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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Siam Society Under Royal Patronage
27 March 1975, 8.00 p.m.

The Annual General Meeting, terminating the Council year 1974, was held on Thursday, 27 March 1975 at 8.00 p.m. at the Society's home, 131 Soi Asoke, Sukhumvit 21, Bangkok.

The meeting was attended by about seventy members and guests, and the following members of the outgoing Council were present:

H.R.H. Prince Naradhip Bongsprabandh
M.R. Patanachai Jayant
M.R. Pimsai Amranand
Mrs. Nisa Sheanakul
Mr. Kim Atkinson
Dr. Tem Smitinand
Dr. Tej Bunnag
Mrs. Katherine Buri
Mr. Francis Martin
Mr. Dacre Raikes
Mrs. L. Seale
Mr. Graham Lucas

1. Adoption of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, March 1974

The President proposed that the minutes be adopted. There were no comments and the minutes were adopted.

2. Presentation of the Annual Report for 1974

The President proposed that the Annual Report be passed. Again there were no comments, and the Report was passed.

3. Presentation of the financial statement

The Honorary Treasurer presented the financial statement. The President proposed that the financial statement be passed. The Honorary Secretary seconded the motion. The statement was passed.
4. **Election of Honorary Auditor**

   The outgoing Council proposed that Mr. Yukta na Talang be re-elected as Honorary Auditor. This was unanimously approved.

5. **Election of Honorary Architect**

   The outgoing Council proposed that Mr. Sirichai Narumitr be elected as Honorary Architect. This was unanimously approved.

6. **Election of Council for 1975**

   The outgoing Council proposed the following as officers of the Society:

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<td>Leader of the Natural History Section (ex-officio)</td>
<td>Dr. Tem Simitand</td>
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   The above were all elected.

   The outgoing Council nominated the following as Ordinary Members of Council:

   1. Mr. Kim Atkinson
   2. Mrs. Katherine Buri
   3. Mr. Graham Lucas
   4. M.L. Manich Jumsai
   5. Mr. Francis Martin
   6. Mr. Dacre Raikes
   7. Mrs. Nisa Sheanakul
   8. Mrs. Edwin F. Stanton
   9. Mr. Sulak Sivaraks
   10. Mrs. L.A. Seale
   11. Mr. Perry Stieglitz
and the election of
12. H.E. Mr. Franz B. Howitz
13. Dr. Chetana Najavajara
14. Mr. Piriya Krairiksh

These were all elected.

There were no nominations from the floor, since members had been asked to make nominations in writing two weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

7. Other business

There being no other business, the President adjourned the meeting. A slide show on "Northern Thai Temples" was given by Dr. Vichai Posayachinda, of Chulakongkorn Hospital.
The Committee would like to thank Khun Euayporn Kerdchouay for the smooth running of the Society. He continues to supervise the staff and ensure the proper routine maintenance of building and grounds. New screens were put in the Library, minor staff changes occurred, the hall was hired for two weddings.

Regarding the Kamthieng House, repairs were made to the verandah. A very pleasant meeting was held there by the Southeast Asian Journalists Travelling Group, sponsored by the Ford Foundation, when they visited the Society.

A letter was written to the Prime Minister to protest the plundering of the shipwrecks found off Sattahip. This letter received the encouraging reply that action would be taken.

The Committee has aimed at keeping rising costs as low as possible, while ensuring that the Society's property is well maintained.

Committee Members:
M.R. Pimsai Amranand Chairman
Mrs. Nisa Sheanakul
Mr. Francis Martin
Mr. Sirichai Narumitr
Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay Administrative Secretary
Owing to a decline in our principal source of income and a substantial increase in various items of our expenditures, it appears that the total expenditures in 1975/76 have exceeded the total income by about Baht 100,000. In the expectation that this current year our income will decline further, and the high cost of living will continue to be reflected in increasing our expenditures, it is evident that a rise in membership fees is urgently needed.

Books and accounts of the Society have been examined and audited by our Honorary Auditor, Mr. Yukta Na Talang and his colleagues at Sycip, Velayo, Na Talang & Co. The Committee would like to express its gratitude and appreciation to them all for the excellent services rendered to the Society.

