

## NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THAILAND ANNUAL REPORT

### For the 22ND Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania

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#### **1. General overview of recent major developments at the reporting library.**

The National Library of Thailand was moved to new location on Samsen road and officially declared open on May 5, 1966 which was main missions to collect, preserve and store the nation's intellectual and cultural heritage materials in the forms of printed and non printed materials, audio-visual materials and electronic media acquired from Thailand and abroad. At present, the National Library of Thailand has all of materials stand more than 3,000,000 volumes. In 2009, the Ministry of Culture allotted budget to the National Library to build a new building in the National Library compound. The library additional space had increased to more than 10,000 square meters. For the convenience of users, all the library services and offices are moved to the new building which includes the Information Resources Development Group, Manuscript and Inscription Group, Manuscript Collection, Rare Book Collection, the Thesis and Dissertation. The new intranet system is being installed within the new building for the use of public and library staffs. The new building was opened on October 3, 2011. Nowadays, the National Library have one branch in Bangkok and 11 branches in the provinces. In 2013, the Fine Art Department received some budget from the government to provide the WIFI network over the space of National Library. The users who walk in the National Library could access to World Wide Web with free WIFI.

## **2. Relationship to government**

- The Ministry of Culture allotted budget 432,311,000 bahts to create the National Digital Music Library Project in the year 2013.
- National Library of Thailand does not have a National Library Act although legal deposit is in the Press Act A.D. 2007. The Act enabled NLT to be the national organization empowered to undertake all library functions, including national union catalogue; legal deposit of published works in Thailand; the issuance of ISBN and ISSN numbers for all Thailand publications; the comprehensive public and community libraries services, nationwide and the extensive powers of the nation's National Library functions.
- National Library of Thailand supports and promotes the King Vajiravudh Memorial Hall improvement project. Since the building was constructed in B.E. 2520, the internal and external parts are in decline and the technology for services are out-of-date. Fortunately, the Bureau of the Budget, the Crown Property Bureau, and the Government Savings Bank, are in cooperation to renovate and develop this building and internal system services with a budget of 20,000,000 bahts in the year 2013.
- The Ministry of Culture allotted budget 260,000,000 bahts to renovate the main building of National Library in the third year 2014 – 2016.

## **3. Key facts and figures**

The figures of National Library in 2013 are as follows:

- Total operating budget: 86,840,300 baht (USD 2,894,676)
- Total number of staff : 197 persons (government officials, permanent and temporary employees)
- Total volume : 3,242,000 items
- Visitorship of the National Library of Thailand in 2012
  - Foreign visitors      22,102      persons
  - Local visitors        69,864      persons
  - Website visitors     379,369     persons
  - Readers                354,650     person
- NLT received 3,059 items under legal deposit from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013.

## **4. New developments in creating and building collections**

- In 2012 The National Library selected “Books about Thailand” and “Books about ASEAN

Community” to “The Knowledge of ASEAN Community Project”. This project is collected and shared by database and printed Material in 2015.

- Continuing on well of the project to honor the 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary of Dhammikaraja (The King with quality of Dhamma) and religion, arts and music, has been used to compile, collect information, knowledge’s on music and record them in the music library in the forms of alphabetical letters, still and moving pictures, for examples, the music and songs composed by King Rama IX, historical pictures of music composing teachers, musical notes and information from DVD, CD ROM and video visuals, etc. The public can search and study from musical database via website: [www.kingramamusic.org](http://www.kingramamusic.org)
- In 2013 National Library of Thailand and branches have started the “ASEAN Knowledge Corner” to support and promote the ASEAN Community which is to start in 2015.

#### **5. New developments in managing collections**

- Digital Collection of National Library of Thailand

The collections of Fine Arts Department, the extract of the valuable pictures and the content of Thai literature, artifacts, manuscripts, the old Thai style books, the rare books or the letters written by the previous king or famous writers have to reproduce in digital formats. The collections will be available online via the Internet so that the citizens who live far away in different parts of the country can access the knowledge of NLT collection in 2015.

#### **6. New Developments in Providing Access to collections**

- Provides e-service website to the public via <http://www.nlt.go.th/e-service> in 2013. It is national services for registration International Standard Book Number (ISBN), International Standard Serial Number (ISSN), Cataloging in Publication (CIP) and Printing Notice Service as required by Press Act A.D. 2007 to publishers which their publishing and printing are located in Thailand.
- Continuing of cooperation with MOU between Fine Arts Department (National Library) & Thailand Knowledge Park (TK Park) for sharing digital collection and information technology to provide service nationwide.
- Continuing of cooperation with MOU between Fine Arts Department (National Library) & Huachiew Chalermprakiet University for digitization of Chinese Newspapers published in Thailand.