

McGILL UNIVERSITY

Office of the Principal
and Vice Chancellor.

August 5, 1931.

His Serene Highness
Prince Amoradat Kridakara,
Laurentide Inn,
Val David, P. Q.

Your Excellency,

Their Imperial Majesties the King and Queen of Siam are coming to Montreal on Friday, I understand, to witness a Lacrosse Match to be played at the McGill Stadium at four o'clock. I have the honour to suggest that on their way to the Stadium they should pay a brief (unofficial) call at the Gest Chinese Research Library.

This collection is housed in the McGill Library and contains 109,000 volumes, said to excel in quality any other Chinese Library outside China. My reason for making the suggestion is that we have set up at McGill University a Department of Oriental Studies, presided over at present by Dr. Kiang Kang-hu, an eminent Chinese scholar. Besides giving instruction in the Chinese language, philosophy, history, and literature, he lectures in a general way on all Far Eastern affairs. We have established this Department because of our conviction that it is wise for us to know something of the civilizations of the Far East, their history and development. I venture to think Their Imperial Majesties would be interested in seeing the Library, and we would regard it as a great honour to McGill.

Their visit need not occupy more than fifteen minutes, and could be very easily carried out on their way to the Stadium.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.