Committee Members:
M.R. Patanachai Jayant, Chairman
Mrs. Katherine Buri
M.R. Kasemsiribhand Kasemsri
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
1975/76

During the past year 238 new members were elected to the Society, while 50 resignations were received. The membership drive begun the previous year was not augmented, and will have to be renewed during the forthcoming year, especially to bring more Thais from the government, academic institutions and other professions into the Society.

We are now considering new means of maintaining the membership, even if in some special form, of those whose resignations are brought about by members departing from Thailand, the reason for the overwhelming majority of resignations.

Once more this past year has demonstrated that attendance at Society-sponsored functions decidedly increased in accordance with advance publicity. The newspaper coverage of talks and special events has been fair, but could be increased. The Committee must work toward that end.

Committee Members:
Mr. Perry J. Stieglitz Chairman
Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa
M.R. Pimsai Amranand
The Ford Foundation made an extremely generous grant to the Society of Baht 470,000, the object of the grant being to support the Society’s programme and expand its activities. It was believed that this would allow the Society to enter fields of activity wider than its own resources permit, and to set up continuing programmes for research, recordal and education. The Council decided that the general field in which the grant should be used was that of the conservation of the arts and culture of Thailand, and delegated the administration of the grant to the Arts and Cultural Conservation Committee.

Some of the results of the Committee’s work have been immediately made available to members in the form of lectures, publications and music and dance programmes. These are referred to in the reports of the Publication Committee. Other activities fall into two main fields: firstly research, recordal and perservation, and secondly education. In the former, two major research projects are continuing: the recordal of palm leaf inscriptions of Lanna Thai under the direction of Mr. Sommai Premchitr of Chiangmai University, and the recordal of Thai music under the direction of Mr. Dacre Raikes.

In the field of education, the activities undertaken were the presentation of the performing arts on an interregional basis, the idea being to give people in one part of the country some idea of the dance, music and drama of another part. This was epitomized in the extremely successful presentation of five different groups from different parts of the country during our 72nd birthday celebrations. Further activities were a series of lectures and exhibitions held in the northern, central, southern and northeastern provinces, and the support of students tours to local historical and artistic sites, again in the remote provinces of the north, northeast and south.

The Ford Foundation has generously made a further grant of Baht 410,000 to enable our programme to continue. Any member interested in joining in the activities of the group is most welcome.
Committee Members:

Dr. Sumet Jumsai                Chairman
Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa             Vice-Chairman
M.R. Patanachai Jayant         Treasurer
Mr. Boonyavat Tiptas
Mr. D. Raikes
Mrs. Nisa Sheanakul
Dr. Vichai Posayachinda
Mr. Thanasit Wongseprasarn
Dr. Chetana Nagavajara
Dr. Piriya Krairiksh
Mr. Aub Sanasen
Mr. Sudchai Chermsirivatana
Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay        Secretary
Mr. Nit Ratanasanya            Ass’t. Secretary
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE
1975/76

In the opinion of local and visiting research scholars, the Library of the Siam Society provides an excellent collection of resource material, although the limitations of space and funds keep expansion slower than is desirable.

Once again, the fund established in the memory of Edwin F. Stanton has been valuable in providing books outside the normal budget. Purchased from this account were the Collection of Customs compiled by Prince Damrong, a bound set published in the 1920s, The Encyclopedia of Buddhism and several volumes issued by the Buddhist Publication Society of Ceylon, and the beautiful but expensive Sculpture of Siam by Boisselier.

Donations of books were received from the family of Prince Damrong, M.L. Pin Malakul, Mr. Victor Sassoon, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Graham Nelson and Mr. William Klausner.

The Rare Book Room has been checked and each volume has been carefully inspected and aired. Mr. Locke, a British Council conservation expert, has provided advice on humidity control.

The Society's professional librarian, Mrs. Marasi, resigned to join her husband in England. Mrs. Chamriang, who has recently been granted a degree in Library Science from Ramkamhaeng University, has been hired for the position.

Committee Members:
Mrs. Elizabeth Lyons  Chairman
Dr. Tej Bunnag
Mr. Uthai Dulyakasem
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE
1975/76

At the time of writing, the Committee only has one publication to its credit for the past Council Year. There have been frustrating delays in the appearance of books from our various printers. This situation should be gradually rectified during the coming months when once again there will be a steady stream of new titles on display at the Society.

