

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1963

The Annual General Meeting of the Siam Society terminating the year 1962 was held at the Society's Home, 131 Asoka Road (Lane 21, Sukhumvit), Bangkok, Bangkok on Thursday, 11th March 1963 at 8.15 p.m. with H.H. Prince Dhanivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh, President, in the Chair. The meeting was attended by about 150 members and guests including the following members of the Council :

H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra	Senior Vice-President
H.E. Chao Phya Sri Dharmadhibes	Vice-President
H.S.H. Prince Ajavadis Diskul	Vice-President and Honorary Secretary
Mr. Pracha Guna-Kasem	Honorary Assistant Secretary
Mr. V.F. Hemmingsen	Honorary Treasurer
Mr. J.J. Boeles	Honorary Librarian and Director of the Research Centre
Mr. Kenneth J. MacCormac	Honorary Editor of the Journal
Lt. General Phya Salwidhan Nidhes	Leader of the Natural History Section
H.E. Monsieur Ebbe Munck	Honorary Editor of the Natural History Bulletin
Mr. Sanya Dharmasakti	
Mr. Ariyant Manjikul	
H.S.H. Prince Piyarangsit Rangsit	
Mom Rajawongse Sumonajati Swasdikul	
Mr. J.H.W. Thompson	

The Meeting unanimously re-elected the Council en block with H.H. Prince Dhanivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh, as President. The meeting was terminated by a showing of NANG TALUNG (southern style of shadow play) which was much enjoyed by members and guests present.

The Council upon taking office re-elected the following standing committees for carrying out the activities of the Society:

1) **Finance Committee :**

The Senior Vice-President ( H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra ),  
Chairman

The Honorary Secretary

The Honorary Treasurer

2) **Editorial Committee :**

The Honorary Editor of the Journal ( Mr. Kenneth J. Mac-  
Cormac ), Chairman

H.H. Prince Dhanivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh

H.E. Monsieur Munck

3) **Natural History Committee :**

Lt. General Phya Salwidhan Nidhes, Chairman

H.E. Monsieur Ebbe Munck

Mr. Ariyant Manjikul

H.S.H. Prince Piyarangsit Rangsit.

4) **Exchange Committee :**

H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul, Chairman

Phya Anuman Rajadhon

H.H. Prince Sukhuma Paribatra

Mr. J.J. Boeles

5) **Travel Committee :**

Mr. Sanya Dharmasakti, Chairman

H.S.H. Prince Ajavadis Diskul

H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul

6) **Research Committee :**

H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra, Chairman

Mr. Kenneth J. MacCormac

Mr. V.F. Hemmingsen

H.S.H. Prince Ajavadis Diskul

H.E. Monsieur Ebbe Munck

The Director of the Siam Society Research Centre ( Mr. J.J. Boeles )

Mr. Kenneth J. MacCormac and H.E. Monsieur Ebbe Munck continued to serve in the positions of Honorary Editor of the Journal and Honorary Editor of the Natural History Bulletin respectively and they produced during the year under review the following publications of the Society :

Journal of the Siam Society, Volume 51, Part 1-July 1963

Journal of the Siam Society, Volume 51, Part 2-October 1963

Bulletin of the Natural History, Volume 20, Part 3-November 1963

The Editorial Committee are to be congratulated for their fine efforts in producing excellent publications as mentioned above containing besides drawings and maps some coloured prints. The review of recent Siamese publications is, as always, the highlight of our publication in the Journal.

The Council held 11 business meetings during the year: 6 meetings at the Society's Home and 5 meetings at the President's house.

The Society's membership up to the end of 1963 was as follows :

Royal Patron and Vice-Patrons	4
Honorary Members	2
Free Members	5
Corresponding Members	16
Life Members	174
Ordinary Members	<u>777</u>
Total :	<u>978</u>

representing an increase of 94 members since the end of 1962. The Society also has 28 subscriptions for its Journal and Natural History Bulletin.

The financial standing of the Society under the supervision of Mr. V.F. Hemmingsen, Honorary Treasurer, continues to be on

a sound basis. It is gratifying indeed to report that our income from sales of publications alone came to approximately Baht 100,000 in 1963.

