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1. RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT:

The National Library of Thailand is a governmental office under the Fine Arts Department, the Ministry of Culture and operates to answer government's policy to promote education provision and life-long learning. The National Library and 12 National Library branches create the project and operates under the Ministry of Culture's policy that has a master plan to promote "*Reading Culture into Part of Thai Learning Society 2017-2021*";

- 1) Promoting the behavior of love of reading of Thai people in all ages
- 2) Create the environment that support the creation of reading culture by developing learning sources to be of good quality and accessible to all
- 3) More access to convenient facilities and access to learning source, atmosphere that promotes reading
- 4) Create reading behavior, set policy and operate to support goal continuously.

The National Library had operated in accordance with the 20years national goal and strategy following the *12th National Economics and Social Development Plan (2017-2021)* and *Thailand Model 4.0* to create the atmosphere that promotes all age groups in society to have a healthy reading culture and lead to society with perpetual learning.

After the construction of the National Library Building No. 2, under the budget of 438 million baht (USD 12.5 million), the Ministry of Culture has continually reserved budget again for renovate the National Library Building No. 1 since the end of 2015 under the budget of 258 million baht (USD 7.5 million). It plan increase library collection especially the digital content materials. So it is planned to complete by 2017. The architecture of the National Library

Building No. 1 will be structured of the pre-existing one which will preserve the identity of the National Library of Thailand. However, the interior will be improved for more accommodate, modern and cozy design.

Besides, in 2017 the National Library of Thailand has received the new budget for *The National Digital Library Project* – This project receives a budget of 18 million baht (USD 500,000) for the purpose of modify the digital library of the National Library of Thailand or *D-library* to be a modern digital library such as new design of digital learning space, create more digital content, digitized rare book collection, produce E-Book and create a new access to library collection on mobile application to serve all users around the country and beyond. This project plans to service digital content for disabled person and preservation of the information resource of library; to convert more than 3,000 items of rare collection such as the old map, old pictures, video, tape sound record of meetings into digital format.

1.1 National Children’s Day– The Ministry of Culture assigns its department such as National Library and Department of Cultural Promotion to organize the event of *National Children’s Day* on the second Saturday of January 2017 at the Government House. As the government activities, the National Library of Thailand and branches conducted the same activities at each library in different local style such as the children musical fold drama show and kids puppet show where both receive a winning award from world puppet competition.

1.2 Return Happiness to People Activity – the 3 years-event, in 2017 where The National Library of Thailand and 12 National Library branches organize the *Return Happiness to People* activity for 4 times a year. The purpose of the activity is for strengthen the knowledge, stimulate, and promote Thai people to love the reading and to be able to create benefit for others that will receive knowledge and entertainment which is in accordance with the *Reading Culture into Part of Thai Learning Society 2017-2021 policy*. For example: the National Library of Thailand has joined hand with other organizations of the Fine Arts Department; 1) Office of Performing Arts, 2) Office of National Museum, 3) Office of Traditional Arts, and 4) His Majesty the King Rama IX Music Library and Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Music Library arranged that event together.

1.3 Summer Cultural Youth Camp “Fun of May” –promote the children to spend their summer time during in productive ways, using the book as medium to play, to tell, and to learn, along with promote reading as tools to pursue knowledge in future henceforth.

1.4 The 235th Anniversary of the Rattanakosin Period Exhibition - The Ministry of Culture is joining hands with various agencies in organizing a cultural festival, with a variety of activities, in commemoration of the 235th anniversary of the Rattanakosin, or Bangkok, period. The cultural festival, to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., between 1 and 30 April 2017, is meant to recall the gracious kindness of King Rama I, who established Bangkok as the capital of Thailand. It is also intended to honor all Chakri kings, as they have brought stability and prosperity to the country throughout the period. This festival will provide the people with the opportunity to learn more about the history of Rattanakosin.

2. FACTS AND FIGURES:

- Total operating budget in 2017: 198,000,000 baht (USD 5.67 million)
- Total number of staff : 161 persons
- Total volume : 4,425,000 items
- Visitor of the NLT in 2017;
 - Foreign visitors 9,480 persons
 - Local visitors 15,720 persons
 - Website visitors 136,000 persons
 - Readers 148,500 persons

3. A BRIEF GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENT:

3.1 National Bibliography

National Library of Thailand organizes the national bibliography database and maintains infrastructure of information technology and intranet system to connect the National Library and branches for resource sharing on national bibliography, library collection and more heritage of local wisdom together. In 2017, all National Libraries can implement common library automation, database system and thus become more convenient and serve faster in office operation and in information services. Users can access to national bibliography database by the website at URL: www.nlt.go.th.