However, the Committee regrets to have to sound a note of warning to the effect that, as a result of the Society’s parlous financial state, the days of extravaganzas are coming to a rapid end. In other words, there will be fewer publications and thinner JSSs from now on.

1. Publications and reprints programme
   (a) Publication
   (b) Reprinting
       (i) John Black, *The Lofty Sanctuary of Khao Phra Viharn*
       (ii) M.R. Pimsai Amranand, *Gardening in Bangkok*
       (iii) Gerini, *Chulakantamala: The Tonsure Ceremony as Performed in Siam* (Bangkok, 1895)
   (c) In press
       (i) Sirichai Narumitrekakarn, *Bridges of Bangkok*
       (ii) Nusit Chaindasi, *The Religion of the Blue Meo*
   (d) In preparation
       (i) A pictorial history of the Siam Society is being prepared for the Society’s Sixth Cycle Anniversary. Captions will be based on a text prepared by Miss Sodsai Kantivorkul.
       (ii) Euayporn Kerdhouay, *Nang Yai Wat Khanon* (The Wat Khanon Shadow Play); in Thai and English
       (iii) Piriya Krairiksh, *The Chula Pathon Chedi: Architecture and Sculpture of Dvaravati*
2. Journal of the Siam Society

Two numbers were published in 1975/76 *JSS* July 1975, volume 63 part 2, reached the record of 501 pages. It was a joint number between the Society and Mahidol University. Dr. Suriya Ratanakul was Honorary Guest Editor for the section entitled, “Papers presented at the Workshop on Southeast Asian Languages. Theme: Linguistic Problems in Minority/Majority Group Relations in Southeast Asian Countries. Mahidol University, Bangkok, 13-17 January 1975”. The Ford Foundation gave generous financial assistance to that joint venture.

Generous donations from Mr. Alexander B. Griswold, granted through the Breezewood Foundation, helped to cover the costs of printing. The Society is very grateful for the unfailing support for and interest in its projects from Mr. Griswold.

3. Committee Members:

- Mr. William J. Klausner  
  Chairman
- Dr. Tej Bunnag  
  Honorary Editor, *Journal of the Siam Society*
- Mr. Sulak Sivaraksra
- Mr. Harold J. Gross
- Mr. Nitya Ratanasanya  
  Secretary
With financial assistance from the Ford Foundation, we managed to work closely with the Textbook Project on Social Sciences and the Humanities, the Social Science Association of Thailand, in sponsoring two research projects, the data of which formed the basis of two lectures, one in honour of our President and the other in memory of our late Honorary President. The former lecture was given at the Small Auditorium of Thammasat University, with Dr. Puey Ungpakorn, our Honorary Member, presiding, and the latter lecture was given at the Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University, with H.E. Mr. Sukich Nimmanhaemind, our late Senior Vice President as chairman. The two lectures were in Thai and were well received. Other lectures, seminars and discussions at the Society home followed the programme of previous years.

Some cultural shows also received indirect support from the Ford Foundation through the Arts and Culture Committee, which arranged for interregional cultural shows at various educational institutions, and in quite a few instances the Society benefited thereby. Sri Nakarindra-viroj University (formerly College of Education) at Prasanmitr in particular developed very close links with the Siam Society. The success of those performing art projects was due largely to the untiring, imaginative efforts of Mr. Dacre Raikes. Special mention may be made of the Sixth-Cycle Anniversary celebration which lasted for three evenings, and was a splendid effort on the part of everyone concerned. The celebrations were opened by H.M. Queen Rambhai Barni acting on behalf of H.M. the King. Exhibitions were arranged for the occasion by Mrs. Nisa Sheanakul and Mr. Prasit Buri; Mr. Nit Ratanasanya’s contribution also deserves special mention.

Regarding travel, we set a policy to lead an excursion to a neighbouring country about once a year. However, our attempts to visit Cambodia and Laos failed twice due to events beyond our control. Fortunately, Dr. Piriya Kairiksh returned from the U.S.A. in time to
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rescue us by leading a trip to Indonesia with the help of Mr. Smithies, our Corresponding Member there. The excursion was so successful that Dr. Piriya was requested to lead a trip to Burma, which everyone enjoyed. It is with great regret that he has to leave the Council to become a curator in Australia.

