

Remark by the President of
"The Association of Parliamentary Librarians of
Asia and the Pacific" at its 3rd Biennial Conference

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Honorable Speaker, H.E. Prof. Marut Bunnag and Secretary-General Prof. Phaisith Phipatanakul, distinguished guests, dear APLAP members, ladies and gentlemen,

With the hearty support of the honorable National Assembly of Thailand, we are honored to hold our third Biennial Conference of APLAP in this admirable and beautiful city of Bangkok.

As you all know, APLAP, the Association of Parliamentary Librarians of Asia & the Pacific founded in the year of 1990, is an international organization with more than twenty member countries. Our mutual objectives are to enhance parliamentary services in legislature and to promote understanding among peoples in Asia and the Pacific area by exchange expertise and ideas. Now APLAP has already become a society for common legislative information development that supported by a variety of legislatures of Asia and the Pacific region.

During the forthcoming four days, we will conduct seven forums on major subjects dealing with the building of collections and resources, the policy of research and services, the application of modern technology as well as the plan of staffing and training. Due to the participation of the member countries and the arrangements made by the host-country, Thailand, we will become close partners in relationship to each other for the common advanced development and will promote mutual understanding among member countries. These actions will contribute a great deal toward our goal of establishing an adaptable democratic system and a respected culture within the Asia-Pacific region.

My best wishes for the success of APLAP and the success of all participating countries. I sincerely believe that with the common efforts of all member countries, especially the Royal Thailand, we can be sure that APLAP will continue to be a success and peoples in Asia and the Pacific area will have a bright future.