

## **H. J. LAM, 25 YEARS DIRECTOR OF THE RIJKSHERBARIUM**

For twenty five years the tie between the two sister-institutions, the Herbaria at Bogor and at Leyden, has been growing stronger. Great distance, financial trouble and political upheaval have not been able to prevent the continuous development of the spirit of co-operation towards a common ideal: The advancement of botanical science.

In no small measure this is the merit of the Director of the Rijksherbarium, Professor Dr H. J. Lam, who has always been the rock against which the waves of difficulty broke.

Personally I have had only little contact with my colleague Lam, but it is a testimony to his leadership that my admiration has grown nevertheless.

Without the hospitality that Lam has afforded to the staff members of the Flora Malesiana and especially without the stimulus given by him, which causes pupils to gather around him and to place their energy at the service of taxonomic botany, more particularly the taxonomy of the Malaysian flora, the progress of this monumental undertaking, the Flora Malesiana, would not have assumed the proportions it has.

On the day when Lam officially celebrates his silver jubilee as Director of the Rijksherbarium we here will forgather at Bogor, and our thoughts will go out to him, wishing him every success in the continuation of his work.

On behalf of the Staff of the Herbarium Bogoriense,  
Anwari DILMY,  
Director.