

## **National Library of Thailand Country Report for CDNL 2010-2011**

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### **1. General overview of recent major development at the reporting library**

National Library of Thailand is planning to cope with rapid change of boundless information and telecommunication society in competitive world today by launching **National Library Development for State-of-the Art Learning Source Project**. The new fully high-tech building is being constructed with the amount of 438,000,000 baht from government budget and has planned to be open to the public in 2011 A.D.

### **2. Note of the reporting library's relationship to government, citation of legislation which sets out the library's mandate, and any other legislation which directly or indirectly affects the library's operations.**

#### **2.1 Library act**

Presently, the National Library of Thailand is in the progress of drafting the National Library Act. The National Library has its main task to collect, provide and preserve the publication and audio-visual materials, as well as to support and promote the publisher or press processing, it is well known for having the system to search for the data thoroughly.

#### **2.2 Legal deposit act**

At present there is no legal deposit act in Thailand. The National Library of Thailand is only the agency responsible for collecting publications published in Thailand. Anyhow, we do have the Press Act A.D. 2007 which the main objective is to govern the press. By the provision of this act, the National Library of Thailand is able to receive 2 free copies of book, newspaper and periodical for Thai National Bibliography.

### 2.3 Computer-Related Crime Act B.E. 2550 (2007)

The purpose of Computer-Related Crime Act is to specify the accusation and penalty concerning computer offence, in term of hacking into the computer, illegally editing, damaging the information, revealing false information etc. The Act specifies power and responsibility of authorities in charge. The Act, nevertheless, help reduce the use of computer illegally.

### 2.4 Advances or improvement in the copyright law affecting libraries

Intellectual property's copyright in Thailand is under the Copyright Law 1994 or the Royal Decree on Copyright 1994 conducted by the Administration of Department of Intellectual Property's Copyright Office, Ministry of Commerce.

The law covers literary work, works on performing arts, virtual art, music, audio-visual, motion pictures, broadcasting and other works in Literary Science and Art Sections. It is also covered the computer software. The copyright belongs to the author for 50 years after the death of the author and the last co-author.

## 3. Key facts and figures (size of major collections, number of staff, total operating budget etc.)

3.1 Number of staff: 164 persons (government officials, permanent and temporary employees)

3.2 Total operating budget: 21,852,900 baht of 2010 government budget

3.3 Total volume : 2,616,505 items

Collections	Sizes
Depository collections	1,433,955 items
Bibliographies and indexes	529,270 items
Rare books and manuscripts	222,655 items
Digitized materials	324,305 items

## 4. New development in creating and building collections

4.1 Regarding that Asian Language is playing important role in today worldwide society and more in the future such as Chinese, Japanese and Korean language. NLT has so far acquired a lot of Chinese and Korean language

publications so as to create the **Chinese Information Service Room and Window on Korea.**

- 4.2 **Library World News: LWN**, newsletter has released for up to date news, useful information, and library innovation of National Library of Thailand and around the world in Thai version, published since January 2011.

## 5. **New development in managing collections**

National Library of Thailand and National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) has launched a MOU on **Digitized Newspaper Exchange** in March 2010.

## 6. **New development in providing access to collections**

NLT has a plan to cooperate with The Office of Higher Education Commission to join the project of creating a central bibliography database as a **Union Catalog** for extending network of resource sharing among educational institutes throughout the country.

## 7. **Examples of cooperation between the reporting library and other national collecting institutions (library, archives and museums)**

- 7.1 The Executive Programme of International Cultural Cooperation for the years 2011 of the Fine Arts Department, National Library of Thailand launched **the Library Visiting of Preservation Technical and Management Project** at National Library of Australia, State Library of South Australia, and Artlab Australia in March 15-19, 2011.

- 7.2 The National Library of Thailand MOU with Bangkok Metropolitan Administration and 78 organizations launch **Bangkok Read for Life Project** to bid to become the UNESCO World Capital Book 2013. The proposal is focused on reading activities, quality and variety of the proposed programme including numerous specific initiatives for the Bangkok World Book Capital City 2013.