Summary
A Pilot Project on Quality Improvement of Thai Journal Titles for Indexing in Scopus: Phase 1

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Aims & Scope and Funding

Aims:
2. To explore ways to reduce turnaround time for Scopus title evaluation process, from submission to final decision.
3. To proactively suggest 40 journal titles from Thailand to be indexed in Scopus database during 2017-2020 (3 years).

Scope of work:
1. To build-up high potential editors and Scopus local boards of Thailand through a series of trainings and workshops.
2. To develop mentoring processes between Thai local boards and Editors towards title submission to Scopus database.
3. To proactively improve quality and visibility of journals published by publishers in Thailand for suggesting them for review in Scopus.

Funding: The Thailand Research Fund / a support from Scopus
Project Period: (Starting 28th Apr 2017-27th Apr 2020)
Thai titles accepted in Scopus

1) Thailand Statistician (72 days)
Owner: Thai Statistical Association
Editor-in-Chief: Montip Tiensuwan
Subject Chair: Ashok Raina
Suggested: 5 May 2017, Accepted: 15 July 2017

2) Tropical Natural History (43 days)
Owner: Chulalongkorn University (Chulalongkorn University Museum of Natural History, Faculty of Science)
Editor-in-Chief: Somsak Panha
Subject Chair: Chris van Kessel
Suggested: 3 August 2017, Accepted: 14 September 2017

3) Environment and Natural Resources Journal (13 days)
Owner: Mahidol University (Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies)
Editor-in-Chief: Benjaphorn Prapagdee
Subject Chair: Peter Brimblecombe
Suggested: 6 September 2017, Accepted: 18 September 2017

4) Journal of Metals, Materials and Minerals (11 days)
Owner: Chulalongkorn University (Metallurgy and Materials Science Research Institute)
Editor-in-Chief: Yuttanant Boonyongmaneerat
Subject Chair: Evan Bieske
Suggested: 2 October 2017, Accepted: 13 October 2017

5) GMSARN International Journal (35 days)
Owner: Asian Institute of Technology (GREATER MEKONG SUBREGION ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH NETWORK)
Editor-in-Chief: Weerakorn Ongsakul
Subject Chair: Peter Brimblecombe
Suggested: 2 October 2017, Accepted: 5 November 2017

6) Journal of Population and Social Studies (3 days)
Owner: Mahidol University (Institute for Population and Social Research)
Editor-in-Chief: Churnnurtai kanchanachitra
Subject Chair: Richard Whatmore
Suggested: 23 November 2017, Accepted: 26 November 2017
Thai titles accepted in Scopus

7) Pharmaceutical Sciences Asia (32 days)
Owner: Mahidol University (Faculty of Pharmacy)
Editor-in-Chief: Mullika T. Chomnawang
Subject Chair: Peter Stambrook
Suggested: 22 December 2017, Accepted: 23 January 2018

8) Engineering and Applied Science Research (8 days)
Owner: Khon Kaen University (Faculty of Engineering)
Editor: Somchai Chuan-Udom
Subject Chair: Manolis Papadrakakis
Suggested: 8 January 2018, Accepted: 16 January 2018

9) Suranaree Journal of Science and Technology (8 days)
Owner: Suranaree University of Technology (Institute of Research and Development)
Editor-in-Chief: Rattikorn Yimnirun
Subject Chair: Manolis Papadrakakis
Suggested: 30 January 2018, Accepted: 6 February 2018

Thai titles accepted in Scopus

10) ABAC Journal (22 days)
Owner: Assumption University
Editor-in-Chief: Absorn Meesing
Subject Chair: Julie J. Li
Suggested: 30 January 2018, Accepted: 20 February 2018

11) The Journal of Behavioral Science (25 days)
Owner: Srinakharinwirot University (The Behavioral Science Research Institute)
Editors: Dusadee Yolao, Kanu Priya Mohan
Subject Chair: Richard Whatmore
Suggested: 26 March 2018, Accepted: 21 April 2018

12) Siriraj Medical Journal (57 days)
Owner: Mahidol University (Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital)
Editor-in-Chief: Thawatchai Akaraviputh
Subject Chair: Karen Holland
Suggested: 28 March 2018, Accepted: 23 May 2018
Thai titles accepted in Scopus

13) Asia-Pacific Journal of Science and Technology (13 days)  
Owner: Khon Kaen University (Research and Technology Transfer Affairs Division)  
Editor-in-Chief: Sujin Bureerat  
Subject Chair: Manolis Papadrakakis  
Suggested: 30 April 2018, Accepted: 13 May 2018

14) International Journal of Agricultural Technology (9 days)  
Owner: Association of Agricultural Technology in Southeast Asia (AATSEA)  
Editor-in-Chief: Kasem Soytong  
Subject Chair: Chris van Kessel  
Suggested: 15 June 2018, Accepted: 24 June 2018

