

# FOREWORD

Since the year of 2000, cancer has been the first leading cause of death in Thailand. The effective strategies to prevent and control cancer in urgently needed.

The monograph “Cancer in Thailand Vol. III”, containing data on incidence and distribution of different cancers is essential for running the National Cancer Control programme in Thailand and predicting benefits to the people of the kingdom of Thailand.

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The cancer picture for Thailand, here presented as Cancer in Thailand 1995-2000 volume III, is published later than desired and planned. The cancer registry of the National Cancer Institute has some difficulties of registration due to insufficient resources and late reporting from the cancer centers and hospitals. The cancer registry has received electronic files from all cancer centers in Thailand. Although these files contain some errors, they have provided sources of data resulting in identification of a considerable number of previously unknown cancer cases from the preceding years. The cancer statistics have thus been corrected. The corrected numbers from 1995 to 2000 are now reliable.

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I hope the data in this volume will be useful for those interested in cancer and cancer research as well for those who are involved in the planning policies for combatting cancer in Thailand.



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