The Society must also record with grateful appreciation the receipt of the following donations :

- 1) Baht 150,000 from the Carlsberg Foundation of Denmark for financing the publication of the Orchids Series ;
- 2) Baht 41,000 from the Asia Foundation for following purposes :
  - a) Continuation of the Manuscript Inventory Project
  - b) Publication of a monograph on THE DEVELOPMENT OF SIAM'S RELATIONS WITH BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN THE REIGN OF KING MONGKUT, 1851-1868 by Dr. Neon Snidvongs
  - c) Purchase of Microfilm equipments
- 3) Baht 135,000 from the Asia Foundation for establishing an ethnological museum in the society's compound

The Society wishes to take this opportunity to thank Madame Kimhaw Nimmanhaeminda for her gift of Ruen Kamthieng, 150 year old northern style house, which will be built at the Society in 1964 as an ethnological museum ; Mrs. Misiem Yipintsoi for her sculpture and Mr Piriya Krairiksh for his oil painting of Bangkok scenery.

In May 1963 the Society has been fortunate in coopting two more members to serve on the Council, namely Dr. Charles N. Spinks and Mr. Graham F. Lucas, making a total of 20 Council members.

We regret, however, to mention that Phra Banij Sara Vides, who served the Society most diligently for many years as Honorary Auditor, asked to resign due to poor health, and this position was taken over by Mr. Yukta na Thalang, our member, who is professionally a chartered accountant and auditor. To both of them the Society feels much indebted for their services.

The Council would also like to bring members' attention to the fact that during the year under review our library has grown enormously; many new publications dealing with Siam in particular and Southeast Asia in general have been acquired, and our library is being used constantly by our members and also visited by many foreign scholars.

The Research Centre has also been doing good work in many fields as can be seen in its separate annual report and the Council Centre, namely Mr. J.J. Boeles, for his efforts and hard work.

The year 1963 was marked by extensive travels of our Council members: our President was invited to the United States, Germany and Scandinavia; our Vice-President, H.E. Chao Phya Sri Dharmadhibes, went to attend the Centenary Congress of the International Red Cross in Geneva; H.E. Monsieur Ebbe Munck, Mr. V.F. Hemmingsen and Mr. J.H. Thompson went on home leave and lastly H.H. Prince Sukhuma Paribatra paid a visit to the United Kingdom for one month.

In September the Council presented a set of the Reprint Series of the Society to H.M. Queen Juliana of the Netherlands during her state visit to this country. In November H.R.H. Princess Margarethe of Denmark paid a private visit to the Society's Home, and on the 4th of December 1963 the Society was graced by the presence of Their Majesties the King and Queen on the occasion of the opening of Mr. Piriya Krairiksh's exhibition of paintings.

Meetings arranged by the Society in 1963 were fewer than in previous years but for the sake of records they were as follows:

On 9th May 1963

Lecture by Miss Elizabeth Lyons,  
Art Consultant to the Department of Fine Arts, on TRADITIONAL SIAMESE PAINTINGS with coloured slides

From 9th to 15 May 1963

Exhibition of old Siamese Paintings and Drawings from the collection of Mr. J.H.W. Thompson

- On 3rd September 1963      Lecture by Professor Dr. H.É. Kauffmann on A VISIT TO THE LAWA with coloured slides
- On 8th October 1963      Lecture by Dr. F.R. Moorman on SOME FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF SHIFTING CULTIVATION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO SIAM
- On 2nd and 3rd October 1963      The Society's Hall was opened for the Field Seminar on Social Research in Thailand organized by the University of London and Cornell University
- From 31st October to 19th November 1963      Exhibition of Mrs. Misiem Yip-intsoi's sculptures and paintings
- From 4th to 19th December 1963      Exhibition of Mr. Piriya Krairiksh's paintings
- On 7th January 1964      Excursion by air to Sukhothai
- On 19th February 1964      Lecture by Mr. J.J. Boeles on SOME ASPECTS OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SIAM AND THE NETHERLANDS IN THE TIME OF AYUDHYA

In 1964 the Council will try to increase its activities to the best of its ability and hopes to receive members' support and approval as in the past.



