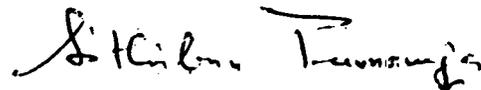


INTRODUCTION

The SEATO Medical Research Laboratory, established in 1961, has been phased out since 30 June 1977 after many years of dedication to research studies and investigations and other medical activities. Many diseases which take their toll of human lives and cause so much suffering in this part of the world provide a continuing challenge for research scientists. Promoting the health and well-being of peoples in the region can only be accomplished through unceasing efforts to increase the sum of medical knowledge.

Any regional study and scientific investigation of diseases involves professional dedication, time, money and also the cooperation of different nationalities. This present report is a product of such efforts and describes the work done by the Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences.

I take a great pleasure in commencing it, presenting as it does another Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences contribution towards improving the health of the peoples in this area.

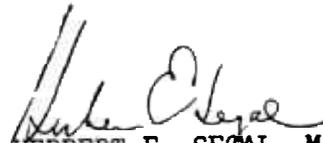


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The Bilateral agreement between the Royal Thai Government and The United States Government establishing the Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences has been implemented. With that agreement has come a reaffirmation of our desire to be responsive to infectious disease problems of Thai military and civilian populations. This is evidenced by our research plan focused on prevalent diseases of interest and by the research efforts reported here.

Resources with which to conduct tropical infectious disease research have become extremely scarce. Successful competition for these resources ordinarily requires a most careful reexamination and restatement of program, budget, and personnel policies. This Annual Report is attribute to our Laboratory staff, who continue to produce work of the highest quality through this period of reexamination.



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