (a) movie screen, to replace the old one.
  - (b) new microphones.
  - (c) more electric fans for the Lecture Hall.
  - (d) filing cabinets for office use.
  - (e) motorcycle for the messenger, to replace the old one.
2. *Repairs*: 24 rattan chairs were repaired as well as a few broken teak chairs.

#### *Prince Dhani Room*

1. A new table was acquired for the Room.
2. The Room will be redecorated sometime during the next Council year, the expenses being borne by the family of the late Prince Dhani.

#### *Staff*

1. A new night watchman and a janitor for the Kamthieng House were hired in June and September, respectively.
2. Due to the rising cost of living, the Council approved a raise of 15-16 per cent in salary for the staff.
3. Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay, Administrative Secretary, with the permission from the Council, guided a tour to the south for the Thai-Japanese Association in May during the Coronation holiday long weekend.
4. Ms. Kanchana Sophonpanich joined the Society as Executive Officer from 1 March 1979.

#### *Participation*

1. The Siam Society took part in the National Book Week Fair held at Lumpini Park during April. A stall was set up for selling the Society's books.
2. A group of members of the Siam Society, lead by the President, Prof. Chitti Tingsabadh, presented the "Kathin" at Wat Nong Bua, Amphoe Ta Wang Pa, Nan Province after the Rains Retreat ("Phansa") last October. A total of over 20,000 baht collected from members of the Society was presented to the Wat.

In 1977, the Siam Society prevented murals of the Wat from being destroyed by the villagers who were planning to pull down the old *ubosod* and replace it with a new one. A scene from the mural paintings at the Wat chosen as the Society's New Year card this year.

3. Last January, the Siam Society again saved mural paintings at Wat Pa Dad and Wat Phra Buddha Urn in Amphoe Mae Cham, Chiang Mai Province, from being destroyed by well-meaning but ignorant villagers who started to repair the walls by whitewashing them. Letters of protest from the Council were sent to the authorities concerned.

#### *Donations*

1. The Jim Thompson Company kindly donated, once again, 150 metres of heavy cotton for new curtains for the stage of the Lecture Hall.

2. The East-West Seminar in Japan donated US\$ 1,000 as a contribution to support the Society's programmes.

### *Membership*

The list of members of the Society has been revised. During the period between October 1977 and 1 October 1978, the Siam Society had a total of 1,079 members, out of which

- 372 were Life Members from previous years;
- 484 were former members who had renewed their membership;
- 13 were new Life Members;
- 210 were new members.

On his departure H.E. Mr. B. Zakrzewski, the Polish Ambassador, kindly sent a cheque for 1,500 baht as subscription as an overseas member of the Siam Society for the next five years.

### *The Kamthieng House*

Major repairs were carried out on the Kamthieng House by the Intacon Co., Ltd. at a cost of 169,000 baht. The work was completed just in time for the 75th anniversary celebration in March. The display inside the house will be rearranged, and it is hoped that the House can be reopened to visitors soon.

### *Lecture Hall and Library*

During the year, the Council invited Mr. Duang Yossundara, Senior Architect, the Department of Public Works, Ministry of Interior, to draw up a list of repair priorities for the Lecture Hall and the Library, as well as to make an estimate of the cost of repairs and air-conditioning. Necessary repairs will be started soon after a new Council has been elected.

### **Committee members:**

Ms. Nisa Sheanakul  
Mr. Francis Martin

## THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 1978/79

A 16-mm film with synchronized sound of potentially great historical importance entitled "Music of the Reign of King Rama VI" was shot during the course of the year by Mr. Michael Denison of the Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University, with the expert assistance of Mr. Bruce Gaston of Payab College, Chiang Mai. Their film crew was headed by noted cameraman Mr. Claes Bratt of UPITN/ABC. The film when finished will be approximately 900 feet long and will run for 26 minutes.

