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Annual report of National Library of Thailand

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1. RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT:

The National Library of Thailand is a governmental office under the Fine Arts Department, the Ministry of Culture and operates to answer government's policy to promote cultural documentary heritage collection, national imprint collection, education provision and life-long learning. The National Library and 12 National Library branches create the project and operates under the Ministry of Culture's policy that has a master plan to promote "Reading Culture as Part of Thai Learning Society 2017-2021";

- 1) Promote the habit on love of reading of Thai people of all ages
- 2) Create the environment that support the creation of reading culture by developing good quality learning resources and accessible to all
- 3) Access to more convenient facilities and access to learning resource with atmosphere of reading promotion
- 4) Create reading habit, set up policy and operation to support the goal continuously.

The National Library had operated in accordance with the 20 years national goal and strategy following *the 12th National Economics and Social Development Plan (2017-2021)* and *Thailand Model 4.0* to create the atmosphere that promotes all age groups in society to have a healthy reading culture and lead to society with perpetual learning.

After the construction of the National Library Building No. 2, under the budget of 438 million baht (USD 12.5 million), the Ministry of Culture has continually reserved budget again for maintenance of the National Library Building No. 1 since the end of 2015 under the budget of 258 million baht (USD 7.5 million). On the plan to increase library collection especially the digital content materials is planned to complete by 2017. The architecture of the National Library Building No. 1 will be structured of the pre-existing one which will preserve the identity of the National Library of Thailand. However, the interior will be

improved for more accommodate, modern and cozy design. In 2018 the government had support the preservation and conservation .

Besides, in 2017 the National Library of Thailand has received the new budget for *The National Digital Library Project* – This project receives a budget of 18 million baht (USD 500,000) for the purpose of modify the digital library of the National Library of Thailand or *D-library* to be a modern digital library such as new design of digital learning space, create more digital content, digitized rare book collection, produce E-Book and create a new access to library collection on mobile application to serve all users around the country and beyond. Planned to service digital content for disabled person and preservation of the information resource of library; the Library is going to convert more than 3,000 items of rare collection such as the old map, old pictures, video, tape sound record of meetings into digital format.

In this year, in 2018 the National Library of Thailand has receive continue budget for The National Digital Library Project of 61 million baht for create more digital content, digitized rare book collection and preservation of the information resource of library; the Library is going to convert more than 300,000 items.

2. FACTS AND FIGURES:

- Total operating budget in 2018: 92,800,000 baht (USD 2.97 million)
- Total number of staff : 162 persons
- Total volume : 5,120,000 items
- Visitor of the NLT in 2018;
 - Foreign visitors 8,250 persons
 - Local visitors 128,445 persons
 - Website visitors 145,700 persons

Personnel	Person
Librarian	57
Oriental Language Specialist	15
Library Assistant	18
Photographer	4
Audio-Visual Officer	2
Art Specialist	1
Book repairing and Binding Personal	4
General Affairs	13
Other (e.g. driver, janitor, watchman etc.)	24
Temporary employee	24
Total	162

Statistics of the National Library of Thailand in 2018

1. Collection of the National Library of Thailand

List	Unit (Item)
1.1 Material Collection	
- Book	2,232,998
- Journal	
- Newspaper	
- Manuscripts	
- Audio-Visual Material	
- Depository	
Total	
1.2 Digital Collection	
- Rare book collection	
- Manuscripts	
- Knowledge Management and National Library publication	
Total	5,120,000

2. Performance Statistics of Service Information Resources

List	Unit (Item)
2.1 Users	452,360
2.2 International Standard Book Number (ISBN)	
2.3 International Standard Book Number (ISBN)	
2.4 Publication of Press Act	
2.5 Reference Service	92,680
2.6 Wi-Fi Users	5,800
2.7 Visitors	136,695
2.8 Website Visitors	145,700
2.9 Conservation of Publication	39,230

3. A BRIEF GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENT:

The innovations are as follows.

Activity 1: convert information resources, which are the original and rare publications of the National Library. Operation steps:

1.1. Scan original documents, including rare books, rare journals, ancient documents, maps. and old photos then putting it in file system.

