WBU'S RECTOR REPORT



REPORT FROM THE RECTOR



Fra Anil Sakya, WBU Rector

⁴ this is my first appearance as Rector at the WFB General Conference 2016, Prof. Noranit Setabutr, Chairman of the World Buddhist University Council who was also chairing as Acting Rector of World Buddhist University (WBU) resigned and the post, Acting Rector, was left vacant.

It was on March 2017, Mr. Phan Wannamedhi, President of the World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB) invited me to get full involvement with the organization by functioning as Acting Rector of the World Buddhist University which is a sub-organization under the WFB. Then in September 2017, I was given a full authority as Rector of WBU by the President of the WFB.

I have now completed two year as Acting Rector and Rector of the WBU. However, this is my first appearance as Rector at the WFB General Conference. I have to confess that I have been not able to dedicate my fulltime for the WBU as I wanted to because I am a senior lecturer in Mahamakut Buddhist University and Assistant Abbot of Wat Bovoranives Royal Monastery of Thailand. However, throughout two years of the cycle of WBU life many outstanding programmes and projects have accomplished both in national and international levels.

norder to facilitate the work of the WBU, on January 19, 2018, I have appointed three personnel for WBU administration team. Mr. Phallop Thaiaree as Deputy Rector for Administration Affairs, Mrs Kanchana Sunsawad as Assistant Rector for Administration Affairs and Ms Phensri Ruangpen as Assistant Rector for Accountant and Finance.

There have been many highlights of two years so it is quite hard to pick just a few to report to the Council.

The United Nations

The UN announced 20th March of every year as the International Day of Happiness. On 20 March 2017, at the ECOSOC Chamber of UN headquarters in New York organized a celebration of the International Day of Happiness. The celebration was chaired by the Madam Minister of Happiness under the government of United Arab Emirate. I represented the Royal Thai Government to deliver the keynote speech on **'Public Policy of Happiness'** at the ECOSOC Chamber for all diplomats who are stationing at the UN headquarters. My speech left an impressive impact at the UN as it was attested by a comment by Australian Ambassador at UN who spoke that 'we should have Buddhist monk with us often. This is the first happiest meeting I could recall since my term here in the UN!'

The Ministry of Interior

Department of Local Administration, the Ministry of Interior of Royal Thai Government is responsible for supporting, facilitating, and strengthening the works of local administrative organizations in providing public services. The department operates several courses for local administrators to develop their skills and services to public. In 2017, the department newly designed a training course called **'Thailand 4.0'** to train local administrators from all over the country. On 2 May 2017, As the WBU Acting Rector, I was invited to be the one of the lecturers of the course on **'Dhamma for Administrators: Creating Equilibrium on Every Dimension.'** This is an opportunity to train top civil servants who are serving throughout the country and let them have a right understanding of Buddhism so that they can apply Buddhist teachings into their working life.

Queen Mother of Bhutan

On behalf of WBU, I was greatly honoured to be invited by Her Majesty Sangey Choden, Queen Mother of Bhutan for her Birthday celebration in Bhutan on 10 May 2017. Her Majesty showed her deep understanding of Buddhism and discussed for long hours about Buddhist teachings and its application in human life and society. Bhutan shows great interest in modern Buddhist education which the WBU can be a great assistant.

The XVI Session of the Secretariat of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions at Kazakhstan

As the Acting Rector of WBU, I represented the WFB at the XVI Session of the Secretariat of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions at Astana, Kazakhstan on 18 May 2017. The Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions is a unique interfaith forum, convened every three years in Astana at the initiative of President Nursultan Nazarbayev. For 15 years, this forum has played an important role in the rapprochement of cultures and civilisations, in searching for answers to the key challenges of our time. The government of Kazakhstan have been inviting WFB for many previous congress meetings. This is a unique platform where secular and religious leaders work together in harmony for peace and mutual interfaith understanding. It is significant for the WFB to be a part of this global interfaith platform under the government of Kazakhstan.

