

Progression of Flora of Thailand Project

Flora of Thailand Volume 3 is devoted to Pteridophyta of which authors are the late **Dr. Motozi Tawaga** and **Dr. Kunio Iwatsuki**. Part 1 which contains about 205 pages is expecting to be issued by May 1979.

AIZOACEAE : Mrs. **Leena Phuphathanaphong** has completed the family for the Flora of Thailand. The manuscript is being sent to the editorial board for approval and will be published in the next issue of the Flora of Thailand.

PAPILIONACEAE : **Dr. Chawalit Niyomdham** completed the genus *Crotalaria* which being published in this current issue of the bulletin. Now he is working on the genera *Ormosia* and *Sophora*, due to be published in Thai Forest Bulletin No. 12.

BIGNONIACEAE : **Dr. Thawatchai Santisuk** spent the time from May–November 1978, as a research fellowship at Kyoto University Japan (sponsored by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science). He is working on families Bignoniaceae, Aceraceae and Sonneratiaceae for the Flora of Thailand.

Visitors of the Forest Herbarium

Prof. Paul Hiepko of Botanical Museum Berlin who takes part in Flora of Thailand visited Thailand for the second time, and also accompanied by his wife. Dr. and Mrs. Hiepko spent three weeks (January 4–24, 1978) trip to several provinces of Thailand. His aim is the final look through the members of Opiliaceae in natural habitat, and the types of the forest as well. Prof. Hiepko is going to conclude the revisional work on Opiliaceae for Flora of Thailand.

During February 28–March 17, 1978 **Dr. Gunnar Seidenfaden** visited Thailand once again. The purpose is orchidological collection trip in the Northern part of Thailand. The expedition had been done in Chiang Mai and Mae Hongson provinces. That trip cooperated by **Dr. C. Niyomdham** of the Forest Herbarium. In a remote area of Mae Hongson, a helicopter had been used for the expedition.

During April 12–15, 1978 **Dr. C.J. Marchant** of the Department of Botany, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada inbetween his trip from Canada to the Far East, had stopped over in Thailand for a few days. He spent one day at the Forest Herbarium to look through some of our fern collection. Then

proceeded to Khao Yai National Park, led by Mr. Dhane Phanichapol to study and collect some specimens (only some genera) of ferns along the streams and in the grassland as well.

On his way back from Melu Expedition in Borneo and Sarawak, Dr. **Walter Jülich** (accompanied by his wife at Bangkok) who works on higher fungi (Corticaceae) at the Rijksherbarium, Leiden took a chance to visit Thailand for two months (April 30–June 30, 1978). In Thailand Dr. Jülich and his wife made the fungus collection (preferably Aphyllophorales) from the tropical rain forest region to sub-tropical area (more or less Himalayan climate). That includes Khao Yai National Park, Chiang Mai, and Surat Thani in the peninsular region. These three trips were organised and cooperated by Mr. Dhane Phanichapol, under the guidance of Dr. Tem Smitinand.

By group tour organised by a travel agency in Holland, Dr. and Mrs. **Ding Hou** visited Thailand for a couple of days. On May 18, 1978, the couple had the opportunity to visit the Forest Herbarium, unfortunately only a short period they could stay at the herbarium.

Prof. Dr. **Tetsuo Koyama**, Senior Curator of New York Botanical Garden visited Bangkok during March 28–31, 1978. At the Forest Herbarium, Royal Forest Department, he made a discussion with Dr. T. Smitinand about the Project "Study on edible plants of Thailand".

Dr. **Michio Tamura** of Osaka City University who works on Ranunculaceae made a trip to Thailand for about one and a half months (June 19–July 29, 1978). The botanical team of the Forest Herbarium, led by Mr. C. Phengklai, made the trip to Chiang Mai, and botanised along the mountainous area viz, Doi Inthanon, Doi Suthep, Mae Sanam, Chiang Dao and Fang. The party also made some collection in Kanchanaburi (Nong Hoi area) for one week.