1.2 Conversion of existing video data contained in a video roll then storing in current data file or CD.

Activity 2: Develop a digital library system

2.1 Provide a digital library service system which consisting of mobile

- Online information service site is able to communicate, to display the content of electronic books and supports library search.

- Electronic Book Information Import Program

2.2 Import of copyrighted electronic books of the Library of Congress no less than 1000 items into the system.

Activity 3: Development of electronic services and digital media which consist of

3.1 Digital Media Relations System

3.2. Smart Card

- 3.3. Smart Librarian
- 3.4 Video Call System

4. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN BUILDING AND MANAGING COLLECTIONS: Information Service Area Building

1st floor

Journal and Newspapers, Thai, English and Chinese Newspaper are service for 1 year in nowadays (January to December) for example: Thai Journal, English and non-fiction magazines. The Information Technology Services, Information technology, audiovisual materials, OPAC Online Book Service (E-book), Online Journal Service (PressReader), Digital Library Services (D-Library), Wifi code service including movie room, reading area, microfilm, Daisy Sound Books for physical defects and the elderly 8 meeting rooms are available for use.

2nd floor

Inspiration Zone and Kid Inspiration provide general book services according to the content of the book by Dewey Decimal Classification Content consists of philosophy, religion, social science, science, technology, art, recreation, literature, geography and history both in Thai and English. OPAC and E-book services, as well as book and children's book services, to distribute the content of children's books, such as the Children's Book Award, International Children's Book and monthly activities for children.

3rd floor

Books about Thailand, International Books, Thai Government Gazette, Books about monarchs and royalty both Thai and English title are collected. We have some books and important collections of two important people are Phraya Anumanratchathon and Luang Wichitwatakan. ASEAN Book and literary internationals are use the native language of that country. There are also Thai-foreign novels, short stories, translations and services from the reign of King Rama V to the current edition.

4th floor

Journal and Newspaper in the past. The original newspapers and journals were more than 800,000 copies.

5. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS

1. National Children's Day.

The Ministry of Culture assigns its department such as National Library and Department of Cultural Promotion to organize the event of *National Children's Day* on January 13, 2018 at the Government House, Ministry of Culture. As the government activities, the National Library of Thailand and branches conducted the same activities at each library in different local atmosphere such as the children musical fold drama show and kid's puppet show where both receive a winning award from world puppet competition. There are 84 children from all over the country awarded at the Ceremony by Minister of Culture and children's day activities took place at the front yard of the National Library.

2. “Thawee Panya” Annual Activities 2018. On Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 1.30 pm. part of the celebration of Phra Bat Somdet Phra Poramenthra Maha Vajiravudh Phra Mongkut Klao Chao Yu Hua was the sixth monarch of Siam under the Chakri dynasty, ruling from 1910 until his pass away. Mrs. Pranom Kongtong, Deputy Director General Department of Fine Arts, was graciously announced the opening of His Majesty King Mongkut Klao Chao Yu Hua Anniversary. "Love Song from King Rama VI"

3. The National Library and Development Program

the National Library and Development Program has prepared as the lifelong learning program on February 16, 2018, National Library sent an librarian to attend and participate in activities "English is fun".

4. Kid’s Inspiration

March 17, 2018. National Library by Information Technology Resource Center organizes Children Inspiration Activity "Satisfying Fun Day" at 2nd Floor by the name Kid’s Inspiration. Children and Youth comes to join activities at NLT Book Room, with the aim at promoting reading. There were 30 children participating in the activity.

5. National Library with excellent service.

Mr. Anan Chuchotti, Director-General of Fine Arts Department presided over the opening ceremony of the National Human Resources Development Program in 2018 entitled "The National Library" with the special lecture on "the Department of the Fine Arts’ Staff of the 4.0" to upgrade the standard of service to the staff of the National Library. The project was held from 21-23 March 2018 at the Main Hall. National Library There was 90 librarians and staffs of the National and Regional Library.