3.2 Digital Collection

The program of *National Digital Library Project* which will be a modern digital library with efficiency information technology, library system and acquisition more on digital collection. Users can access to digital collection by *D-library* at <http://www.digital.nlt.go.th/> and scan QR code or access to National Library of Thailand's website at URL: www.nlt.go.th.

4. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN BUILDING AND MANAGING COLLECTIONS:

4.1 D-library collection- the National Digital Library Project, the National Library of Thailand create *D-library*: digital library to be a modern digital library with efficiency information technology, library system and acquisition more on digital collection. This project plans to serve and share the collection of the National Library of Thailand and branches for all users of the country and beyond. Describe, *D-library* is the collection includes digital collection, national bibliographic and other databases. It has online to serve for users in Thailand. It provides collection of the Fine Arts Department, the extract of the valuable photo and full-text content of Thai literature, manuscripts, Thai tradition books, newspapers, periodicals, yearbook, newsletters, rare books and handwritten by the Kings in the past or famous writers. Some of these have to digitized to digital formats.

4.2 King Bhumibol Adulyadej Rama IX Biography Exhibition – The National Library of Thailand and branches have collected books about biography of His Majesty and his works more than 1,000 books of each library. This collection aims to tribute the King Rama IV and provide various information and knowledge relevant to his reign for all users. Especially, users can learn more about His Majesty by visit the exhibition which is located of each library.

4.3 Funeral Souvenir Book Exhibition: A National Cultural Heritage –the National Library of Thailand organize events of the 45th National Book Week Event, between 30th March – 9th April 2017 at Queen Sirikit National Convention Center. in this event, the National Library and The Publisher and Bookseller Association of Thailand (PUBAT) organized exhibition in the topic of Funeral Souvenir Book while also gave out the royally commissioned book for hand out at the King’s Funeral to feature in the exhibition. The event features academic panel and discussion to promote and dissipate information in regard to the Royal Funeral Book which is considered to be a historical, literal, and writing treasure piece of information media source so that the people may know and see the importance of the Royal Funeral Book.

4.4 Bangkok Rare Books Collection in the Bangkok City Library - Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) has been designated World Book Capital 2013. The city was selected by a committee made up of representatives from the three main branches of the publishing world and UNESCO. After that Bangkok Metropolitan Administration established the Bangkok City Library in 2016 and grand opening in April 2017. In cooperation with National Library of Thailand and Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) create the special collection which is the Bangkok Rare Books Collection. Users can learn about Bangkok history and it relevant content by access to the rare item at the collection.

5. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS:

According the National Digital Library Development Project, the National Library of Thailand plan to develop the accessibility to National Library of Thailand and branches collection with the new efficiency information technology and library system to serve for all users in Thailand. The new system would be support Mobile Application, QR code , new WIFI device for better connectivity.

6. NEW DEVELOPMENT IN OTHER SERVICES:

The New e-Service (Electronic Service)website – the National Library of Thailand and branches authorized online or electronic service for national registration of International Standard Book Number (ISBN), International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) and Cataloging in Publication (CIP)at URL: <http://www.nlt.go.th/e-service>. It is national services as required by Press Act A.D. 2007 to publishers which their publishing and printing are located in Thailand. In 2017, the National Library of Thailand plan to develop the technology for the new e-Service system which will be the efficiency of e-Service library system.

7. NOTES ON YOUR COLLABORATION WITH OTHER LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS IN YOUR COUNTRY:

National Library Networking for Reading Society Program- The program creates new library networking in the different part of Thailand such as Nakhornphanom province, the Northeastern of Thailand and Chiang Mai province, the Northern of Thailand. The networking includes school library, public library, local office and community. It conducts with many activities to promote reading, develop library networking throughout the country for effective working such as heritage wisdom data collection network and donation of the book collection for their library and community. The program is continue for working together such as increasing the book donation from National Library of Thailand to that networking, participation more activities and attending to other activities of the National Library of Thailand.

8. NOTES ON INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION:

8.1 International Networking of Emerging Library Innovators Association of Southeast Asian Nations (INELI-ASEAN) - The National Library of Thailand attends the program with 2 librarians for innovator to practice online learning, leadership workshop and collaborative project in collaboration of 10 ASEAN Countries and hosted by the National Library of the Philippines since 2015 – 2017.

8.2 ASEAN Public Libraries Information Network (APLiN) - The APLiN Information Hub is the website, portal and network for ASEAN public libraries. The program will initiated and hosted by the National Library of the Philippines start from 2018 – 2020. In the part of the collaboration, the National Library of Thailand acts as one of the Executive Board for the project.
