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1. *Name of the Committee :*

The Thai National Committee on Memory of the World Programme
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2. *List of members and office bearers*

Advisors:

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education

- The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Culture
- Professor Dr. Adul Vichiancharoen
- Secretary General of the Thai National Commission for UNESCO

Committee members

- Professor Khunying Maenmas Chavalit, Chair
- Director-General of the Fine Arts Department, Vice Chair
- Professor Dr. Prasert Na Nagara, Vice Chairman of the National Historical Research Committee and Member of the Royal Institute
- Mrs.Savitri Suwansathit, Advisor Ministry of Culture, Former Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education
- Dr. M.R. Rujaya Abhakorn ,Historian ,Director ,Office of South East Asian Minister of Education Regional Centre for Archaeology and Fine Arts (SEMEO-SPAFA), Former Director, Chiang Mai University Library
- Miss Kongkaew Weeraprajak, Oriental Language Specialist, National Library Director of the National Electronics and Computer Technology Center
- Director of the National Library of Thailand
- Director of the National Archives of Thailand
- Director of the Literature and History Division, Fine Arts Department, Ministry of Culture
- Director of Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Center Ministry of Culture
- Dr.Prachark Wattananusit, Librarian, Former Deputy Director, National Library of Thailand
- Miss Korapin Thaweeta, Archivist ,National Archives, Secretary

- Miss Wilasinee Thabuengkarn, Administrative Officer of Southeast Asian Minister of Education Organization Regional Centre for Archaeology and Fine Arts (SEAMEO–SPAFA), Assistant Secretary
- Miss Wassana Ngam-Duang-Jai, Librarian, National Library of Thailand, Assistant Secretary
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4. Structure

4.1 The Thai National Committee on Memory of The World

Programme of UNESCO was appointed by the Thai Cabinet and was placed under The Thai National Commission for UNESCO , Ministry of Education.

There are three sub-committees under the Thai National Committee on Memory Programme of UNESCO appointed by The Minister of Education namely :

4.2 Sub-Committee on the Thai Memory of the World Register

Composition

1.Prof.Khunying Maenmas Chavalit	advisor
2.Prof Prasert Na Nagara	chair
3.Mrs.Savitri Suwansathit	vice chair
4.Major-General M.R. Suphawatt Khesemsri	member
5.Dr.M.R.Rujaya Abhakorn	member
6.Director, Bureau of International Cooperation Ministry of Education (Mr.Paisal Visalakorn)	member
7.Assoc. Prof.Wuthichai Moolsin	member
8.Miss Kongkeaw Veerapajak	member
9.Miss Khanittha Vongphanit	member
10.Dr.Prachark Wattananusit	member
11.Dr.Chularat Tanprasert	member
12.Miss Ratchanee Supvichit	member
13.Miss Korapin Thaweeta	member
16.Miss Orawan Supploy	member
17.Miss Vilasinee Tabuengkarn	member

18.Archivist,The National Archives	member and secretary
19.Mrs.Ladda Chuchat	member and assistant secretary
20.Miss Prapraporn Chantharatsami	member and assistant secretary

4.3 Sub- Committee on the Planning for the Preservation and Promotion of the Epigraphic Archives of Wat Pho

Composition

1.Phra Rajvethi (Suraphol Chitayano)	advisor
2.Prof. Khunying Maenmas Chavalit	advisor
3.Prof Dr. Prasert Na Nagara	advisor
4. Dr. M.R.Rujaya Abhakorn	chair
5.Miss Kongkaew Veeraprajak	vice chair
6.Director,Bureau of the International Cooperation Ministry of Education (Mr.paisal Visalakorn)	member
7.Miss Khanittha Wongphanit	member
8.Dr.Prachark Wattananusit	member
9.Mrs. Chiraporn Aranyanag	member
10.Mr.Somsak Tangpan	member
11.Mr.Rajbodin Suwannakhanthi	member
12.Mr.Boonti Srivoraphot	member
13.Assist Prof. Dr.Saovanit Vingvorn	member
14.The Representative of The manuscripts and Inscriptions Group,National Library of Thailand	member
15.Mrs. Jeeteng Piyakarn	member
16.Miss Navaphan Pattharamool	member
18 Miss Vilasinee Tabungkarn	member
19 Miss Hattaya Siripattanakul	member and secretary
20.Miss Prapaporn Chantharatsami	member and assistant secretary