15) ECTI Transactions on Computer and Information Technology (56 days)  
Owner: ECTI Association  
Editor-in-Chief: Prabhas Chongstitvatana  
Subject Chair: Jörg-Rüdiger Sack  
Suggested: 12 July 2018, Accepted: 5 Sep 2018

Thai titles accepted in Scopus

16) Pacific Rim International Journal of Nursing Research (11 days)  
Owner: Thailand Nursing and Midwifery Council  
Editor-in-Chief: Somchit Hanucharurnkul  
Subject Chair: Karen Holland  
Suggested: 7 Sep 2018, Accepted: 17 Sep 2018

17) Science & Technology Asia (19 days)  
Owner: Thammasat University (Research Administration Division, Office of the Rector Building)  
Editor: Wutiphol Sintunavarat  
Subject Chair: Jaya Raju  
Suggested: 25 Sep 2018, Accepted: 14 Oct 2018

18) PASAA (20 days)  
Owner: Chulalongkorn University Language Institute  
Editor-in-Chief: Kandaporn Jaroenkitboworn  
Subject Chair: Richard Whatmore  
Suggested: 3 December 2018, Accepted: 23 December 2018
Thai titles accepted in Scopus

19) Journal of the Siam Society (19 days)
Owner: The Siam Society under Royal Patronage
Editor-in-Chief: Chris Baker
Subject Chair: Richard Whatmore
Suggested: 4 December 2018, Accepted: 23 December 2018

20) Current Applied Science and Technology Journal (41 days)
Owner: King Mongkut’s Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (Division of Academic and Research Administration)
Editor-in-Chief: Dusanee Thanaboripat
Subject Chair: Jaya Raju
Suggested: 3 Dec 2018, Accepted: 14 Jan 2019

21) Journal of Health Research (69 days)
Owner: College of Public Health Sciences, Chulalongkorn University
Editor-in-Chief: Alessio Panza
Subject Chair: Karen Holland
Suggested: 21 December 2018, Accepted: 27 February 2019

Thai titles accepted in Scopus

22) Journal of Fisheries and Environment (3 days)
Owner: Faculty of Fisheries, Kasetsart University
Editor-in-Chief: Uthairat Na-Nakorn
Subject Chair: Chris van Kessel
Suggested: 5 Mar 2019, Accepted: 7 Mar 2019

23) MANUSYA (18 days)
Owner: Chulalongkorn University
Editor-in-Chief: Amara Prasithrathsint
Subject Chair: Richard Whatmore
Suggested: 25 February 2019, Accepted: 15 Mar 2019

24) Applied Environmental Research (60 days)
Owner: Environmental Research Institute, Chulalongkorn University
Editor-in-Chief: Chantra Tongcumpou
Subject Chair: Peter Brimblecombe
Suggested: 4 Mar 2019, Accepted: 2 May 2019
Thai titles accepted in Scopus

25) Southeast Asian Journal of Economics (10 days)
Owner: Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University
Editor-in-Chief: Tanapon Potipiti
Subject Chair: Julie J. Li
Suggested: 30 Apr 2019, Accepted: 9 May 2019

26) LEARN Journal : Language Education and Acquisition Research Network (70 days)
Owner: Language Institute, Thammasat University
Editor-in-Chief: Supakorn Phoocharoensil
Subject Chair: Karin Wahl-Jorgensen
Suggested: 11 Mar 2019, Accepted: 20 May 2019

27) ASEAN Engineering Journal (13 days)
Owner: ASEAN University Network
Managing Editor: Hideki Shimazu
Subject Chair: Manolis Papadrakakis
Suggested: 5 June 2019, Accepted: 18 June 2019

28) Journal of Urban Culture Research (8 days)
Owner: Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts, Chulalongkorn University
Editor: Bussakorn Binson
Subject Chair: Richard Whatmore
Suggested: 19 June 2019, Accepted: 27 June 2019

29) Thai Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (25 days)
Owner: The Royal Thai College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
Editor-in-Chief: Vorapong Phupong
Subject Chair: Karen Holland
Suggested: 10 June 2019, Accepted: 4 July 2019

30) Science, Engineering and Health Studies (12 days)
Owner: Silpakorn University
Editor-in-Chief: Pornsak Srimornsak
Subject Chair: Jaya Raju
Suggested: 15 July 2019, Accepted: 27 July 2019
Thai titles accepted in Scopus

31) Applied Science and Engineering Progress (18 days)
Owner: King Mongkut’s University of Technology North Bangkok
Editor: Suchart Siengchin
Subject Chair: Manolis Papadrakakis
Suggested: 19 July 2019, Accepted: 6 August 2019

32) Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Studies (5 days)
Owner: Silpakorn University
Editor-in-Chief: Korakoch Attaviriyanupap
Subject Chair: Richard Whatmore
Suggested: 6 August 2019, Accepted: 11 August 2019

33) Nakhara: Journal of Environmental Design and Planning (13 days)
Owner: Chulalongkorn University
Editor-in-Chief: Apiwat Ratanawaraha
Subject Chair: Richard Whatmore
Suggested: 22 October 2019, Accepted: 4 November 2019

34) Thailand and The World Economy (26 days)
Owner: Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University
Editor: Juthathip Jongwanich
Subject Chair: Julie J. Li
Suggested: 22 October 2019, Accepted: 17 November 2019

35) Journal of Health Science and Medical Research (13 days)
Owner: Prince of Songkla University
Editor-in-Chief: Jitti Hanprasertpong
Subject Chair: Karen Holland
Suggested: 21 January 2020, Accepted: 3 February 2020

36) Veterinary Integrative Sciences (7 days)
Owner: Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Chiang Mai University
Editor-in-Chief: Korakot Nganvongpanit
Subject Chair: Chris van Kessel
Suggested: 26 February 2020, Accepted: 4 March 2020
Thai titles accepted in Scopus

37) Journal of Public Health and Development (10 days)
Owner: Mahidol University
Editor-in-Chief: Cheerawit Rattanapan
Subject Chair: Karen Holland
Suggested: 23 April 2020, Accepted: 3 May 2020

38) Journal of Current Science and Technology (27 days)
Owner: Rangsit University
Editor-in-Chief: Chatchai Trakulrunsi
Subject Chair: Jaya Raju
Suggested: 8 April 2020, Accepted: 5 May 2020

39) Journal of Mekong Societies (43 days)
Owner: Khon Kaen University
Editor: Maniemai Thongyou
Subject Chair: Richard Whatmore
Suggested: 22 March 2020, Accepted: 6 May 2020

40) rEFLections (9 days)
Owner: King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
Editor: Sonthida Keyuravong
Subject Chair: Richard Whatmore
Suggested: 27 April 2020, Accepted: 6 May 2020
Conclusions

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**Project Period:** (Starting 28th Apr 2017-27th Apr 2020)

**Aims:**

1. To develop and establish professional editors as career choice. (Editors’ Certificate Program, ECP) in Thailand.

2. To explore ways to reduce turnaround time for Scopus title evaluation process, from submission to final decision.

3. To proactively suggest 40 journal titles from Thailand to be indexed in Scopus database during 2017-2020 (3 years).

**Results:**

- 40 High potential editors and their team (from 23 institutions) and 31 well-trained and experienced local boards (from 13 institutions)

- Reduce turnaround time from 16 months to 24 days (by average)

- 40 Journals have been indexed in Scopus (acceptance rate 100%)

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Thai titles accepted in Scopus (by owner)

**Chulalongkorn University**
1) Journal of Health Research  
2) Journal of Metals, Materials and Minerals  
3) PASAA  
4) Tropical Natural History  
5) MANUSYA  
6)Applied Environmental Research  
7) Southeast Asian Journal of Economics  
8) Journal of Urban Culture Research  
9) Nakhara: Journal of Environmental Design and Planning

**Mahidol University**
1) Environment and Natural Resources Journal  
2) Journal of Population and Social Studies  
3) Pharmaceutical Sciences Asia  
4) Siriraj Medical Journal  
5) Journal of Public Health and Development

**Srinakharinwirot University**
1) The Journal of Behavioral Science

**Suranaree University**
1) Suranaree Journal of Science and Technology

**Silpakorn University**
1) Science, Engineering and Health Studies  
2) Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Studies

**Asian Institute of Technology**
1) GMSARN International Journal

**Rangsit University**
1) Journal of Current Science and Technology

**Prince of Songkla University**
1) Journal of Health Science and Medical Research

**King Mongkut’s University of Technology Thonburi**
1) rEFLections

**King Mongkut’s University of Technology North Bangkok**
1) Applied Science and Engineering Progress

**King Mongkut’s Institute of Technology Ladkrabang**
1) Current Applied Science and Technology

**KasetSart University**
1) Journal of Fisheries and Environment

**Assumption University**
1) ABAC Journal

**Chiang Mai University**
1) Veterinary Integrative Sciences

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### Thai titles accepted in Scopus (by owner) cont.

