

ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2012/2013

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1. General overview

The National Library of Thailand main missions are 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 holds overall materials of more than 3,000,000 volumes.

The National Library of Thailand was moved to new location on Samsen road and officially declared open on May 5, 1966. In 2009, The Ministry of Culture allocated 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 include the Information Resources Development Group, Manuscript and Inscription Group, Manuscript Collection, Rare Book Collection, the Thesis and Dissertation Collection. 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 free WIFI network to users in the National Library.

2. Relationship to government

- The Ministry of Culture allocated 432,311,000 bahts budget 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.
- The National Library of Thailand supports and promotes the King Vajiravudh Memorial Hall improvement project, which was constructed since B.E. 2520. The interior and exterior parts of the hall have deteriorated and its public information system is already outdated. Then as such, the Bureau of Budget, the Crown Property Bureau, and the Government Savings Bank, cooperated to renovate and develop this building as well as its public information system with a budget of 20,000,000 Baht in the year 2013.
- The Ministry of Culture allocated 260,000,000 bahts budget to renovate the main building of the National Library for the 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 persons
- As of March 2013, the National Library's legal deposit collection includes 1,018,615 items with 3,059 items received 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.
- In 2011-2012 The project to honor the 84th Birthday Anniversary of Dhammikaraja (The King with quality of Dhamma) and religion, arts and music, has been planned to be commenced in the fiscal year of 2012. The project intends 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
- 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

- The provision of e-service website to the public via <http://www.nlt.go.th/e-service> in 2013. It is the national services for registration of 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.
- The MOU on cooperation between Fine Arts Department (the National Library) & Thailand Knowledge Park (TK Park) has the main objective of sharing digital collection and information technology for providing service nationwide.
- The MOU on cooperation between Fine Arts Department (National Library) & Huachiew Chalermprakiet University for the purpose of digitization of Chinese Newspapers published in Thailand.