The film is woven around demonstrations by, and interviews with, *Acharn* Montri Tramote who is now very old and holds the position of Advisor to the Fine Arts Department since his retirement. *Acharn* Montri is one of the few living court musicians surviving from the reign of King Rama VI, and is the doyen of all Thai classical musicians. He is also a composer with many works to his credit in earlier decades.

*Acharn* Montri and his group were filmed while recording a specially arranged programme of four pieces in the Jim Thompson House. The *acharn* himself was also interviewed at Vajiravudh College on his days in the court and on how music was written and studied at that time. Some film footage was taken of him among his family at home in Nonthaburi.

The Society is most grateful to the Ford Foundation, who provided a grant of 100,000 baht at very short notice in order to enable this film to be made, and also to Mr. Denison who successfully overcame numerous frustrations in the course of gathering elderly musicians, much-in-demand international film crews and hard-to-get equipment together so that the film could be completed in time. It is hoped that the film will be ready for screening by mid-1979. The Society will be the owner of the film, with universal rights for screening throughout the world. It is hoped that by this means it may be possible to raise sufficient funds to finance the making of more films in the future on subjects associated with music and the dramatic arts.

As a result of the very successful visit of a group of Thai musicians to England in October 1977, another series of Thai music workshops are being planned for October 1979 when it is expected that six musicians will conduct a course at Aldeburgh, Cambridge, Christ's Hospital Horsham, Sussex University and elsewhere.

"Kesuma", the University of Malaya's cultural troupe, made their third visit to Thailand from 15 August until 2 September. The Society, while not being able to vote any funds towards the cost of board and lodging for the 26-member group of dancers and musicians on this occasion, nevertheless assisted with administrative affairs and bookings backstage. The major portion of the expenses and responsibilities for taking care of the Malaysian guests naturally fell upon the Bangsaen and Prasarnmit campuses of Srinakharin Wirot University, who had been the beneficiaries of similar hospitality while touring in Malaysia on what has now become an annual exchange of cultural groups.

It was decided to make 1978 the year for the Northeast; with that in view programmes were arranged at the Maha Sarakham campus of Mor Sor Wor and in Roi Et, Surin and Buriram schools. Khon Kaen TV also provided a welcome financial contribution. A programme was given at Lop Buri en route to Pattaya where the Royal Cliff Beach Hotel provided board and lodging in exchange for a show; then public performances were given in a cinema at Chon Buri before proceeding to Bangsaen. Apart from Prasarnmit itself, performances in Bangkok were also given at Thammasat University and Ban Somdej Teachers Training College. After that very heavy workload, the troupe returned to Songkhla to give their final show before returning home to Kuala Lumpur. We do not doubt that they will be back again in 1979 although, owing to shortage of both funds and administrators, it is somewhat doubtful if a Thai group will be able to make an exchange visit.

*The Tape Library of Thai Classical Music* received no new additions during 1978, as previous funds provided by the Ford Foundation had been exhausted and a new programme was still under negotiation. It is hoped that it will be possible to recommence recordings since new funds will become available.

As part of its 75th Anniversary celebrations, the Society sponsored at its Home a most interesting and well-planned photographic exhibition on Thai Temple Murals arranged by the Committee for the Survival of Thai Murals, organized by Ms. Mareile Onodera, Mr. Sone Simatrang and Ms. Shoshang Shanas. Certainly the coloured reproductions of murals were the finest of their type ever seen in Thailand. The Society was honoured that the opening ceremony on 8 March was graciously undertaken by the Society's Vice-Patron, H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. Her Royal Highness showed the greatest interest in the exhibition and in the Kamthieng House, and spent some two hours touring them. The exhibition was open to the public for three weeks, during which a series of lectures were delivered on the theme of the urgent necessity for conserving Thai temple murals. The lectures were in three languages: Thai, English and Japanese.

