

TEXT OF ADDRESS PRESENTED  
TO HIS HIGHNESS PRINCE DHANI NIVAT  
ON HIS SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY

To

His Highness Prince Dhani Nivat,

Knight Grand Cross of the Most Illustrious Order  
of the Chula Chom Klao, etc., etc., etc.,

Past President of the Siam Research Society.

Your Highness.

On this auspicious occasion when Your Highness is celebrating your sixtieth birthday we, the undersigned, beg respectfully to present to Your Highness our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations.

We come to pay tribute to Your Highness not only as one who, throughout a long and successful career, has rendered eminent services to the King and country, but more particularly as one who has contributed so much to the advancement of culture in Siam. Your work as Minister of Public Instruction will leave lasting marks of progress in the education of the Siamese people, and we of the Siam Research Society will never forget the deep debt of gratitude that we owe to Your Highness for your devoted service and unstinted support so generously given to our Society.

Through long and intimate association Your Highness has been an active member not only of the Society but also of the Council and its Committees. Your connection with the Journal requires special mention. Your contributions thereto, always interesting and instructive, have also been valuable to research workers. Only a few of them need be mentioned here, namely: The inscriptions of Wat Chetaphon

(Pho); Early trade relations between Denmark and Siam (in collaboration with Major E. Seidenfaden); Papers on a myth about the Kinnari and the lion skin, one of the symbols of the Buddha; The Chetavana; Reviews of Siamese books and contributions to the Siamese edition of the Journal.

The publication in Siamese of at least one number of the Journal a year is a happy idea which was mainly due to your initiative. This as well as the institution of Associate Membership has already served to awaken the interest of Siamese nationals in the study of scientific matters pertaining to Siam, and this will prove to be no small contribution to the promotion of culture in this country.

What we are most indebted to Your Highness for, however, is that you have so kindly consented to become President of the Society in 1941 and to continue in that responsible position for three years during a particularly difficult period and often under trying circumstances. It is only thanks to the perseverance, patience and skill with which you have piloted us through that most difficult period that the Society now finds itself in a secure and stable position to carry on its scientific and cultural work.

It is with these feelings of grateful appreciation that we, members of the Council, on our own behalf as well as on behalf of the members of the Society, present this congratulatory address to Your Highness, together with our fervent prayer that Your Highness may long continue to enjoy the blessing of an active and happy life for the good of the country and for the benefit of cultural development in Siam.

Bangkok, 7th November, 1945.

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