Provincial University Library Network
PULINET

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Provincial University Library Network
First started with 7 library members from 6 universities in 1986

Maejo University Library (MJU)

Chiang Mai University Library (CMU)

Khon Kaen University Library (KKU)

Sanamchandra Palace Library, Silpakorn University (SU)

Office of Academic Resources, Mahasarakham University (MSU)

Prince of Songkla University (PSU Library, Hat Yai and Pattani campus)

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20 Provincial University Libraries members
North
1. Chiang Mai University Library (CMU)
2. Central Library of Maejo University (MJU)
3. Library Resources and Education media Center University of Phayao (PU)
4. Library Resources and Education media Center Mae Fah Luang University (MFU)
5. Naresuan University Library (NU)

Northeast
1. Khon Kaen University Library (KKU)
2. Office of Academic Resources Mahasarakham University (MSU)
3. Office of Academic Resources Nakhon Phanom University (NPU)
4. Office of Academic Resources Ubon Ratchathani University (UBU)
5. Library Resources and Education media Center Suranaree University of Technology (SUT)

West
1. Sanamchandra Palace Library, Silpakorn University (SU)
2. University Library Kamphaeng Saen (KU Kamphaeng Saen)

South
1. Khunying Long Athakravisunthorn Learning Resources Center Prince of Songkla University (PSU, HatYai)
2. Office of Academic Resources Prince of Songkla University (PSU, Pattani)
3. Thaksin University Library (TSU)
4. Library Resources and Education media Center Walailak University (WU)
5. Princess of Naradhiwas University Library (PNU)

Central Office of Documentation and Information, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University (STOU)
1. **Management of PULINET** composes of two levels:
   - **Policy level** – Board of directors compose of directors from each libraries.
   - **Working group level** – Service group, Journal group, Local information group, and Information technology group.
   --Special interest groups (SIG) according to strategic goals were assigned for special issues such as library standards
   - Working group members come from all libraries.
   - Meetings 3 times per year for each working group.

2. **Network management is done under the charter of PULINET and its regulations**

3. Member fee is 40,000 Baht ($1,140 USD)

4. **Five-year Strategic Plan with annual action plan implementation by board of directors and working groups.**
PULINET, Board of Directors
Working Groups
1st Decade (1986-1995) Build Dream of the Library Network from the Ground up

- Union catalogue database was created at that time along with manual of reciprocal borrowing
- Successfully receiving governmental support of computer network development and budget approving by the Cabinet of Thailand in 1993. The library automation system was able to be purchased after that.
2nd Decade (1996-2006) Identify Identity

- **Interlibrary loan** was a major feature provided for the members with PULINET cards.
- **Local information** also played an important role presenting their library identity of each regional university libraries. The network also supported each libraries manage their own local identity for education, research, culture preservation purposes.
- **Library members have been developed Local Information Collection** both printed and in house databases
- **Chiang Mai University Library** has been developed Lanna information resources in both hardcopy and digital form. Currently there are 61,274 hardcopy volumes (Nov 2017) and 8 in-house database such as Lanna Food, Lanna Tradition, Lanna Lacquerware.

- Operational Standards for Academic Libraries and key performance indicators (KPIs) were implemented.
- Staff trainings had been done continuously to improve staff knowledge.
- The First PULINET Conference was held in 2010. In 2015 became the “PULINET National Conference” until present. In 2017 PULINET National Conference is the most attended conference in the country in library and information science.

• Focus on resource development and sharing
  2. In the mid of 2016, enhance consortium into four universities in central area calling PULINET+4 (Chulalongkorn University, Thammasat University, Mahidol University, and Kasetsart University) for resource sharing and push the purchase policy (e-Databases subscription) to OHEC for budget efficiency (example of ScienceDirect subscription).

- Focus on resource development and sharing
  3. Enhance consortium of subscribing/purchasing e-Books and e-Databases were significantly decreases the overall budget for the country.

• Focus on resource development and sharing

4. Resources sharing was mainly used via Discovery service platform for hardcopy and e-Resources for PULINET and extended members (PULINET+4)
   - Worldshare ILL via WorldCat among 5 Thai OCLC members (Chiang Mai U., Chulalongkorn U., Thammasat U., Mahidol U. and Kasetsart U.)
   - ILL via EDS Discovery Services among PULINET members and public university in the central of Thailand
Key Success Factors

1. Empathy of members' budget scarcity problem
2. Support each others continuously from generation to generation by boards of directors, working groups, and all libraries' members.
The Next Big Things in FY 2017-2021

1. **Continuing Professional Development** for staff to current trends in information and information technology will be hold. **Best practices** from PULINET Conference will be learned by libraries’ members.

2. **PULINET National Conference** will be push forward to become a stage for academic library research and learning.

3. **Inter Library Loan service** will be expanded into all higher education institutes via network's platform effectively and efficiently.

4. **Academic library standards** enhancement for all academic libraries to reflect the current trends in information and information technology.
The Next Big Things in FY 2017-2021

5. Continuous pushing budget Policy to Office of the Higher Education Commission (OHEC) to keep our excellent services while budget decreases.

6. Resource enhancement in subscribing/purchasing/sharing especially e-Resources from the consortium.

7. PULINET Award will be enriched for people in library and information science.
The Next Big Things in FY 2017-2021

- Professional Development
- National Conference
- ILL Enhancement
- Academic Library Standards
- Budget Policy
- Resource Enhancement
- PULINET Awards
In the year of 2017, it is the 30th years of PULINET. We continue as a strong and sustain library network keeping up with current trends in both library and information technology with supporting universities visions in mind.
Thank you

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