In collaboration with the Art and Culture Committee, we managed to arrange a private tour for a group from abroad who wanted to know this country in a more thorough and academic way than travel agents could arrange. With the help of Mr. Nit Ratanasanya, we managed to do this successfully. In the future, apart from the monthly tour, if any member has friends who want us to lead private tours for historical, cultural or artistic purposes, we shall be willing to do so as far as we are able. We feel this will promote deeper understanding of Siam as a whole, which after all is the main objective of the Society.

In all our travel and programmes, we relied heavily on Members of the Council who helped us chair meetings, suggested names of speakers, topics of discussion, and places to visit. We also received kind assistance from various organizations and individuals, such as the Meklong Development Project (affiliated with Thammasat University, Kasetsat University and Mahidol University), which allowed us to join its kathin ceremony. However, the most useful person to us was our own Administrative Secretary, Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay, who worked tirelessly and smilingly to everybody's satisfaction.

Committee Members:
Mr. Sulak Sivarakska  Chairman
Mr. Dacre Raikes  Co-Chairman
Mr. Sudchai Chermsiriwatna
Mr. Nit Ratanasanya
Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay

Lectures, seminars, filmshows and excursions 1975/76
27 April  Mr. Sulak Sivarakska, Member of the Council, Excursion to Pong Tuk, Prathaen Dongrang and U-Thong
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<td>Dr. Somsakdi Xuto, National Institute of Development Administration, <em>Thai foreign relations in Southeast Asia</em></td>
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<td>Dr. Pataya Saihoo, Chulalongkorn University, <em>The role of Muslim women in the south of Thailand</em></td>
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<td>21-22 June</td>
<td>Mrs. Nisa Sheanakul and Mr. Kim Atkinson, Council Members, <em>Excursion to Samut Sakhon, Samut Songkhram, Ratchaburi and Phetchaburi</em></td>
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<td>1 July</td>
<td>Dr. and Mrs. George Willoughby, International Nonviolence and Organizers of Philadelphia Life Center on the Movement for a New Society, <em>Non-violent social change in India and the United States</em></td>
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<td>7-28 July</td>
<td><em>Archeology'75: A joint programme of exhibition and lectures arranged by the Siam Society and A.U.A. Language Center with the co-operation of the Fine Arts Department, Silpakorn University and the Royal Thai Survey Department</em></td>
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<td>Mr. Pisis Charernwongse, Silpakorn University, <em>Ban Chieng excavations 1974-1975</em></td>
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<td>18-20 July</td>
<td>H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul, Vice-President, <em>Excursion to Kamphang Phet, Phitsanulok, Uttradit and Nan</em></td>
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<td>22 July</td>
<td>Two films: <em>Cremation in Bali</em>, and <em>The Ramayana</em>, both directed by Brian Brake, were shown with the co-operation of the Indonesian Embassy at Bangkok</td>
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<td>Mr. F.W.C. Martin, Member of the Council, <em>Excursion: Wat Po revisited</em></td>
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<td>Performance of <em>Hun Krabok</em>, introduced by Mr. D. Raikes, Member of the Council</td>
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<td>5 August</td>
<td>Dr. Sumet Jumsai, Association of Siamese Architects, <em>Mountain and water: How cities strove for harmony by being macrocosmically planned: A case study mainly centred on ancient Khmer settlements</em></td>
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15 August A panel discussion, The promotion of the Asian Cultural Forum on Development. Panelists: Mr. Chandra de Fonseka, Mr. Charles Avila and Rev. Fr. S. Fernando; Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa, Moderator

26 August Dr. Piriya Krairiksh, Member of the Council, Architecture and sculpture of the Central Javanese Period: An introduction

27 August Ceremonial and folk dances of Malaya, presented by the Cultural Troupe of the University of Malaya

30 August Dr. Piriya Krairiksh, Member of the Council, Excursion to Early Dvaravati Period sites

12-15 September Dr. Tem Smitinand, Member of the Council, Excursion to Khun Tan

16 September Dr. Misrolav Fryba, University of Berne, Modern Western psychology and psychology of Abhidamma

19 September Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Meacham, The Quaker International Seminars in Southeast Asia, Social communication as a dynamic process in Southeast Asia