**Committee members:**

H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul	Chairman
Mr. Dacre F.A. Raikes	Co-Chairman
Ms. Nisa Sheanakul	
Mr. Kim Atkinson	
Dr. Piriya Krairiksh	
Mr. Antoine van Agtmael	
Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa	
Mr. Kenneth MacCormac	

## THE EDITORIAL &amp; PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

1978/79

*Journal of the Siam Society*

As with the previous Council year, during this year 1978/79 we produced two numbers of the *Journal*, but we remain behind schedule somewhat. Volume 65 part 2 (July 1977) was printed by Prachandra, while volume 66 part 1 (January 1978) was printed by Thai Watana Panich. The subsequent two numbers, those of July 1978 and January 1979, are currently in press. At the time of writing, the contents of the July 1978 number are at page-proof stage being read by authors, while contents of the January 1979 number are being typeset and proofread as they come out. Again we have had to resort to a tandem printing arrangement, and we hold out the hope of eventually catching up!

Some members have commented on the increasing length of articles and the increasing size of *Journal* numbers. Those concerned with the *Journal* size will, I hope, be pleased with our new format utilizing narrower margins and a more compact typesetting, which reduces overall volume size. To those concerned about lengthy articles, I can only reply that in the pursuit of publishing the best work in any given field, it is often the case that those who know the most have the most to say, and I hesitate to wield the editorial pen too heavily where the research and opinion are original. Historians seem to be a particularly prolix species, but much needs yet to be discovered and discussed before basic questions in Thai history are resolved.

We are fortunate to have the services of Ms. Nimminee Karnasutr to do most of the initial proofreading. Other members and friends of the Society have helped with the proofreading chores as well, and we take this opportunity to express our gratitude for their time and effort.

*Honorary Editor*

*Publications*

No works were published during the year, but much work was done by individuals and groups, and there are eight or nine projects going forward at a greater or slower speed. These include:

Spinks, *The Ceramic Wares of Siam*

Blofeld, *The World of Buddhism*

Matics, *A History of Wat Phra Chetuphon and Its Buddha Images*

Sternstein, *The Bi-Centenary of Bangkok* (to be published jointly with Macmillan in 2525/1982)

Chagsuchinda-Howitz, a book on the ceramic wares recovered from sunken ships off the coast of Thailand

Members should not take the announcement of these publications as evidence that they will appear: all work is voluntary, and if a project becomes too heavy it may have to be abandoned. The Committee would like to thank all who have so kindly given their time and energy.

**Committee members:**

Mr. F.W.C. Martin  
Ms. Beverly Frankel  
Mr. Kim Atkinson

Chairman

**THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

1978/79

In the past year the Library acquired 736 volumes. Out of these, 336 volumes are in foreign languages, mostly English. The rest are in the Thai language. Forty per cent of the new acquisitions have been donated to the Library. Among those are donations from the Indian Ambassador and the Russian Ambassador.

A larger number of Thai students and researchers has been using the library facilities.

The xeroxing service is well used. The Library, besides offering a copy service to readers, is able to replace old and wornout books by durable xeroxed ones.

The Library has started separating rare books from the ordinary collection in the hope of storing them in a more appropriate way to protect them from theft and damage.

At the end of 1978, the South East Asia Program at Cornell University offered to microfilm the Society's entire back files of the daily paper *Bangkok Times*. Cornell University will get the positive copy, and the Society will have the negative one. The Library has already sent proposals of possible alternative microfilming processes, and hopes to hear good news from Cornell University.

Ramkamhaeng University, Department of Library Science, sent their fourth-year students to the Library for practical training for a period of four weeks. Dual benefit has been achieved. The students were able to acquire practical experience, while the Library obtained help free of charge.

The Edwin F. Stanton Fund stands at 22,608.64 baht.

**Committee members:**

Ms. Chittra Pranich  
Dr. Piriya Krairiksh

Chairman

## THE PROGRAMME & TRAVEL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

1978/79

The past year was an active one, with 23 excursions (including 3 trips to foreign countries, 13 weekend trips up-country and 7 short excursions, half or full-day), 10 lectures and 1 film show. The excursions were very successful, always showing a waiting list, and some lectures were very well attended.

