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The PASAA Journal is the oldest professional ELT journal in Thailand. Two issues are published annually. The journal aims to present information and ideas in the following areas:

- Issues in language teaching and learning (theoretical and practical aspects)
- * Curriculum design and development (methods, materials and techniques)
- * Testing and evaluation
- ★ Teacher training
- ★ Brief reports and summaries

Original submissions which are directly related to English teaching in Thailand are preferred. We also welcome manuscripts which contribute to the improvement of English language teaching in general.

No payment will be made for any contribution but authors will receive two copies of the journal in which their article appears.

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Editor's Notes

November 7, 2007 marks a new chapter for Chulalongkorn University Language Institute, or CULI. We look with pride at what we have achieved as we celebrate our 30th anniversary. An organization which started off without even a building of its own, CULI has come a long way, and there are many things that we are proud of. PASAA, the oldest professional journal of language teaching and learning in Thailand, is one of our sources of pride.

Just like CULI, PASAA has undergone changes and grown over the years. This very issue definitely has a different look from its first issue of November 1970, with the late, highly-respected Ajarn Mayuri Sukwiwat as the journal's first editor. The journal, generously supported by the Ford Foundation, was at the time known as the Bulletin of English Language Center, or the Bulletin for short. It was earlier intended to present notes and news about English language teaching in Thailand, covering all aspects of language teaching: professional articles on language teaching, reports on current programs, ideas for new teaching material, articles of general interest on matter of policy and administration, reviews of important new publications, questions and answers on language problems encountered by readers as well as news items on persons and personnel in the English language circle in Thailand.

In 1974, the name of the journal was changed to ภาษาสังสรรค์ (*pasaa sang san*), which means 'language forum' in English. Later on, the journal was widely known as PASAA, which means 'language' in Thai.

Certain changes are inevitable, but we all strive to preserve the values we cherish.

Ajarn Mayuri Sukwiwat concluded in the journal's first issue remarking "We hope that the Bulletin will fill a professional need and be of

use to teachers of English in Thailand." As English is now an international language, the most common language of the world, we, therefore, hope to "fill a professional need and be of use to teachers of English," not only in Thailand but also in the global community, which is a CULI's mission to "maintain our tradition of academic excellence and meet new challenges in the rapidly changing scenario of technological modernity and pedagogical innovation."

Thank you, Ajarn Mayuri, for your wisdom. Thank you, CULI, for your firm support.

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