

Personnel Exchange Programme Held

SPAFA worked out two programmes for Personnel Exchanges in the areas of Fine Arts and Archaeology for F.Y. 1984/1985. A meeting of experts in the Fine Arts from the SPAFA Member Countries including the Directors of the SPAFA Sub-Centres for the Fine Arts in the Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand, was convened in Jogjakarta, Indonesia, from April 21 to 27, 1985. The main purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the concluded activities and prepare for the few that were still to be conducted before the end of the current Development Plan (1981-1986). Logistics problems were among the important items taken up in the agenda.

Also, in preparation for the implementation of activities in fine arts in the 2nd 5-Year Development Plan (1986-1991), the activities were prioritized in their order of importance in compliance with Council's directive for only 10% increase in the budget per year. Among those present at the meeting were: Mr F.X. Sutopo, Director of the Directorate of Arts and concurrently Director of the SPAFA Sub-Centre for the Performing Arts in Indonesia; Dr I. Made Bandem of the Indonesian Dance Academy (ASTI) in Bali; Professor Virginia F. Agbayani, Director of the National Arts Center and Concurrently Director of the SPAFA Sub-Centre for Fine Arts in the Philippines, and Mr Taveesak Senanarong, Director-General of the Fine Arts Department and concurrently Director of the SPAFA Thai Sub-Centre in Thailand. The informal meeting was chaired by Miss Suchitra Vuthisathira, Co-ordinator of the SPAFA Co-ordinating Unit in Bangkok.

A survey of prehistoric cave paintings both in Indonesia and Thailand will be the main focus of the exchange programme in archaeology. Archaeologists from the Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand will be undertaking cultural visits to archaeological sites on the island of Sulawesi in Indonesia and in Thailand. The Personnel Exchange Programme in archaeology is scheduled for implementation in late June and early July 1985.

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Scheduled SPAFA Programmes and Activities Until June 1986

SPAFA's Current Development Plan, 1981-1986, would be ending in June 1986. Fiscal Year 1985/1986, therefore, would be witnessing the implementation of the remaining activities scheduled at the various Sub-Centres.

Indonesia

A Consultative Workshop on Archaeological and Environmental Studies on Srivijaya will be convened in Sumatra with the cooperation of the SPAFA Sub-Centre for Archaeological Research. This would be the culminating activity on the SPAFA Programme on Research on Srivijaya which was started in 1979. The Workshop would run for two weeks in selected sites in northern Sumatra at Padang, Prapat and Medan from 15 to 29 September 1985. At the same time the SPAFA Sub-Centre for the Performing Arts will be starting its programme of research and documentation of ethnic music in south Sulawesi which is a counterpart to an activity already conducted in northeast Thailand in late 1983 and early 1984. The Indonesian Field Research on Ethnic Music is expected to commence sometime in September lasting until October 1985.

The Philippines

The Philippine Sub-Centre for Fine Arts would be holding the last activity of a package of 4 programmes on research and documentation of ethnic music namely, the Consultative Workshop on Researches and Documentation of Ethnic Music in early 1986. The first of these activities constituted the Training Course in Field Music Research that was implemented under the supervision of Dr. Jose Maceda of the College of Music, U.P., Diliman Quezon City among the Sadanga in the Mountain Province in 1983. The next activity was actual documentation work among the Phu Thai in northeast Thailand by the Thai trainees under the continuing supervision of Dr. Jose Maceda. The third activity is the projected ethnic music research in Sulawesi, Indonesia (mentioned above), by the Indonesian trainees as well as other experts in the region. Dr. Maceda would continue to serve as primary consultant to the music research and documentation project in Indonesia. Full reports on the three activities enumerated are expected to be distributed and serve as bases for discussions at the Consultative Workshop scheduled in early 1986 in the Philippines.

Thailand

The SPAFA Thai Sub-Centre is preparing for the following scheduled activities: Training Programme on Ceramics of East and Southeast Asia from October to December 1985, Technical Workshop on Ceramics in December 1985 which is expected to cover also previous SPAFA activities on indigenous pottery and trade ceramics since 1981; and a last Training Course in Underwater Archaeology for the current Development Plan, scheduled for January to March 1986.