The Committee would like to thank members of the Society for their help in giving lectures, leading excursions, and submitting their suggestions to make our activities more interesting than they might otherwise have been.

### Committee members:

H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul	Chairman
Mr. Henri Pagau-Clarac	
Dr. Piriya Krairiksh	
Mr. Dacre F.A. Raikes	
Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay	

### Schedule of events during 1978/79:

<i>16 April</i>	Mr. Henri Pagau-Clarac, member of Council, led an excursion to Lop Buri.
<i>19-27 May</i>	Dr. Piriya Krairiksh, member of Council, led an excursion to central and east Java and Bali.
<i>6 June</i>	The film "The Silla Tumulus" was shown.
<i>16-19 June</i>	H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul, Senior Vice-President of the Siam Society, led an excursion to Phitsanulok, Phichit, Sukhothai and Si Satchanalai.
<i>30 June-3 July</i>	Mr. Henri Pagau-Clarac led an excursion to Udon Thani, Loei, Phetchabun, Chaiyaphum and Khon Kaen Provinces.
<i>25 July</i>	Mr. Clive Givore of Thailand Travel Trade lectured on "The development of Nepalese art".
<i>28-31 July</i>	H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul led an excursion to Surat Thani Province.
<i>5 August</i>	Mr. Dacre F.A. Raikes, member of Council, led an excursion for a day with the Mons at Pakret, Pathum Thani Province.
<i>18-22 August</i>	Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay, Administrative Secretary, led an excursion to Mae Hong Son, Chiang Mai, Lamphun and Lamphang Provinces.
<i>22 August</i>	Ms. Nandana Chutiwongs, Lecturer in the Institute of South

Indian Archaeology, University of Amsterdam, lectured on "Visual expressions of Tantric Buddhism".

- 23 August - 4 September*  
*2-3 September* Mr. Euayporn Kerchouay led an excursion to the USSR.  
Ms. Nisa Sheanakul, Honorary Secretary, led an excursion to Surin Province.
- 5 September* Mr. Bennett Bronson of the Field Museum in Chicago, USA, lectured on "The Srivijaya problem as seen from Indonesia".
- 26 September* Professor Satya Vrat Shastri, Visiting Professor of Indian Studies at Chulalongkorn University, lectured on "Sanskrit in Thailand".
- 29 September-2 October* Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay led an excursion to a fruit fair at Lub Lae, Uttaradit Province.
- 20-24 October* Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay led an excursion to Nakhon Si Thammarat and Songkhla Provinces.
- 24 October* Professor N.H. Samtani, Visiting Professor at Chiang Mai University, lectured on "Mahayana elements in Thai Buddhism".
- 27-30 October* Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay led an excursion to Nan Province and a "Thod Krathin" at Wat Nong Bua.
- 7 November* Mr. Tatsuo Hoshino, an historian of Southeast Asia, lectured on "The history of the middle Mekong valley during the 3rd-16th centuries".
- 26 November* Mr. Henri Pagau-Clarac led an excursion to Suphan Buri Province.
- 30 November* Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa, member of Council, lectured on "Buddhism and society beyond the present horizons".
- 6 December* Professor Donald Mitchell of Sussex University in England lectured on "The influence of Eastern music on Western composers, with illustrations from the works of Debussy, Britten and others".
- 12 December* Professor S.J. Tambiah of Harvard University, USA, lectured on "The Buddhist concept of the Universal King (Cakkravatti): historical manifestations in Southeast Asia".
- 15-18 December* Mr. Henri Pagau-Clarac and Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay led an excursion to Udon Thani and Nong Khai Provinces.
- 29 December-2 January* Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay led an excursion to visit hill-tribe villages in Chiang Rai and a tour of northern Thailand.
- 30 December-6 January*  
*19-22 January* Dr. Piriya Krairiksh led an excursion to Sikkim and Nepal.  
Mr. Henri Pagau-Clarac and Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay led an excursion to Sukhothai, Tak, Mae Sot, the Bhumipol Dam and Lampang.
- 28 January* Dr. Waldemar C. Sailer of the International School in Bangkok led a tour of Wat Suthat Thepavararam.
- 30 January* Prof. H.G. Quaritch Wales, the renowned archeologist, lectured on "Recent Dvaravati discoveries, and Khmer comparisons".

