

Annual Report to CDNL 2005 – 2006

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| Name of Country : Thailand |
| Name of Library : National Library of Thailand |
| Name of Chief Executive : Orapin Limskul, Director |

1. History and Background

In 1905, National Library of Thailand was established, in the reign of King Chulalongkorn (Rama V) who graciously decreed National Library of Thailand, to be used by general public in Thailand. National Library of Thailand has a long history of 100 years. Throughout the whole year of 2005, there are many events for Centennial Celebration.

2. Main Development

- In 2005, the legal deposit publication in NLT, having been collected since 1941, provision from the Press Act, are moving to the new 6-storey building. National Library of Thailand has planned to finish moving all the materials within 2006.

- In 2006, the budget about 625,000 \$ US is allocated for National Library of Thailand to renovate the first floor of the main building, to serve the users increasing every year. Now, the interior design is in full action.

3. Cooperation

- The National Library of Thailand and National Library of China have just finished the personnel exchange in library and information science in June and July 2005.

- Under the MOU of Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Education, National Library of Thailand is the database server, linking the network with all of the academic universities in Thailand for accessing the information each other.

- The National Library of Thailand and Thailand Knowledge Park (TK Park) also have a collaboration under the Project "E-book : the treasure form National Library of Thailand". TK Park provides the budget, hardware and software to manage this project. All publications are selected from the rarebook collection of National Library of Thailand.

4. New Library in Shopping Mall

The Government is fully aware of the need to create the atmosphere which facilitates integrated learning in both the formal and informal education system. So, Thailand Knowledge Park (TK Park), which is a public organization under the supervision of the Office of Knowledge Management and Development, was established and has been operated since 24th January 2005. The main objective of TK Park is to provide an alternative learning channel for Thai children, which offers them a combination of books, activities, music and multi-media.

5. Events

In order to celebrating the Centennial in 2005, National Library of Thailand had organized two international meetings as follow :

- Workshop on Preservation and Conservation of Library and Information Materials for Asian Countries, 3 – 5 July, held at the National Library of Thailand. The Workshop were participated by one participant from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao P.D.R., Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Vietnam and Thailand with additional 19 Thai participants.

- International Conference on "National libraries in the Knowledge Based Society", 6 – 8 July, Century Park Hotel, Bangkok. The participants from many countries and from libraries in Thailand about

300 persons joined this conference and exchanged wonderful ideas about the national libraries between the session.

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