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The present issue of Silpakorn University International Journal (SUIJ) presents works from the university own contributors and from other institutes.

In the Arts Column, Sanam Chandra Palace, the eclectically styled country residence of King Rama VI in Nakhon Pathom, where the second campus of the university is situated, is thoroughly studied. It is followed by the report on the changes of the indigenous shophouses and markets in four provinces of the Western Region of Thailand

Three articles appear in the Humanities and Social Sciences category. The first traces the influences of the Buddhist centers in India on Dvaravati, a Buddhist Kingdom in Central Thailand between the 7th to the 11th century A.D., while the second is the investigation into the relationship between EFL listening strategies with the comprehension improvement from English spoken on TV by native speakers. The column draws to a close by the introduction of three important Malay writings reflecting local perspectives of the Malay states during the 15th to the 17th century.

The Science category consists of four articles. The first is on the isolation, purification and structure determination of “Ya-yang”, a well known weed in Thailand. It is followed by a research report showing how micromechanical finite element analysis predicts the properties of aluminium alloys. The third describes the development of a sizing machine for guava which will help agricultural workers set different prices for different sizes of guava. The last article explains the use of statistical models for the analysis of clinical experiment with two opposite outcomes.

The editorial board hopes that the present issue of SUIJ containing varied themes will be of great interest to all members of our readership. Contributions in all related fields as well as comments are welcome. With a thorough peer review, it may take some time for the production of each SUIJ issue, but isn't that an enticement?

We much appreciate all contributions to this issue, and all the people who have assisted in the production of the volume. Thanks to them all

