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9th CDNLAO Meeting: Thailand Country Report

Update on the National Library of Thailand

Mrs Suwakhon Siriwongworawat, Director

Library Administration

(1) Library Organisational Structure

Library Councils/Associations/Foundations	1
Public Libraries	850
Academic Libraries	99
Special/private Libraries	147

Selection Profile

- Unique Collections/Rare Collections
 - Unique collection contains Thai traditional books (Paper manuscripts)
 - Rare collections contain the rare editions of books published in Thailand and foreign countries dating back as far as 1836
- Bibliographies and Indexes Published
 - Thai National Bibliography

Infrastructure

- Dedicated Library Networks in the country
 - THAI NATIS Sec, Thai National Information System Secretariate (National Library)
 - AGRI, Agriculture Information Network Center (Kasetsart University Library)
 - MED, Medical Information Network Center (Mahidol University Library)
 - HUMAN, Humanities Information Network Center (National Library)
 - S&T, Science and Technology Information Network Center (Library, Dept. of Science Service)
 - ECO, Economics Information Network Center (Library and Information Network Centre)
 - SOC, Social Sciences Information Network Center (Library, National Institute of Development Administration)

Services

- National Bibliographic (Agency) Services
 - National Library of Thailand
- Digital Library Services
 - Chulalongkorn University
- Inter-library loan and Exchange services
 - NLT acts as a liaison centre for exchange and interlibrary loan among 43 leading libraries

Training

- Number of Professional Librarians – 1,500
- Number of Library training schools – 90

Copyright

- Number of Copyright Clearance Centres – 1

Institutional Survey

General Information

Year founded	1905
Parent Body	Fines Arts Dept. Ministry of Education
Mission statement	To collect and preserve library resources in Thailand
History of Library	Established by King Chulalongkorn of Siam since Oct. 12
Opening hours	9.00am – 7.30pm – Mondays – Sundays Public Holidays – Closed

Staffing

Officer-in-Charge	Mrs Suwakhon Siriwongworawat
Designation	Director
Email Address	suwakir@emisc.moe.go.th
Key Officers	Mrs Siriporn Chiruppa
Staff profile	80 qualified librarians 45 graduates without library qualifications 76 para-professionals 117 support staff

Users and Facilities

Users	Open to: Public/Private/Organisations
Facilities for Public Use	Seating capacity – 1,500 Discussion rooms – 2 Multimedia Rooms – 1 OPAC terminals – 16 Training Rooms – 2 Multimedia/Internet/AV Stations/Highband with stations – 8 Photocopiers, Colour photocopiers, microfilm readers, printers/scanners – 56 Microfilm Readers – 11

Library Services

Inter-library loans	Available to local and overseas libraries
Document Delivery	Public/Organisations/Private Individuals Local/Overseas Delivery Channels (Email/Fax/Mail) Charges: Postage fee: Postage \$20 for 1st 10 pages and \$25 for subsequent 10 pages
Routine library programmes	Literacy programs Exhibitions
Electronic databases and Online searching	End user searching available for databases such as: LLSA, ERIC, MULTIMEDIA CD-ROM
In-house produced indexes	Newspapers and periodicals indexes Book indexes
Co-operative Online Projects	THAI NATIS
Other Information Services	ISSN, ISBN
Subject Coverage	All subjects
Collection strength	Rare books, Manuscripts, Humanities Collections
Classification system used	Dewey Decimal Classification
Information on databases	Total no. of records – 208,003

Collection statistics	Books (vols) - 2,779,223
	Books (titles) - 344,922
	Serials (titles) - 5,562
	Serials (vols) - 70,548
	CD-ROMs databases - 400
	AV materials (titles) - 700,318
	Microforms (titles) - 6,656
	Microfilms (reels) - 2,028
	Microfiche (pieces) - 10,557
	Others:
	Maps - 3,774

Computerisation

Application Software	MS-WORD, MS-EXCEL, PHOTOSHOP
Integrated Library System	1992 - Year implemented for current model
	1992 - Computerised Cataloguing (year)
	1992 - Computerised Indexing (year)
	1992 - Online Oublic Access Catalogue
	1995 - BRS
Vendors	EPIXTECH
Hardware specs	IBM Risc/6000 Model H70
URL of Web OPAC	http://www.natlib.moe.go.th

Publications

Serials publications	ISSN-SEA Bulletin, Thai National Bibliography
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