

FOREWORD

By the President of the Society

In April 1967, at the conclusion of the first Southeast Asian Conference on Soil Engineering held in Bangkok, it was unanimously agreed by the delegates that there was a need for a regional organization to promote the cooperation of engineers and scientists in Southeast Asia who were interested in the field of soil engineering. To-day, the Southeast Asian Society of Soil Engineering has a total membership of 263 from 17 countries and has been officially accepted as a member of the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering. One of the primary objectives of the Society is to disseminate information. In addition to the regular conferences, which provide opportunities for engineers and others in the profession to exchange ideas and experiences, the Society has decided to publish a journal which will provide another avenue for information exchange.

There are already a number of reputable journals on soil engineering but most of them are published in developed countries and many of the papers deal with classical theories, conventional methods and well documented case histories of problems of concern in those regions only. There are many local problems of great importance which could not be satisfactorily analyzed or solved without consideration of their peculiarities, and countries in the Southeast Asian region have many common problems which are quite different from those found in most of the developed countries. Engineers and scientists in this region have done much to solve the problems which exist in the field of soil engineering but, hitherto, no medium of publication has been available from which the region's engineers did not feel too remote. By publishing this journal, we hope that it will provide the missing link between the theory and practice of soil engineering in Southeast Asia, and that it will promote the development of this part of the world.

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