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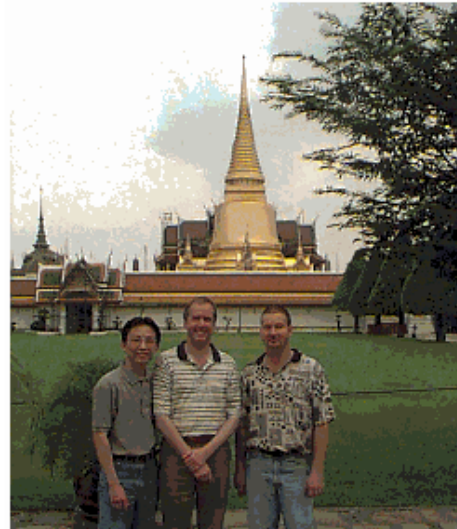


## Thai Pilot Codification Project

The cooperative development of a Thai codification and cataloguing capability is a Joint Australia Thailand Materiel and Logistics Cooperation Working Group (JATMLCWG) initiative with assistance being provided under the auspices of PACS.

As featured in an earlier newsletter, the PACS Forum Chairman and Mr Tony Rumball travelled to Thailand to provide presentations on the NCS to a RTArF Seminar on Codification. At the end of the Seminar all three Thai Services agreed in principle to adopt the NCS. Australia indicated that PACS-related assistance including the setting up of a low-cost pilot project would be considered.

At the fourth meeting of the JATMLCWG held in Canberra on 17 June 1998, it was agreed that Australia would assist Thailand by offering a new codification tool which is being developed, called Codification Explorer, as the basis for the pilot project. The JATMLCWG proposed



The Site Survey team: L to R, Steven Foo, Paul Kenworthy and Rodd Lavell. Behind the golden spire is the roof of the Temple of the Emerald Buddha in the grounds of the Grand Palace.

that a technical team visit Thailand to conduct a "site survey". The team was comprised of the PACS Forum Chairman, Mr Paul Kenworthy from Joint Logistics Systems Agency, Support Command Australia, and two IT experts, Mr Rodd Lavell and Mr Steven Foo from Defence Information Services Group, Canberra.

Since Codification Explorer has not been fully developed to handle NATO data exchange (NADEX) at this time, the scope of the pilot project will be limited to local codification of Thai manufactured items and the data capture of existing United States data used by the RTArF.

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The Chairman with CAPT Pavana Jentanomma, LT Wichuda Kietchareon and CAPT Thanaporn Chaiyaporn.