The Royal Thai Government

On 23 May 2017, I was appointed by the Cabinet of the Royal Thai Government to be a **Board** of **Directors of the National Board of Ethics**. This is another significant role the WBU is working for making a national policy on Ethics of Thailand.

Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University

On 24 May 2017, at the 8th International Buddhist Research Seminar of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University and the 2nd International Conference on Buddhadasa Studies, Suratthani Rajabhat University I was as the WBU Acting Rector, delivered a provocative keynote speech on **'Will Sustainable Development Really Sustain?'** The speech was not only question on the global issue of sustainable development but I gave an alternative perspective on sustainability based on Buddhism.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs

As the WBU Rector, I was greatly honoured by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the Royal Thai Government for organizing a special lecture to educate Thai diplomats prior to taking post abroad and ministerial staff on 'Buddhism, Sufficiency Economy Philosophy and Sustainable Development Goals.' On 25 May 2017, the lecture was specially organized for me at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to give them a clear working definition and explanations of those national and international issues and policies. Also on 21 August 2017, I was invited to give a special lecture on 'Virtues and Ethics for Administrators' for diplomats who are going to post as Thai ambassadors abroad. I am happy that the ministry finds my views on those issues are easily understandable and easy to transform into action.

Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha

Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha of Thailand initiated Kamlangjai (Inspire) project for inmates and underprivileged. She is concerned about the increasing numbers of prisoners in Thailand as currently Thai prisons are overcrowded. Through her Kamlangjai project she contacted the WBU requesting a help in decreasing numbers of inmates from Thai prisons. After a long discussion and study, I accepted to help HRH Princess' project. To get desirable result, I designed a new intensive therapy session for inmates which I called **'Cognitive Transformation Therapy.'** It is one day per week based on group counselling therapy. The therapy session began in July 2017 and ended in March 2018. The outcome was so remarkable that inmates who passed through the therapy later became trainers themselves to other over 2,000 inmates in the prison. The transformation was attested by prison wardens, judges and the inmates themselves. This should lead to develop a Buddhist counselling course by WBU for public uses in near future.

King Prajadhipok's Institute

King Prajadhipok's Institute (KPI) is an independent, academic, public organization under the supervision of Thailand's National Assembly. The Institute undertakes academic work including research, training, and seminars. It disseminates information on the development of democracy and governance and provides consultation on effective governance at the local and national level. KPI coordinates and cooperates with local, foreign, and international agencies with the common goal of creating sustainable democracy. The WBU has become one of the source pools for the KPI. As the WBU Rector, I have been teaching in many training courses at KPI which are designed for the top administrators of Thailand both from government and private sides. This is one of the remarkable contributions the WBU has been playing on training Thai government leaders from every sector as well as leaders of private entrepreneurs.

The Thai Military

Also with the Thai military, WBU got chance to contribute in teaching arm-force of Thailand at the Royal Thai Armed Forces Headquarters on August 3, 2017.

Mahamakut Buddhist University Isan Campus

In the field of the development of regional Buddhism, WBU have been trusted to guide as a keynote speaker in annual conference of the Development of Buddhist Missionaries in Mekong Region Project since its inception 6 years ago at Mahamakut Buddhist University Isan Campus in Khon Kaen Province of Northeast Thailand. On 9 August 2017, I presented a keynote speech on **'Buddhism and Changes in ASEAN'** at the 5th Development of Buddhist Delegates for Propagation in Mekong Region Project at Mahamakut Buddhist University Isan Campus.

UNESCO, PARIS

One of the proud contributions of WBU was organizing international conference on 'Creating a Sustainable Society of Peace: A Legacy of King Bhumibol Adulyadej.' The conference was jointly organized by Permanent Delegation of Thailand to UNESCO, Pure Land Learning College Association Inc. (PLLC), WBU, and University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD) at UNESCO headquarters in Paris during 26-28 September 2017. At the conference, I delivered a keynote on 'Dhammarja: King of Sustainability.' This is one of WBU contributions to the world as the WFB has been linked with UNESCO for a long time.