- 3 February* Mr. Euayporn Kerchouay led an excursion to Wat Rajabopit Stitmahasimaram and Wat Rajapradit Stitmahasimaram.
- 17-18 February* Mr. Henri Pagau-Clarac led an excursion to Kanchanaburi Province.
- 24 February* Mr. Henri Pagau-Clarac and Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay led an excursion to see temple paintings in Thon Buri and Nonthaburi by rice barge.
- 10-11 March* Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay led an excursion to Phetchaburi and the Phya Nakorn Cave in Prachuap Khiri Khan.
- 25 March* H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul led an excursion to Suan Pakkad Palace and Jim Thompson's House.

**THE NATURAL HISTORY SECTION ANNUAL REPORT****1978/79***Lectures given:*

- "Man in harmony with nature"
- "Wildlife population dynamics in Bogor, Indonesia"
- "Techniques of nature photography"
- "Reptiles and amphibians of Thailand"

*Hikes taken:*

- Phu Kradung
- Khao Yai National Park, for butterfly identification
- Khao Yai National Park, "Family Hike"
- Khao Yai National Park, "Children's Hike" and "Adult Hike"
- Khao Yai National Park, "Butterfly Census"

Letter of protest sent to H.E. the Prime Minister, on building a 250-million-baht dam in Khao Yai National Park. Project subsequently reconsidered by the Government, and reduced to a 20-million-baht dam.

Letter of protest sent to H.E. the Belgian Ambassador, on the shipment of endangered and other types of wildlife out of Thailand on Sabena Airlines. Acknowledged with the promise of help to stop this trade to Belgium:

(a) The Belgian Ministry of Agriculture has been requested to speed up the ratification procedures of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.

(b) The Sabena Airlines has given instructions to all its regional offices not to transport any animals mentioned in the said Convention.

Our efforts to save wildlife were acknowledged in the International Primate Protection League (IPPL) news bulletin, and in the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) news bulletin.

**Committee members:**

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| Dr. Tem Smitinand     | Chairman              |
| Ms. Katherine B. Buri | Conservation Chairman |
| Dr. Rachit Buri       |                       |
| Mr. Philip Reeves     |                       |
| Dr. Warren Brockelmen |                       |

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the  
Siam Society, Under Royal Patronage  
131 Asoke Road (Soi 21, Sukhumvit), Bangkok  
Thursday, 29 March 1979**

The Annual General Meeting, terminating the Council year 1978/79, was held on Thursday, 29 March 1979 at the Society's Home, and commenced at 8.20 p.m. The Meeting was attended by 47 members. The following members of the outgoing Council were present.

President	Professor Chitti Tingsabadh
Senior Vice-President	H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul
Vice-President & Honorary Treasurer	M.R. Patanachai Jayant
Honorary Secretary	Ms. Nisa Sheanakul
Honorary Editor	Mr. Kim Atkinson
	Ms. Katherine Buri
	Ms. Beverly Frankel
	Mr. Kenneth MacCormac
	M.L. Manich Jumsai
	Mr. Francis Martin
	Mr. Henri Pagau-Clarac
	Mr. Dacre Raikes
	Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa

1. **The Adoption of the Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting, held on 30 March 1978.** Since there were no comments, the Minutes were adopted as presented.
2. **Presentation of the Annual Report for 1978/79.** There were no comments, and the report was adopted.
3. **Presentation of the Financial Statement for 1978.** The Honorary Treasurer presented the Financial Statement for 1978.

