Cooperation between Parliamentary Library of the ASEAN Community Countries before stepping to ASEAN Community in 2015 : Thailand case study

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Introduction

- ASEAN Community
- ASEAN Roadmap for the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- Key factor “Knowledge”
- the National Assembly Library of Thailand cooperated with IPU project on the mission to support the Parliamentary Library, Research and Information Service
Bureau of Academic Services

- General Administration Division
- Library Division
- Information Technology Resources Development Division
- Academic Services Division I
- Academic Services Division II
- Academic Services Division III
- Research and Development Division
- Museum and Archives Division
Services Provided by Bureau of Academic Services

1. Library Services
2. Database and e-library
3. Academic Services
4. Specific academic database Services
5. Research Services
6. Museum and Archives Services
1. Library Services

- Library Technical Service
- Circulation Service
- Reference Service
- Information Retrieval from Database Service
- Library and Database Usage Advisory Service
1. Library Services (Cont.)

- Document Distribution
- Selective Dissemination of Information Service (SDI)
- Interlibrary Loan
- News Board of Current and Hot News and Issues
Library Resources

1. Printed materials
   1.1 Minutes of the Proceedings
   1.2 Royal Gazette
   1.3 Government Publication
   1.4 Newspaper
   1.5 Journal / Periodical
   1.6 General Academic Document, Reference, Research/Thesis
   1.7 Law Book
   1.8 Crematory Book
Library Resources (Cont.)

2. Non-printed Materials
   2.1 CD-Rom
   2.2 Video
   2.3 Cassette tap
   2.4 Map
Users

- Members of the Parliament
- Officials / Employees of the Secretariat of the House of Representatives / the Senate
- Persons in line
- The Outsiders
National Assembly Library of Thailand and cooperation between Parliamentary Library of the ASEAN Community Countries

Thailand-Myanmar
First Activity: Participation of librarian of the National Assembly Library of Thailand on the mission at the Hluttaw Library of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw during 1 – 11 April 2013
What had been done?

• Prepare and delivered a training workshop to develop collection management policy

• Identify donor material which would be useful and draft plan for how to acquire it

• Work with senior staff and library managers on service design, staff structure and draft job descriptions

• Prepare and deliver training on internet searching skill – all Library staff and committee staff

• Prepare and deliver training on Presentation of information – all Library staff and committee staff
What had been shared and learned?

• The structure, services and work of National Assembly Library of Thailand

• The E-Library services of the National Assembly Library

• Library Resources Management Policy and Collection Development Policy of the National Assembly Library

• How we can conduct and provide more conductive and effective services for the Members and Parliament
Second activity: The study visit of a delegation of Myanmar staff to the National Assembly Library of Thailand from 6 – 10 May 2013
What had been done?

- Pay courtesy visit to Mr. Charae Panpruang, and Ms. Pannipa Sermsri, Deputy Secretary-General of the House of Representatives
What had been done? (Cont.)

- Parliament Tour and visit the Chamber
- Briefing on the House of Representatives and the Secretariat of the House of Representatives
- Briefing on the Bureau of Academic Services
What had been done? (Cont.)

- Site visit Thai Parliamentary Archives and Museum, Academic Services Division 1, 2 and 3 and Research and Development Division, Bureau of Academic Services
What had been done? (Cont.)

- Site visit Library division and Information Technology Resources Development Division, Bureau of Academic Services and observe the staff’s working on structure and management, resources management, information services and e-library.
What had been done? (Cont.)

- Visit the Senate Library
- Visit National Archives
What had been done? (Cont.)

- Visit Library and Archives of the Bank of Thailand
- Visit Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew (Temple of the Emerald Buddha)
What had been shared and learned?

- Learned how the National Assembly has organized the Library and Research services
- Opportunity to understand how the National Assembly Library collects and provides information
What had been shared and learned? (Cont.)

- Shared more knowledge about the online digital library, which is open not only to the members but also to the public
- Learned how the libraries and archives of the other organisation operate and conduct services
- Learned more about the culture of each other to make good understanding and cooperating
Suggestion

1. Setting up the work plans and policies
2. Firmly establish the goal of a long-term overall development plan
3. Reduce the gap on ICT (Digital Divide)
4. Find out the resolution on language barrier
5. Strengthen cooperation on services to support legislative work especially on resources, research and ICT
Suggestion (Cont.)

6. Take up development project to provide appropriate Library, Research and ICT training at global standard
7. Have a close cooperation with all parliamentary agencies and departments,
8. Conduct more staff exchange programs between ASEAN Community countries and other regions
Conclusion

• “Making better laws - the unique role of parliamentary library and research services”
• the close cooperation between the parliamentary library
• not only the cooperating and collaborating on collection building and resource sharing but also the cooperating for access to world-wide information and global resource sharing
More Cooperation
More Understanding
More Success

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