6. Reading Project is funning to play

The 3 years-event, in 2018 where the National Library of Thailand and 11 National Library branches organize the activity *Reading Project is funning to play* for 4 times a year. February 27, 2018 is the first time. The purpose of the activity is for strengthening the knowledge, stimulate, and promote Thai people to love the reading and to be able to create benefit for others. Thai will receive knowledge and entertainment. In accordance with the *Reading Culture into Part of Thai Learning Society 2017-2021 policy*, the National Library of Thailand has joined hand with other organizations of the Fine Arts Department; 1) Office of Performing Arts, 2) Office of National Museums, 3) Office of Traditional Arts, and 4) His Majesty the King Rama IX Music Library and Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Music Library of the National Library joining organized event together.

7. NLT Edutainment– The National Library promoted event when the children spend their summer time in productive ways, using the book as medium to play, to tell, and to learn, along with promote reading as tools to pursue knowledge.

6. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER SERVICES

6.1 National Bibliography and digital collection

The National Library of Thailand receives a budget to procure information media technology and intranet system to connect the National Library and branches for share the heritage of local wisdom together. In 2018, all National Libraries can use common automatic library database system and thus become more convenient and serve faster in office operation and in rendering service. So that, this year, the National Library of Thailand organizes the national bibliography database and increasing digital collection though the program of *The National Digital Library Project* which will be a modern digital library with efficiency information technology, library system and acquisition more on digital collection. On digital collection, it can access by QR code and *D-library* at <http://www.digital.nlt.go.th/> and access to national bibliography by the website at URL: www.nlt.go.th.

6.2 D-library collection- the National Digital Library Project, the National Library of Thailand create *D-library*: digital library to be a modern digital library with efficiency information technology, library system and acquisition more on digital collection. This project plan to serve and share the collection of the National Library of Thailand and branches for all users of the country and beyond. Describe, *D-library* is the collection include digital collection and other databases. It has online to serve for users in Thailand. Total collection is about 6,800 items. It provides collection of the Fine Arts Department, the extract of the valuable photo and full-text content of Thai literature, manuscripts, Thai tradition books, newspapers, periodicals, yearbook, newsletters, rare books and handwritten by the Kings in the past or famous writers. Some of these have to digitized to digital formats.

6.3 The New E - Service (Electronic Service) website – the National Library of Thailand and branches authorized online or electronic service for national registration of International Standard Book Number (ISBN), International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) and Cataloging in Publication (CIP) at URL: <http://www.nlt.go.th/e-service>. It is national services as required by Press Act A.D. 2007 to publishers which their publishing and printing are located in Thailand. In 2018, the National Library of Thailand plan to develop the technology for the new E-Service system which will be the efficiency of E - Service library system.

6.4 National Library Networking for Reading Society Program

The program creates new library networking in the different part of Thailand such as Nakhornphanom province, the Northeastern of Thailand and Chiang Mai province, the Northern of Thailand. The networking include school library, public library, local office and community. It conducts with many activities to promote reading, develop library networking throughout the country for effective working such as heritage wisdom data collection network and donation of the book collection for their library and community. The program is continue for working together such as increasing the book donation from National Library of Thailand to that networking, participation more activities and attending to other activities of the

7. NOTE ON YOUR COLLABORATION WITH OTHER LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS IN YOUR COUNTRY

7.1 Survey of ancient documents in 2018.

The survey and registration of ancient document is in Nakhon Sawan Province And Tak. Between 11-17 February 2018 on February 11, 2018, a group of writers, writers and inscriptions National Library of the Arts Department, Ministry of Culture led by Mr. Somchai Fak Suwan. The six archaeologists have conducted an ancient survey of Wat Nong Po, Nong Pho District, Takhli District, Nakhon Sawan Province. There are about 1,200 bible books and about 700 books in Thai script. Most of them are Khmer script and Thai script. From the physical characteristics and the text is expected to be ancient documents in the early Rattanakosin period, Wat Nong Pote, Nong Pho, Tachalee, Nakhon Sawan.

7.2 The development of ancient language skills in the operation of ancient documents in 2018.

Mr. Anan Chuchotti, Director-General of Fine Arts Department Presided over the opening ceremony of the program for the development of ancient linguistic skills in the operation of the ancient documents of the year 2561 on the translation of letters and translations of Thai language from the ancient documents. Librarians and document practitioners. Join us for a lecture on this subject. Between January 30 - February 2, 2018, an ancient document workshop will be held in Ban Na District, Nakhon Nayok Province.

