

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Since the inauguration of the SEATO Medical Research Laboratory in 1961 following the termination of the Cholera Research Study on the 23rd of December 1960, medical research projects in both clinical and experimental aspects of tropical infectious diseases have been accomplished as published in the previous issues of the Annual Progress Reports.

It is hereby announced that despite the SEATO phase-out there has been a continuation of the laboratory by negotiation of a new bilateral agreement between the Royal Thai Government and the United States Government through an exchange of notes signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the United States Ambassador. The newly approved name "ARMED FORCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES," will replace the "SEATO Medical Research Laboratory" effective 1 July 1977.

The statements in the 1975-1976 Annual Progress Report represent the results of research studies concerning the etiologic and epidemiologic factors involved in several groups of infectious diseases. The research particulars are presented along with substantial evidence for the various research programs described in this volume.



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