A Unforgettable TV Interview

One of the unforgettable contribution as the WBU Rector was a unique TV interview on the Late King Bhumibol of Thailand. It was on air on 13 October 2017 which was the date the late King ascended to heaven. The interview was widely broadcast on special TV programs and repeated numerously. The interview created a great impression on the contributions of the late King nationwide.

UNESCAP, Thailand

Also on 13 October 2017, an anniversary of the death of the late King Bhumibol of Thailand. UNESCAP in Bangkok organized a special memorial talk for ESCAP staff. As the WBU Rector, I was specially invited to be the chief guest and deliver a talk on **'King of Sustainability.'** The talk left great impression among the ESCAP audiences.

The 5th Asia-Pacific Roundtable Meeting: Holistic education

Holistic education is another significant field of Buddhist education. Accordingly, on 23 November 2017, at the 5th Asia-Pacific Roundtable Meeting: International Conference for Holistic Education which was held at Chulalongkorn University, as the WBU Rector, I was requested to deliver the keynote speech for the international conference. Under the topic of **'Education for Life,'** I have shown in my speech that a true holistic education is no other than the Buddhist education. This is another field of WBU which need to be contemplated on the policy about development of Buddhist education around the world.

Myanmar

On a process of development of Buddhist education in Myanmar, as the WBU Rector, I was requested to share 'Some Experiences in Teaching Buddhism in American Universities' at an International Conference on 'Tipitka Studies: Traditional and Contemporary' in Naypyidaw, Myanmar on 30 November 2017. The event was organized for lecturers and administrators of all Buddhist universities and colleges of Myanmar. This is to guide those universities and colleges on providing quality Buddhist higher education in Myanmar.

Court of Justice of Thailand

The role of the WBU is not limited in educational fields alone. On 6 December 2017, I was invited by Court of Justice of Thailand to train their staff numbering over 300 people to develop their work performance in line of justice entitled **'Happiness can be seen at our Hearts.'**

The Buddhist Union of Singapore

Another task of WBU is to contribute the mother organization, the WFB, in all capacity. On 14 December 2017, the Buddhist Union of Singapore and WFB Dhammaduta Standing Committee organized the WFB International Forum on Buddhism in the New Millennium at Mandarin Orchard Singapore. As the WBU Rector, I was requested to deliver a keynote speech on the **'Buddhism in the New Millennium'** at the forum. The conference is to develop awareness of Buddhism in modern society among WFB members and Singaporean Buddhists.

These are only some of highlights what the WBU has played the role in the field of education and propagation of Buddhism both in the national and international level in the 2017.

noughout 2018, the tasks of WBU has no less than the previous year. However, here are some important highlights:

Young Men Buddhist Association of Thailand

YMBA of Thailand is a member of the WFB headquarters invited me as the WBU rector to give a Dhamma sermon to their members at their headquarters on 14 January 2018.

King Prajadhipok's Institute (KPI)

King Prajadhipok's Institute (KPI) is an independent, academic, public organization under the supervision of Thailand's National Assembly. The institute invited me as the WFB Rector to give a lecture on **'Ethics for Leadership'** under the Institute's course on 'Politics in Democratic System for Top Administrators' of the Royal Thai Government on 24 January 2018.

The WFB headquarters

On 27 January 2018, the WFB headquarters held a New Year Celebration in conjunction with the Birthday anniversary of the President of the WFB at its headquarters. As the WBU rector, I was requested to deliver a lecture on the special occasion. This is a type of task the WBU has been serving the mother organization in academic field of the WFB when it is requested.