**Association of Agricultural Technology in Southeast Asia (AATSEA)**  
1) International Journal of Agricultural Technology

**ECTI Association**  
1) ECTI Transactions on Computer and Information Technology

**Thailand Nursing and Midwifery Council**  
1) Pacific Rim International Journal of Nursing Research

**Thai Statistical Association**  
1) Thailand Statistician

**The Siam Society**  
1) Journal of the Siam Society

**ASEAN University Network**  
1) ASEAN Engineering Journal

**The Royal Thai College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists**  
1) Thai Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

### Thai titles accepted in Scopus (by subject)

#### Agriculture and Biological Sciences
1) Tropical Natural History  
2) International Journal of Agricultural Technology  
3) Journal of Fisheries and Environment  
4) Veterinary Integrative Sciences

#### Environmental Science
1) Environment and Natural Resources Journal  
2) GMSARN International Journal  
3) Applied Environmental Research

#### Medicine
1) Siriraj Medical Journal  
2) Thai Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

#### Nursing
1) Pacific Rim International Journal of Nursing Research

#### Health Professions
1) Journal of Health Research  
2) Journal of Health Science and Medical Research  
3) Journal of Public Health and Development

#### Pharmacology, Toxicology and Pharmaceutics
1) Pharmaceutical Sciences Asia

#### Engineering
1) Engineering and Applied Science Research  
2) Suranaree Journal of Science and Technology  
3) Asia-Pacific Journal of Science and Technology  
4) ASEAN Engineering Journal  
5) Applied Science and Engineering Progress

#### Materials Science
1) Journal of Metals, Materials and Minerals

#### Computer Science
1) ECTI Transactions on Computer and Information Technology
Thai titles accepted in Scopus (by subject) cont.

Mathematics
1) Thailand Statistician

Multidisciplinary
1) Science & Technology Asia
2) Current Applied Science and Technology
3) Science, Engineering and Health Studies
4) Journal of Current Science and Technology

Social Sciences
1) Journal of Population and Social Studies
2) The Journal of Behavioral Science

Arts & Humanities
1) Journal of the Siam Society
2) MANUSYA
3) Journal of Urban Culture Research
4) Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Studies
5) Nakhara: Journal of Environmental Design and Planning
6) Journal of Mekong Societies

Business, Management & Accounting
1) ABAC Journal

Economics, Econometrics & Finance
1) Southeast Asian Journal of Economics
2) Thailand and The World Economy

Language, Linguistics
1) PASAA
2) LEARN Journal : Language Education and Acquisition Research Network
3) rEFLections

Performance evaluation by TCI
Performance evaluation website (1)

Performance evaluation website (2)
Performance evaluation website (3)

Part 1. Journal policy:
1. The journal should provide a separate section for publication fee policy.
2. The journal should provide a separate page for publication ethics.
3. The details of peer review process should be explained in a separate page, giving details how manuscripts are handled with approximate time period (turnaround time).

Part 2. Quality of content:
All articles look really good and international. The formats are very consistent. However, some improvements can be considered as follows:
1. The editor may consider reducing the font size of the authors' names.
2. The length of the abstracts varies and the journal may consider recommending the number of words for the abstract when submission to the journal.
3. Better care is needed in the editing part because many articles are inconsistent in format, especially at the cited reference section.
4. The page setting is not neat, leaving some space in some pages, and the format of cited references varies from one article to another.
5. The format and appearance of the articles published in the journal look a bit plain and the editorial team should consider making some improvements on this.
6. The journal should provide the dates of “received, revised and accepted” at the front page of all articles.

Performance evaluation by TCI (1)
Performance evaluation by TCI (2)

Part 3. Journal standing:
1. Percentile of <25 is found to be very low and categorized in Q4.
2. The next aim is to be classified in Q3.
3. Percentile of >25 is found to be good and categorized in Q3.
4. The next aim is to be classified in Q2.
5. There are many articles in the OnlineFirst (OF) section which indicates good future of the journal, leading to lots of citations and recognition.

Part 4. Regularity:
1. 1 Issue delayed, more than 2 issues delayed. This will alert the re-evaluation from Scopus if noted.
2. DOI should have been given to the OF articles for immediate citations.

Performance evaluation by TCI (3)

Part 5. Online availability:
1. The author names and affiliations are poorly shown on the websites. That is, they are not consistent in formats. The editor and the team had been trained during the journal submission to Scopus that these are very important for accurate indexing. The authors' affiliations in the abstract page on the website are NOT complete and do not look very good at all.
2. The format and appearance of the articles published in the journal look a bit plain and the editorial team should consider making some improvements on this.
3. The turnaround time varies and some articles were taken so long (more than 4 months) whereas the turnaround time in some articles was too short (less than 1 month). Please be careful of this.
4. The journal should consider providing the abstract page on the website for readers prior to PDF viewing.
Performance evaluation results of 40 journals

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Min : 1.28     Avg : 1.89     Max : 2.70

Thank you for your kind attention

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