THE 30TH YEAR
OF THAI PRIVATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COLLABORATION

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Sharing Issues

- Background
- Membership
- Management
- Activities
- Challenges
- Digital and technological projects
Higher education institutions in Thailand

- Approximately 70 million citizens
- Bangkok is a capital
- 140 Higher education institutions
  - 75 State/public universities
  - 65 private universities/colleges
- More than 205 academic libraries across country
Library networking and collaboration

- Library cooperation has a long collaboration since the Thai Library Association establishment 60 years ago.
- The academic library networking has been done later after that but among state/public university libraries.
- Then the private university libraries begun to cooperate with each other in 1985. Regarding to the higher education system changed and allowed the private sector to take part of graduate production.
ThaiPul-Net Background

• The library collaboration network among Thai private academic institutions has been long established since 1985.

• The “Private Higher Education Institution Library Group (PHEL)” was founded by a group of librarians from eleven private academic libraries in Thailand.
• In 1987, the PHEL group was leveraged to be one of the Sub-committees under the guidance of Association of Private Higher Education Institutions of Thailand. Accordingly, its name was changed to the Sub-Committee on Private University Library Development.

• Again renamed in 2003, the Sub-Committee on Private University Library Systems and Network Development or called PUL-Net or ThaiPUL-Net respectively.
ThaiPul-net five purposes

- Promote the cooperative activities between the private university libraries
- Enhance the collaborative library development
- Promote the library resource sharing among the private universities
- Exchange ideas for professional development
- Promote operational research (R2R) as well as academic work in library and information science
ThaiPul-Net members

65 library members across country

- 8 in Northern
- 6 in North Eastern
- 10 in Central
- 36 in Bangkok metropolitan
- 2 in Eastern
- 3 in Southern
ThaiPul-Net Administrative Structure

Chair Person

Advisory team

Acquisition working group
Cataloging working group
User service working group
Library technology working group
ThaiPUL Net Tasks

- Electronic resource purchasing consortium
- Professional development (conference, training, workshop)
- Library technological watch, application and development
- Library management practices
- Member relationship and CSR
Challenges

• 65 library members with a vast difference in the size of the libraries, geographical locations, of personnel, budget, content of information resources and management policies.
• The different level of size and budget are indicated as its weaknesses, while in turn became a crucial drive-force to cooperation.
• Other challenge is to create a sense of understanding as partnership, the ThaiPUL-Net as a creative and innovative place for knowledge and experience exchange and discussion.
• Regarding to their different locations, there are still gaps between its members. The need of alternative communication channel is identified.
Obstacle

• The budget for the operation of private libraries is very limited. The allocation is from the institutions where the revenue only comes from the student tuition fee.

• *This brings together the members as a consortium to bargain for the reasonable deal for purchasing the information resources.*

• *The exchange and share resources and interlibrary loan service are the tasks for the libraries to budget wisely.*
Celebrating the 30th year of thaipul-net
It is really an exiting year!

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<td>seats in higher education institutions increase!</td>
<td>• Mobile applications</td>
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<td>• Budget decreased, library downsizing</td>
<td>• Open source library system, few members go with open source system (koha, PMB, Senayan)</td>
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<td>• Web 2.0, responsive web development</td>
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| With new opportunities | • Library becomes a quality factor indicator in the 20th century  
|                        | • Teaching and learning style has been changed. Student-centered and self-learning approaches have been involved with information and digital literacy  
|                        | • Research support or research consulting service is a must  
| With global trends     | • Green library model is very trendy in Thailand  
|                        | • Knowledge, wisdom or institutional repository is important. The data/content management included search or access tools are major issues.  

THAIPUL-NET
DIGITAL & TECHNOLOGICAL PROJECTS

Moving forward and success together
### Q & A System

**Tool for reference librarians**

Frequent questions from users have been collected and entered in the database as well as the answers.

An indexing process will be done by heading the subject and keyword to the frequent questions and answers by the reference librarian.

There are 3 member libraries have implemented.
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<td>Thesis and research papers have been digitized and submitted to the system. This database is for public and Thai citizens.</td>
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<td>70 percent of ThaiPul-Net member submit their dissertation and research works to this collection.</td>
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Open source system and open access

Technology working team has taken responsibility on study the information about open source applications and exhibit to the members.

There are 3 libraries currently implementing open source library system and tend to be more.
According to the importance of research and innovation development, many universities established the knowledge repository. ThaiPul members are working together in order to create the model of their knowledge repository. The outside specialists are invited for consultation.
**University document and archives: digital and preservation**

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Library website development via open system

Jumla, wordpress as the tools

Responsive website, mobile device support
ThaiPUL-Net aims to build good relationship with other library networks both local, regional and international.

It will be very beneficial to learn from other good practices in order to strengthen and sustain ThaiPUL-Net in the future.
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THANK YOU
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