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GENERAL INFORMATION

According to the reformation of government service system, from October 2003 NLT, under the Fine Arts Department had to be moved to the Ministry of Culture. The internal structure of the Library is changed a little bit.

MAIN DEVELOPMENT

A new 6 – storey building for national depository is underway. This is targeted for completion in December 2003. It will be officially opened in April 2004, and will house the original copies of books, thesis and newspaper collections published in Thailand.

NLT is appointed from the Minister of Culture to manage the plan to set up libraries in shopping centers. The aim of this project is to encourage and attract young adults coming to the library.

NLT is also responsible for making the plan for the Ministry of Culture to open the 50 community libraries in different districts of Thailand.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICE TO READER

In December 2002, after improving the service room for information access, NLT open for the full service of OPAC, Multimedia and the internet access Service. All are free of charge, aimed at meeting the increasing needs of users.

The digitization project is going on well. NLT started to digitize for database services on rare books, Thai Traditional books and non-book materials, e.g. microfilm and music. Sound copying from gramophone records in the Music Library of NLT were processed in the forms of Compact disc (CD-R) and Mini Disc (MD)

Database about music and songs through Library networks was opened for the public in 2003.

VISITORS AND MEMBERSHIP

In 2002 – 2003, there were visitors from libraries and other organizations of many countries such as People's Republic of China, the Philippines, Japan, Republic of Korea, Vietnam, etc.

Publications are exchanged with the National Diet Library and other organizations. In Japan, NLT have got many Japanese books. After consulting with JICA, They sent the Japanese volunteer to process the publications from 2002-2003, for 1 year.

EVENTS

NLT participating in the National Book Week, organized "The Workshop on the Writing Thai Essay Instruction Through the Pyramid Hierarchy Technique : the Secondary Level" from 3-4 April 2002. This aimed to train the secondary teachers about the art of composing essays.

The high point of this year's seminar is "New Trend in Management of the Modern Library" on 7 July 2003. The objective is to present the new way in managing the library and to upgrade the cooperative standard in library network.

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