

Since the Natural History Bulletin of the Siam Society (NHBSS) has not been published for almost three years, I should explain the reasons why the journal has kept silence for such a long time. Dr. Warren Y. Brockelman, who used to be Honorary Editor (Editor-in-Chief) of NHBSS (he is still a member of the editorial board), retired from the position in 2006, and Dr. William Schaedla was subsequently appointed as new Honorary Editor. But owing to the pressures of work, and relocation to a new job in Malaysia, he resigned the position before really becoming fully involved as Honorary Editor. As a result, I was appointed as Honorary Editor from September 2010. My first task was to check the status of all manuscripts which had been submitted to NHBSS since Dr. Brockelman retired. This was harder work than I anticipated and took several months to finish. But, with the dedicated help of members of the NHBSS editorial board, it has been carried out. I and all members of the editorial board are happy that we could finally produce Volume 57 of the Bulletin as presently in your hand. Due to the delays occasioned by the change of editorship, we decided that Vol. 56 will have only one number, and for seeable future (at least through Vol. 59), we will print only one number per volume. Submission of manuscripts is extremely welcome. We have been trying to improve our editorial processes including speeding up reviewing and printing processes of the Bulletin.

Some additional scientists have been recruited to the editorial board. Dr. Hidetoshi Nagamasu (plant taxonomist, the Kyoto University Museum, Kyoto, Japan) and Dr. Tommaso Savini (ornithologist and behavioral ecologist, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Bangkok) have kindly joined as new members from this volume. I would like to express my sincere respect to successive honorary editors and members of the editorial board of NHBSS who brought this journal to be recognized in academic communities both inside and outside of Thailand, especially Prof. Dr. Warren Y. Brockelman who has worked as Honorary Editor for more than 20 years. NHBSS is one of the oldest and also one of the best journals in the field of natural history in the Southeast Asian region. We will try our best to maintain NHBSS as a peer reviewed scientific journal publishing interesting findings on natural history in Southeast Asia, as a "regional journal" for all students of natural history in the region.

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