The Roong Aroon School

Despite the WBU's involvement with higher education, the WBU also cares about teaching Buddhism to children. On 30 January 2018, the WBU Rector was invited by the Roong Aroon School which is a legal entity school of Thailand that operates kindergarten, primary and secondary school in a holistic learning process. I taugth the whole children of the school on 'Mind-City: the Capital of the World.'

Khon Kaen University

Another rare and important role as the WBU rector was lecturing on Philosophy of Law to over 600 law students of Khon Kaen University in North-eastern Thailand. All 2nd year law students of the university have to pass through 18 hours of lecture of mine on Philosophy of Law. The course attempts to teach law students to place humanity before laws. Not using laws without conscience.

The Office of the National Anti-Corruption Commission

The WBU as a source of coaching on Buddhism, on 12 February 2018, the WBU Rector was invited by the Office of the National Anti-Corruption Commission to train their senior staff and staff from other government departments who work on the same line of anti-corruption to be a lecturer under their training course on 'Anti-corruption and Sufficiency Economy Philosophy.' My given task was to coach senior government staff on **'King's Science: Sufficiency Economy.'**

The PTT Exploration and Production Public Company Limited

As a WBU's service to public, on 22 February 2018, I accepted to teach Buddhism on **'Right Understanding'** to the staff of the PTT Exploration and Production Public Company Limited. PTTEP is a national petroleum exploration and production company of Thailand.

The Thai Sangha

As a WBU's service to the Thai Sangha, on 24 February 2018, I trained Thai monks who were trained to be Dhammadutas on **'Strategies of Spreading Buddhism.'** The training course is operated by the Training Institute for Dhammaduta Bhikkhus Going Abroad under the Supreme Sangha Council of Thailand.

The Crown Property Bureau

As a WBU's contribution to the academic field, on 25 February 2018, I was invited by the Crown Property Bureau to give a lecture on **'Buddhism and Sustainable Development'** to the Crown Property Bureau's visiting students from McEwan University of Canada.

The Young President Organization Next Generation

Similarly, on 16 March 2018, I was invited by the Young President Organization Next Generation, which is an organization of the World Business leaders of young generation to train those business leaders from all over the world on **'How to Operate a Sustainable Business.'**

Office of the Narcotics Control Board

On 24 March 2018, Office of the Narcotics Control Board (ONCB) of Thailand invited the WBU rector to lecture on 'Buddhist Principles, Administration and Self-Development' to senior administrators of every Royal Thai Government sector who are responsible with the working on the narcotics control of the country. The lecture was a part of the course operated by the ONCB on Policy Administrators on Prevention and Control Narcotics.

The WFB's 91st EXCO Meeting

On 27 March 2018, a part of the WBU task is to actively participate and give progress report at the WFB's 91st EXCO Meeting at the WFB headquarters in Bangkok.

Mahidol University

On 1 June 2018, the WBU Rector was invited to give a keynote speech on 'Religion and Promotion of Justice on Well-being.' The conference was organized by Mahidol University.

Ministry of Commerce of Thailand

The WBU Rector was invited by the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand to lecture on 'Increasing Life Power with Positive Thinking' as their special lecture aiming for their staff in building capacity of working on 15 June 2018.

Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University

Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University of India invited the WBU Rector to be the Chief Guest of the 'International Conference on Buddhism in Contemporary Times: Relevance for Peace, Non-Violence and Social Harmony.' I delivered an inaugural speech under the topic of **'Buddhist Movement in the East Asia'** and advised Indian Buddhist studies on how to develop quality Buddhist courses in Indian universities in the two days international conference which was held during 21-22 June 2018.

Sripatum University of Thailand

Sripatum University of Thailand is one of the oldest private universities in Bangkok, Thailand. In order to give their law students a very different views on studying laws, the Faculty of Laws of Sripatum University organized a special lecture for the WBU rector to deliver a lecture on **'Learning and Teaching Laws in the 21st Century: A Learning exchange Program'** on 25 June 2018.