In response to a query from Mr. Damnern Garden, a Life Member of the Society, at the preceding Annual General Meeting, the Honorary Treasurer announced that henceforth 30 per cent of the value of unsold publications would be deducted from the sale price in accounting the Society's assets, in order to reflect depreciation.

4. **Election of Honorary Auditor for 1979.** The outgoing Council proposed the re-election of Mr. Yukta na Thalang as Honorary Auditor. Mr. Yukta na Thalang was reelected.
5. **Amendment to the Rules.** The outgoing Council proposed:
  - (a) *The adoption of a new rule.* Rule No. 6.1: "In the event of the dissolution or other termination of the Society, its remaining assets, if any, after payment of or provision for all of the liabilities of the Society, if any, shall be distributed, subject to the authority of the court, to

a juristic person whose purposes are exclusively charitable, religious, scientific, literary or other purposes for the public benefit.”

(b) *Amendment of Rule 8* by deletion of the words “and seconded by another” so that the rule reads: “Candidates for Regular, Ordinary and Student Membership shall be proposed by one member of the Society, and shall be put up for election at a Meeting of the Council.”

The amendments were unanimously adopted.

## 6. Election of Council for 1979.

(a) H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul was elected *President*.

(b) M.R. Patanachai Jayant and Dr. Tem Smitinand were reelected *Vice-Presidents*. Mr. Vivadh na Pombejra was elected *Vice-President*.

(c) Ms. Nisa Sheanakul was elected *Honorary Secretary*.

(d) M.R. Patanachai Jayant was reelected *Honorary Treasurer*.

(e) Ms. Chitra Pranich was reelected *Honorary Librarian*.

(f) Mr. Kim Atkinson was reelected *Honorary Editor*.

(g) Office of *Leader of the Natural History Section* was filled ex-officio by Dr. Tem Smitinand.

(h) The following were reelected *Ordinary Members of Council*:

Ms. Beverly Frankel

Mr. Henri Pagau-Clarac

H.E. Mr. Frantz B. Howitz

Dr. Piriya Krairiksh

Ms. Katherine Buri

Mr. Dacre Raikes

Mr. Kenneth MacCormac

Mrs. Edwin F. Stanton

M.L. Manich Jumsai

Mr. Antoine van Agtmael

Mr. Francis Martin

The following were elected *Ordinary Members of Council*:

Mr. Insee Chandrastitya

Mom Kobkaew |Abhakara

Ms. Mareile Onodera

Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa

The newly elected President thanked Professor Chitti Tingsabadh for his keen interest in and dedication to the Society during his Presidency. It was hoped that Professor Chitti would continue to be involved with the affairs and activities of the Society.

H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul also pledged to serve as President of the Society to the best his ability.

**7. Any Other Business.** A member of the Society, Professor Kauffmann, proposed that an assistant Honorary Editor be appointed to help in coping with the editorial work load and in accelerating publication of the *Journal*. The President replied that he would personally see to it that the *Journal* came out on time henceforth; publication delays appeared to be diminishing with work already proceeding on the 1979 volume, and the July 1978 number was nearly ready to be printed.

The President adjourned the meeting at 9.00 p.m.



After the formal business of the Annual General Meeting, Mr. P.F. Geithner, Representative of Ford Foundation, presented a fund to the Society of US\$ 37,500 as project seed-money. He mentioned that Siam Society had been the Foundation's first recipient of a grant in Thailand in 1959. The Foundation had observed with great interest the growth of the Society since then, and continued to support the Society's activities.

Following the Annual General Meeting, Mr. Dacre Raikes presented a Khon dance performed by undergraduates of Srinakharin Wirot University (Prasarnmit Campus), and students of the University's Demonstration School.