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1. Name of the Committee :

The Thai National Committee on Memory of the World Programme of UNESCO

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
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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 Veeraprajak	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. Prasert 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	member
9. Director, The National Library of Thailand	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 2013-14 and Sources of Funding

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

7. Activities in 2012-14

7.1 The Committee Monthly Meetings. During 2013 there were no monthly Committee meetings and monthly Sub-Committee meetings due to the political tension and strikes in Thailand.

7.2 The 8th National Network Seminar on the Preservation and Dissemination of the Indigenous Thai Documentary Heritage Knowledge of the Southern Part of Northern Thailand During 3-7 August 2011 this National Seminar took place at the Legendha Hotel and Resort of Sukhothai Province. About 150 participants came from the provinces of Sukhothai ,Pitsanulok, Tak , Kamphangphet, Utraradit, Pichit and Nakonsawan. Apart from the promotion of the MOW programme and the realization on the achievement of King Ramkhamhaeng whome Inscription has been registered in MOW International Register to scholars and interested persons, new knowledge on local manuscripts, cultural and local tradition has been examined by the Thai MOW National Committee. Members of the Committee and participants had also excellent opportunity to visit the Sukhothai Historical Park (part of a World Heritage Site) too. This Seminar was supported by the Ministry of Education.

7.3 The 7th Working Seminar of the Sub Committee on the Memory of the World National Register. This Working Seminar took place in Ubolratchathani Province, Southern Part of Northeastern Thailand during 12-14 March 2012.This working seminars were very much interested in by local scholars. There were about 150 participants. Valuable manuscripts and documents had introduced to scholars and audiences. Participants and members had the very good change to learn about art and science of elephants encroachment of Surin Province, lively northeastern Thailand music and dance, beautiful Buddhist Temples as well as Museums and Ban Khamphong Private Folk Museum. This working Seminars was supported by the Ministry of Culture.

7.4 The 8th Working Seminar of the Sub Committee on the Memory of the World National Register. This Working Seminar took place in Phuket, Southern Thailand during 10-12 June 2013. There were about 150 participants. Members of working seminar considered important documents of Southern Thailand to register in Thai MOW National Register. Some of interesting documents are: Nantopananthasutra Khamluang, Lakchai C.S.1082 (B.E 2263.) Geological Resource of Western Side of Peninsular Thailand, Kao Pra Narayana Takao Pa Inscription etc.Participants had a good chance to visit the house of late

Governor of old Phuket and Phuket Cultural Center. This working Seminars was supported by the Ministry of Culture.

7.5 The 9th Working Seminar of the Sub Committee on the Memory of the World National Register. This Working Seminar took place in **Chiang Mai, Northern Thailand** during 17-19 March 2013. There were about 150 participants. Participants considered value of documents: Anachakra Lakkham the Local Administrative Law of Nan, Important document of Payap University Archives, Ancient Mon Inscriptions of Haripunchai, Prakru Srivilatvachirapannya of Prayao Province Diary, Palm leaves of Kruba Kanchana Aranyavasi Mahatera of Wat Soong Men of Prae Province, Old Picture Collection of Nimmanhemin Family etc. This working Seminars was supported by the Ministry of Culture.

7.6 Cooperation with MOW The Overall evaluation of Memory of the world (MoW) Programme Questionnaire had been answered. It was returned to Joie Springer and Maria Liouliou at the UNESCO HQ by 9 March 2012 as requested.

7.7 Cooperation with MOWCAP During 13-16 May 2012 the Thai MOW Committee with the support of the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture and SEMEO-SPAFA hosted the 12th MOWCAP Bureau Meeting , 5th MOWCAP General Meeting and the Seminar on “ The Preservation of UNESCO Memory of the World Documentary in Six Countries in the Asia/Pacific Region at the Amari Watergate Hotel Bangkok. These **Meetings and Seminar** were attend by 10, 66 and 80 participants respectively. The 5th MOWCAP General Meeting had agreed upon and adding new 4 (four) items to MOWCAP Register.

8. Future Plan

8.1 Thai National MOW Register To promote Thai MOW and documentary heritage, a plan for Thai MOW Day had been drafted. One main programme of the plan is to announce on the registration of documentary heritage items in the Thai National MOW Register.

8.2 Working Seminar of the Sub Committee on the Memory of the World National Register. This kind of Seminar will take place once a year in Bangkok or provinces.

8.3 Preservation and Conservation Numbers of importance documents in archives, museums and libraries are on the waiting list to be preserved and conserved. Preservation and Conservation planning and budgeting are then urgent to be considered by all concern parties.