Central Plaza Chaengwattana

WBU's dedication on serving general public, the WBU Rector gave a dhamma-talk to 2,500 people at Central Plaza Chaengwattana on 'Auspicious Dhamma, Auspicious Life' on 1 July 2018.

The National Legislature

On 17 July 2018, the WBU was invited to give a suggestion to sub-committee of the National Legislature on announcing **'World Meditation Day.'**

Nepal

In July, one important new WBU project was to play the role of mediator between Nepal and Thailand in handing over Buddha statues which were cast by Thai death-row prisoners in Central Bangkwang Prison, the WBU Rector's inmate-students to Nepalese prisons and Buddhist organizations in Nepal. The handing over ceremony in Nepal was presided over by the former Prime Minister of Nepal on 21 July 2018.

BBC

The WBU's roles as a source on Buddhist information, the WBU Rector was interviewed by BBC for their special documentary on the issue of the world famous cave rescuing incident in Thailand on 24 July 2018.

King Prajadhipok's Institute

King Prajadhipok's Institute (KPI) is an independent, academic, public organization under the supervision of Thailand's National Assembly invited to give a lecture on **'Asian Development Management Style'** under the Institute's higher certificate course on 'Sustainable Local Administration' of Thai Royal Government on 4 August 2018.

The Siam Cement Group Public Company Limited

The Siam Cement Group Public Company Limited (SCG) is the largest and oldest cement and building material company in Thailand and Southeast Asia. In 2016, SCG was also ranked as the second largest company in Thailand and the 604th largest public company in the world by Forbes. To boost morale among the company's senior CEOs the WBU Rector was invited to give a special lecture on **'Why are Westerners Attracted to Buddhism'** on 7 August 2018.

Ministry of Justice

On 10 August 2018, Ministry of Justice organized an international conference on **'Back to the Future of Addiction: Problems and Solutions'** for civil servants from various ministries who are responsible for drug addiction related problems in Thailand. The WBU Rector was invited to be a panelist on a dialogue on **'Sustainable Solutions for Addiction.'** In the panel, the rector not only discussed about the problems of addiction but also showed a true case study on how it can be solved. The rector's presentation was widely appreciated by the audience.

The Eli Lilly and Company

On 21 August 2018, a group of staff from the Eli Lilly and Company which is a global pharmaceutical company headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA came to learn about Buddhism and Thai culture from me as a part of their study trip to Thailand from the WBU Rector. It has been developed as a company's culture to send their emplyees to the WBU Rector in Thailand for their capacity building program every year.

Chulalongkorn University

On the occasion of the 101 year anniversary of Chulalongkorn University of Thailand, the university organized a special lecture as a part of the anniversary. The WBU Rector was invited to deliver the special lecture for university professors and staff on the topic, **'From Buddhist Education to Higher Education'** on 27 August 2018.

Mahamakut Buddhist University Isan Campus

On 28 August 2018, as a keynote speaker, the WBU Rector delivered a provocative theory of propagation Buddhism on **'Cognitive Transformation Therapy: A Theory of Spreading Buddhism'** at the international conference on the '6th Project Seminar of Buddhist Delegates for the Development and Propagation of Buddhism in the Mekong Region' at Mahamakut Buddhist University Isan Campus in Khon Kaen Province of North-eastern Thailand. This is an annual regional conference of Mekong delta countries which the WBU Rector has been main inspiration in every year's ASEAN regional conference.

Preah Sihanoukraja Buddhist University of Cambodia

Preah Sihanoukraja Buddhist University of Cambodia in conjunction with Embassy of India in Cambodia and Indian Council for Cultural Relations in Cambodia organized an international conference on 'Buddhism in Southeast Asia.' On 9 September 2018, the WBU Rector was invited to present a paper on **'Rethinking of Buddhism in Southeast Asia.'** In the paper I have presented my newest theory of 'cotton road' to explain the firm establishment of Buddhism in the region of Southeast Asia.

