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SRIRACHA COMPANY LTD.

RESUMES OWN TOWING SERVICE.

Directors, shareholders, and friends of the Sriracha Co., Ltd., were present yesterday at the anointing of the reconditioned tug-boat *Mackintosh* now known as the *Koh Loy*. The boat was lying off Phya Mahai Savarya's home on the west bank, and Khunying Mahai assisted her husband in receiving the guests who included Phya Prajib Paripal, the Chairman of the Board of Directors; Phya Bananuchorn, Chief Conservator of Forests; Phya Bhakdi Norasresth, Commdr. Phra Bicharn Kolachakr, Phra Damnu Nidhiphol, Luang Parirakh Prajakorn, Nai Hia Kwang Eam, Nai Dong-law Bunyanit, Mr. and Mrs. E. Eisenhofer, Mr. R. Götte, Mr. A. Jensen, etc.

A chapter of five priests from Wat Anong performed a religious service on the bridge of the vessel, after which Nai Fak Kichakarn, Forest Manager of the Company, made a brief speech. He recalled that the *Mackintosh* capsized in a big storm off Sriracha in 1935. Since then the Company had been without its own towing service and had to charter boats for this purpose—a costly business. The *Mackintosh* was built by Messrs. W.S. Bailey of Hongkong, at a cost about Tes. 100,000. It was considered worth salvaging her. This was done at a cost of about Tes. 7848, and reconditioning cost 24,000 totals. Altogether nearly Tes. 32,000 had been spent on the tug-boat. Her tendency to top-heaviness had been lessened by the doing away with cabin accommodation for passengers, and the vessel to-day was like a new ship.

The directors in renaming the ship after the small island situated off the pier head at Sriracha—*Koh Loy*—hoped it would be a good omen to both the vessel and its owners.

Phya Prajibin reply said the reconditioning of the *Koh Loy* showed the Company were determined to recover lost ground by doing their utmost to revive the activities of a concern, the only Siamese enterprise acknowledged to be trading on the same level as other foreign firms. Moreover their labour was Siamese as a whole, and some seven or eight hundred Siamese were being employed in the business. He asked for the co-operation of all to make a success of what was a big organization, and to see that no misunderstandings grew up among the staff, but that they all worked for the good of the Company and each other.

Thereafter the Chairman anointed the boat, which made a brave show as fully "dressed" she took her guests for a run down river as far as Jong Nonsi before turning round.

Some of the guests later remained to a Chinese dinner held at Phya Mahai's residence. Phya Bananuchorn toasted the future prosperity of the Sriracha Company, and after dinner the guests were entertained by a *lakon*.

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