23 September A show of four short films: Buddhist heritage of Orissa, Cave temples of India, Khajuraho and Rangoli, with the co-operation of the Indian Embassy, Bangkok

18-25 October Dr. Piriya Krairiksh, Member of the Council, Excursion to Java and Bali

30 October Dr. Koson Srisang, The Church of Christ of Thailand, The institution of the Siamese monarchy, in honour of H.R.H. Prince Wan Waithayakorn, Kromamun Naradhip Bongsprabandh, the President of the Siam Society (in Thai, at Thammasat University)

6 November The cremation of H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat, introduction and explanation by Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa, Member of the Council

11 November Dr. Walter F. Vella, University of Hawaii, The development of irrigation and the rise of the Thai
15 November  Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa, Member of the Council, An expedition to observe the Katin ceremony and boat tour (at Wat Yokrabat, in Samut Sakhon)

2 December  A special performance of lakorn chatri and lakorn nawk, introduced by Mr. D. Raikes

4-11 December  Dr. Piriya Krairiksh, Member of the Council, Excursion to Burma

9 December  Dr. Herbert H. Phillips, University of California, Berkeley, The ethics of scientific research

9-11 January  H.S.H. Prince Subhadradas Diskul, Vice-President, Expedition to Khon Kaen, Kalasin and Udonthani

13 January  Dr. Karl F. Weber, University of Heidelberg, Farmers' decision-making: Some results of field research in Chaniaburi Province

15 January  Mrs. Prakong Nimmanhaemind, Chulalongkorn University, The northern version of the Vesantaka Jataka. The Prince Dhani Nivat memorial lecture in Thai, at Chulalongkorn University

20 January  Dance and music from the northern mountains. A performance of hilltribe dancers and musicians from Chiang Mai, introduced by Mr. D. Raikes and Miss G. Schwoerer

27 January  Prof. H.H. Prince Prem Burachattra, former President of the Siam Society and former Thai Ambassador to India and Denmark, Four decades of the Siam Society

5 February  A seminar on underwater archeology with reference to the shipwrecks off Sattahip. Speakers: Prof. Co. Pedersen, Dr. Kristian Keller, Vice-Admiral Vichian Sangkavorakich, Mr. Binich Sombatsiri, Mr. Lars Kan Rasmussen, Lt. Nakorn Aranyanark and Dr. Pensak Chagosuchinda; H.E. Frantz B. Howitz, the Danish Ambassador, presiding
19 February  Prof. L. Hewage, the Vidyolankara University, Colombo, Sarvoda Ya movement in applying Buddhism to village development in Sri Lanka

20-22 February  Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay, Administrative Secretary, Excursion to Ban Kao, ruins at Muang Singh, Sai Yoke and U-Thong

26-28 February  Sixth-Cycle Anniversary Celebration. Three days of multi-media entertainment: regional music and dance fests, textile and basketry exhibitions, photographs and display on Thailand’s natural heritage, and screening of vintage Siamese films of King Rama VII and rare cultural ceremonies

13-14 March  Mr. Nij Hinjachiranand and Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa, Excursion to Nakhon Sawan and Uthai Thani

25 March  Annual General Meeting, followed by slide show on “Mystical Bali Aga” (on the pre-Hindu residents of Bali) by Mr. Kitti Kupadakvinij and Mr. Frank Green
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATURAL HISTORY SECTION
1975/76

1. The 1975/76 Committee Members of the Natural History Section as approved by the Siam Society Council were:—

Dr. Tem Smitinand  Leader and Editor of *Natural History Bulletin*
Mr. Daroon Balasiri  Secretary
Mrs. Nancy M. Greene  Publicity Chairman
Mr. Philip A. Reeves  Programme Chairman
Mr. Thosaporn Wongratana  Outdoor Activities Chairman
Mrs. Katherine B. Buri  Conservation Chairman
Mr. R.L. Kranker
H.E. Mr. Frantz B. Howitz
Mr. Sa-ard Boonkird
Dr. Rajit Buri

2. One double-numbered issue of the *Natural History Bulletin*, volume 26 nos. 1 & 2, of about 200 pages containing 10 original articles on natural history, was published at a cost of Baht 24,610. A sum of Baht 2,000 was received for advertisements from the Forest Industry Organization and the Thai Plywood Factory.

