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In an age in which standards are dictated by Research and Technology, the need for sustained efforts to alleviate human suffering and malady can hardly be over emphasized. This is particularly true in the case of the developing world, where medical research is both a challenge and a mission of mercy.

SEATO has fortunately always identified its role in medical and clinical research by continuing interest in the health and well-being of people in the Treaty Area. The SEATO Medical Research Laboratory and the Clinical Research Centre in Bangkok are the symbols of our progress and accomplishment in Medical Research.

It is my hope that these institutions will continue to play their commendable part in enhancing and diffusing medical knowledge for the well-being of mankind in South-East Asia. Nothing is more challenging than to ceaselessly toil and innovate in order to alleviate human suffering in a region, where, unfortunately, disease still continues to take a heavy toll.

The report reflects in general the state of progress in Medical Research In South-East Asia. I take this opportunity to commend it. The spirit of co-operation of Member Governments, and specifically the Thai and United States elements, continues to be a source of inspiration for a hopeful and bright future of Medical Research in this region.



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This year sees no less efforts made by the members of the staff of the SEATO Medical Research Laboratory in the field of medical investigation and studies to gain further useful information. This, no doubt, in the end contributes to the promotion of health, economic progress and social well being. The SEATO Medical Research Laboratory thus serves its useful purpose with respect to the South-East Asia Collective Defense Treaty and the Pacific Charter.

It is hoped that the contents of this report will be of no less interest to those concerned with the medical problems of South-East Asia than those of the previous ones.

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The sixth year of SEATO Clinical Research Center has passed. Besides the continuing research in Hemorrhagic Fever, Cholera and Bladder Stone, we have expanded our studies more toward nutrition and other metabolic diseases. Other problems familiar to this region such as nephrotic syndrome and some neuropsychiatric conditions also have been studied.

We will continue our effort to the betterment of South-East Asia.

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