4.4 Sub-Committee on the Commemorative Publication on the Centennial of the Demise of King Chulalongkorn (Rama V)

Composition

1.Prof.Khunying Manmas Chavalit	advisor
2 Prof. Dr. Prsert Na Nagara	advisor
3.Assoc. Prof. Vutthichai Moolsil	advisor
4.Dr. M.R.Rujaya Abhakorn	chair
5.Dr.Prachark Wattananusit	vice chair
6.Miss Khinittha Vongphanit	member
7.Miss Duriya Amatavivat	member
8.Director,The National Archives of Thailand (Mrs.Sureerat Vongsa- ngiem)	member
9.Director,The National Library of Thailand (Mrs.Wilawan Suppansean)	member
10.Miss Orawan Sapploy	member
11.Mrs.Ladda Chuchat	member
12.Miss Korapin Taweeta	member and secretary
13.Miss Prapaporn Chantharatsami	member and assistant Secretary

5. Reference to the Committee' Charter or Terms of Reference

The current Thai National Committee on Memory of the World Programme of UNESCO was appointed by the Minister of Education on 7th October 2008 by the approval of The Thai Cabinet. Three Sub-Committees was appointed by the Minister of Education.

6. Budget for 2011-12 and Sources of Funding

- Thai National Commission for UNESCO, Bureau of International Cooperation
Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Culture

7. Activities in 2011-12

7.1 The Committee Monthly Meetings. During 2011 monthly Committee meetings and monthly Sub-Committee meetings were held at the National Archives of Thailand and the SEAMEO-SPAFA Office. Related expenses were covered by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Culture. During these meetings, new high value documents had been introduced. Some important documents were studied.

7.2 The 7th National Network Seminar on the Preservation and Dissemination of the Indigenous Thai Knowledge Documentary Heritage supported by the Ministry of Education, was held in Mahasarakham Province Northeastern Thailand during 7-11 June 2010. There were about 150 historians oriental language specialists , librarians , archivists , teachers and representatives from the Central Part and Southern Part of I-san or Northeastern Thailand of the Provinces of Buriram, Sri Saket, Surin, Nakhon Rachasima, Yasothon, Amnat Charoen, Mahasarakham. Roi-et, Kalasin, Chaiyaphum and Ubol Rajthani. With the encouragement of resource persons some indigenous documentary heritage has open to light. Some of them are suitable to be listed in the Thai National Memory of the World Register. Topic on the MOW Programme had also been introduced.

7.3 Working Seminar of the Sub Committee on the Memory of the World National Register The 5th Working Seminar took place at Lumpoon province in Northern Thailand during 7-9 February 2011. The 6th Working Seminar took place at Petchaburi Province Central Thailand during 13-15 June 2011. The 7th Working Seminar took place in Ubolratchathani Northeastern Thailand during 12-14 March 2012. All three working seminars were very much interested in by local scholars who open valuable manuscripts and documents to audiences. All this working Seminars were supported by the Ministry of Culture.

7.4 MOW International Register in 2011. In 2010 The Thai National Committee on Memory of the World Programme of UNESCO had nominated The Epigraphic Archives of Wat Pho to UNESCO for the inscription on the Memory of the World International Register in 2011. This nomination has been registered on the international register on 25 May 2011.

7.5 Publications Part of large national commemorative programme, the commemorative publication on the Centennial of the Demise of King Chulalongkorn or Rama V had already been published by the Royal Thai Government.

7.6 Cooperation with UNESCO MOW During 11-14 May 2011 Dr.M.R.Rujaya Abhakorn attended the Forth International Memory of the World Conference in Warsaw Poland. He had also attended the meeting of International Advisory Committee during 22-26 May 2011 in Manchester United Kingdom .

7.7 Celebration During 24th December 2011 - 2nd January 2012 Wat Prachetupon Wimolmangkararam or Wat Pho with the cooperation of The Thai National Committee on Memory of the World Programme of UNESCO and the support of the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Culture, institutions, foundations and companies had joyfully celebrated **the Registration of The Epigraphic Archive of Wat Pho in the UNESCO Memory of the World International Register. One voluminous** on the Epigraphic Archives of Wat Pho, Memory of the World:Epigraphic Archives of Wat Pho, brochure, programme and handouts had been published by the Wat Prachetuphon Wimolmamgkhararam or Wat Pho.

7.8 Royal Concerns To mark the registration of the **Epigraphic Archives of Wat Pho in the UNESCO Memory of the World International Register**, on 24th December 2011 **Her Majesty Queen Sirikit** had graciously paid homage to Wat Prachetuphon (Wat Pho) and listen to the sermon in front of Phra Buddha Deva Pratimakorn the main Buddha image of this Monastery and visit some related activities.
