

SECTION II

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

# A GREAT HONOR FOR THE SIAM SOCIETY



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn became a Vice-Patron of the Siam Society on 23 December 1992. On 25 December he represented His Majesty the King at the Gold-Casting Ceremony for the Siam Society's Buddha Footprint Project in honor of the Fifth Cycle Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit. The ritual was presided over by His Holiness Somdet Phra Nyanasamvara, the Supreme Patriarch, at Wat Bovornives Vihara. The gold cakra as cast is shown in the inset. (Above)

His Excellency Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila, Member of the Privy Council and Acting Chairman of the Organizing Committee, participated in the ceremony along with many palace and government officials. Principal donors and members of the Council were also in attendance, led by Dr. Piriya Krairiksh, President of the Siam Society. Among the members attending was Professor Emmanuel Guillon from Paris and Madame. (Below) Photographs by Dacho Buranabunpot.

## HONORS TO DISTINGUISHED PERSONS

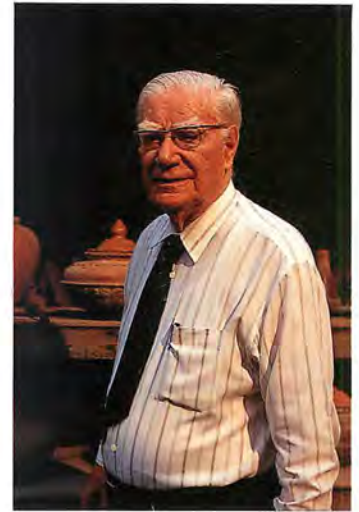


The Siam Society announces with pride that H.E. Mr. Anand Panyarachun, twice Prime Minister of Thailand, has become an Honorary Member. Mr. Anand Panyarachun is the first prime minister to address the Society while in office.

tor of the Natural History Bulletin. One of the world's leading experts in the fields of forestry and botany in general, he has been a member of numerous learned organizations and is the author of many important books and articles.



Mr. Dacre F.A. Raikes, O.B.E., Vice President of the Siam Society, was similarly awarded the position of Honorary Member by the Council and Members of the Society at the same Annual General Meeting. During the decades of his varied outstanding activities in the Society, Mr. Raikes has perhaps been best known for his promotion of Thai music as the organizer and leader of troupes of classical musicians from Srinakharin Viroj University on visits to Britain, continental Europe and the United States. (Photograph by Virginia Di Crocco.)



The Siam Society announces with pleasure the appointment of Mr. Jan J. Boeles, Life Member of the Society and well-known scholar of Thai history, as Honorary Advisor on Art History and Archaeology in Southeast Asia for the Faculty of Arts, the State University of Leiden. Mr. Boeles was formerly Director of the Siam Society Research Center and is the author of numerous scholarly works contributing to a better understanding of the Thai past. (Photograph by Virginia Di Crocco.)



Dr. Tem Smitinand was awarded the position of Honorary Member of the Siam Society at the Annual General Meeting of 1992 in recognition of his distinguished service for many years, which included terms as Vice President, Leader of the Natural History Section, and Honorary Edi-

# THE SIAM SOCIETY CEMENTS TIES WITH THE MALAYSIAN BRANCH OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY

At the kind invitation of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, the President and fourteen Members of the Siam Society visited their Malaysian counterparts in August of 1992, visiting cultural sites and monuments under the guidance of their most hospitable hosts. Here Dr. Piriya Krairiksh, President of the Siam Society (fifth left), meets with His Highness Raja Muda, Crown Prince of Selangor (in front of the column) and Dr. Dato' Khoo Kay Kim, President of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society (fourth left) together with officers and members of both societies. His Highness Raja Muda was the gracious host at a gala dinner for both groups.



Dr. Piriya Krairiksh and Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Mubin Sheppard, Senior Vice President of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society and Honorary Editor of the *MBRAS Journal*, exchange views on aspects of Thai and Malaysian culture.



SECTION III

A CONTEMPORARY LETTER  
ABOUT THE EVENTS OF 1688