3. Only one hike was made to Phu Kradung in December, bringing an income of Baht 6,594. A fishery study tour to Samut Prakan and Chon Buri was made without any profit. The Leader also participated as the botanical guide on the excursion to Phuket and Phang-nga, and the expedition to Khun Tan organized by the Society.

4. Four indoor meetings were held, being lectures on natural history.

5. At the General Meeting of the Natural History Committee, held on 17 February 1976 in the Prince Dhani Room at the Society's home, Dr. Tem Smitinand was re-elected as the Leader for the year 1976/77, and the following Committee Members were duly elected to office:

Dr. Tem Smitinand  Editor of the *Natural History Bulletin*
Mr. Daroon Balasiri  Secretary
Dr. Warren Y. Brockelman Co-editor of the *Natural History Bulletin*
Mr. Philip A. Reeves Programme Chairman
Mrs. Katherine B. Buri Conservation Chairman
Mr. Prasit Buri Outdoor Activities Chairman
Mr. R.L. Kranker
H.E. Mr. Frantz B. Howitz
Mr. Sa-ard Boonkird
Dr. Rajit Buri
NOTICE CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP FEES

The membership fees of the Siam Society have not changed since 1969. Meanwhile, the general price index in Thailand has risen by an additional 55 to 65 per cent. At the same time, the Society's income from other sources has declined, and the 1976 prospects for those sources are dim.

Under such circumstances, the Council of the Siam Society presented a resolution for Members' approval at the Annual General Meeting on 25 March 1976, proposing a rise in membership fees as well as a new structure of membership offerings. The resolution was passed, and the new schedule of fees appears herewith. The customary entrance fee for new Members has been abolished.

The Council appeals for acceptance of the changes. From a strictly economical viewpoint, Members do receive more value in terms of services rendered than the relatively modest outlay in membership fees. The new fees will not even yield half the Society's budget for 1976; the Society must rely on other sources to make up the difference, while keeping the financial burden on Members at a minimum.

The Council believes very strongly that the Siam Society performs an important cultural task in Thailand by helping to promote the arts, publish new research, preserve the natural and cultural heritage in many ways, and encourage students and other groups to further those goals.

Even though it is necessary to propose a modest rise in fees, the Council trusts that old Members will retain their membership and continue to give the Society their active support.

Yours sincerely,

M.R. PIMSAI AMRANAND
Honorary Secretary
Membership in the Siam Society

Status and privileges

Life
- Subscription to the Society's Journal, and (on request) Natural History Bulletin
- Members' discount on publications, tours, performances
- Use of the Library
- Right to vote at meetings

Amount in Baht

(Minimum) 5,000.-

Regular (renewable annually)
- Same privileges as Life Members

(Minimum) 500.-

Ordinary (renewable annually)
- Members' discount on publications, tours, performances
- Use of the Library
- Right to vote at meetings

300.-

Student (for local students only; renewable annually)
- Same privileges as Ordinary Members
- No right to vote at meetings

50.-

In addition, the following category is proposed for the benefit of those who may not desire active membership, but who do wish to support the good work of the Siam Society:

Friends of the Siam Society
- Subscribers' names will be inscribed on a permanent plaque at the Siam Society's home.

(Minimum) 2,000.-

Regular and Life Members are encouraged to contribute more than the listed minimum fees, to support the Society's programme and goals.

All members receive a discount of 20 per cent on all publications. Members are usually not charged handling fees for processing their mail orders for publications.
All members resident in Thailand are to continue receiving the *Monthly Programme*, as well as the detailed *Annual Report* which is issued in advance of the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

*Interested parties overseas may support the Society by retaining full membership, or they may subscribe separately to the *Journal of the Siam Society* and the *Natural History Bulletin* at the rates listed below:*

- **Journal of the Siam Society** 300.— (US$ 15)
  (Two issues per year)
- **Natural History Bulletin** 100.— (US$ 5)
  (One issue per year)