7.3 Receive a photo of the scriptures of the Buddhist scriptures Pali language.

National Library of Thailand, Ministry of Culture Received 200 copies of the 556 books from the Bhumibol Bhikkhu Foundation, with the Deputy Director-General of the Fine Arts Department (Mr. Pratip Pengtak).

7.4 Archeology Network Project Fiscal year 2018.

The National Library of Thailand, the Fine Arts Department, and the 6 ancient languages groups have performed the following tasks:

1. Submit an ancient account. The Book of Lanna Book and Thai Book For the provost. Abbot Wat Ubud Deputy Director of Amphoe Mueang Uthai Thani In order to provide evidence and information on local community history.
2. Explore the archaeological documents of the Bai Lan story of Te Pui, recorded with the alphabet of Lanna. Pali-Thai Lanna edition of 10 books were built in the year 1153 BC, 2334 built by the Chiang Mai. Which match the reign of King Rama I. From registration, it was found that the book was a leaflet showing the year of creation and the oldest creator of the temple. Ban Tak District, Tak Province
3. Register the ancient books of the Book of Blessings at the Museum of Wat Phra That Lampang, number 184, 419, numbered 1,768, and have 35 networks.

7.5 Ancient Book Preservation at Wat Makham, Pathumthani.

In April 5, 2561 is the last day of the ancient document conservation activities at Wat Makham, Ban Klang, Muang District, Pathum Thani. Bai Lan

- 19 letters, 59 items, 161 items (tie)
- Letter of Mon 87 tie 877 number and 987 items
- Thai Book Traditional 81 items

In addition, there are additional conservation of the temple church at Ban Klang, Muang District, Pathum Thani.

8. NOTE ON INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

8.1 International Federation of Library Association and Institutions (IFLA)

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession.

It is the main platform for formulating goals, exerting influence as a group, protecting interests, and finding solutions to global problems. IFLA offers you an international network to exchange ideas and to promote international cooperation, research and development in all fields. IFLA depends on the cooperation and active involvement of its members to reach its goals.

8.2 Conference of Director of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNLAO)

Director of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania had agreed to cooperate with each other in all useful matters related t National Libraries and libraries in Asia and Oceania. The meeting is in once every 3 years. The 25th meeting of the Conference of the Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNLAO) will be held in May 2017 in Beijing, China. The National Library of Thailand (NLT) hosted the 23rd Meeting of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNLAO) from June 9 to 12, 2015 at the Grand Ballroom, Grande Centre Point Hotel Terminal 21, Bangkok, Thailand.

8.3 Congress of Southeast Asia Librarians (CONSAL)

Congress of Southeast Asia Librarians (CONSAL) is the sole regional organization of the libraries, library schools, Library Associations, and related institutions of the ASEAN countries. It was founded in Singapore in 1970 and has ten members which include the library associations and librarians of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

8.4 International Networking of Emerging Library Innovators Association of Southeast Asian Nations (INELI-ASEAN)

Taking on the challenge to facilitate information exchange through an innovative learning strategy and mechanisms across borders in the universal landscapes, started in 2011. They believed that "the most effective way to ensure that emerging library leaders don't act with yesterday's logic is to provide them with opportunities to connect with each other to explore new ideas, experiment with new services, and to learn from one another. Public libraries' issues are the International Network of Emerging Library Innovators (INELI). It is a network of library leaders around the world who have skills and experiences in developing innovative services for library users.

The National Library of Thailand attends the program with 2 librarians for innovator to practice online learning, leadership workshop and collaborative project in collaboration of 10 ASEAN Countries and hosted by the National Library of the Philippines since 2015 – 2017.

8.5 ASEAN Public Libraries Information Network (APLiN)

The APLiN Information Hub is the website, portal and network for ASEAN public libraries. The program will initiated and hosted by the National Library of the Philippines start from 2018 – 2020. In the part of the collaboration, the National Library of Thailand acts as one of the Executive Board for the project.