The Central Correctional Women Institute

From September 2018, the WBU has initiated very new therapy program for foreign womeninmates who are incarcerated in the Central Correctional Women Institute or Central Women Prison of Thailand. The program is entitled 'Mind Management.' Currently, there are 100 foreign women inmates from 30 different countries who voluntarily applied to be a part of the transformation therapeutic program operated by the WBU Rector. Most inmates are Christians and Muslims based on their religious affiliations. This program will run on weekly basis for six months every Friday.

Khon Kaen University

Also on September 2018, for three consecutive weeks, as a visiting professor of Khon Kaen University the WBU Rector taught over 500 law students for 18 hours on Philosophy of Law. An annual visiting professorship at Khon Kaen University. This course is an example of how Buddhism and laws are interrelated. This is the first of its kind of curriculum in Thailand to teach to law students.

The WFB EXCO meeting

A regular task for WBU was to take active participation with the WFB EXCO meeting which was held on 20 September 2018.

Sustainable Brands Madrid 2018

The WBU Rector was invited by Quiero, the organizer of the Sustainable Brands Madrid 2018 in Spain to give a keynote presentation together with the Europe Office Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) at the international business conference in Madrid, Spain. At the opening, I was asked to present on **'What Capitalism can Learn from Buddhism...'** and at the closing I was asked to join a dialogue session on **'People Serving Humanity: What Does it Mean to Be Human?'** The two day international business conference participated by CEOs of world class brands was a unique crowd where they invited WBU, the only faith organization to the conference to inspire them with Buddhist teachings. The conference was held in Madrid, Spain on 8-9 October 2018. Brands now began to express that **'Business needs Buddhism to balance their brands!'**

The Central Correctional Hospital of Thailand

Throughout year 2018, the WBU Rector have run a monthly Buddhist counselling program for 500 sick inmates in the Central Correctional Hospital of Thailand. The program initiated in January 2018 and will end in December 2018. This programme operates once a month where I visit and give counselling to 500 inmates who are incarcerated in the Central Correctional Hospital of Thailand.

These are some of the work WBU has been performing throughout the year 2018. Of course, these are the tasks which have a wider impact on society both in the national and international level.

Finally, on behalf of the WBU, I felt blessed to be able to share my compassion and wisdom throughout two years of my rectorship for benefit and welfare of many both to governmental and public level as well as national and international level. The spirit of serving of WBU is truly alive and well.



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The World Fellowship of Buddhists

Order NO. 3/2560

Subject: Appointment of the Rector of the World Buddhist University

Accordance to the World Fellowship of Buddhists Order No. 1/2560 on appointing Venerable Phra Shakyavongsvisuddhi (Venerable Anil Man Sakya Dr.), council of World Buddhist University as the Acting Rector of the World Buddhist University (WBU) to continue the work of the WBU until the WBU can find suitable person to be the Rector of the World Buddhist University.

Wherefore, the process of searching for suitable Rector of the WBU recruitment had been concluded by the WBU's Council and the Council had agreed upon the result and to follow procedure for the Rector Appointment according to the WBU Charters. Henceforth, the WFB appoints Venerable Phra Shakyavongsvisuddhi (Venerable Anil Man Sakya Dr.), council member of the WBU as the Rector of the World Buddhist University.

This is validated from 18 September B.E. 2560 onwards.

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(Mr. Phan Wannamethee) President, the World Fellowship of Buddhists

WORLD BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY IN 2017 - 2018

On 23 February 2017, the WFB had requested Ven. Fra Anil Sakya to be the Acting Rector (Honorary) of the WBU affecting the responsibility from 1 December 2016. Later on 18 September 2017, he was fully appointed as the Rector (Honorary) of the WBU by the President of the WFB.

1. Towards institutional development of the WBU

a. The Rector proposed that WBU serves as a think tank of the WFB, the mother organization.

b. Reforming the WBU policies on collaborative research, education, and academic work.

c. Pursuing with the WBU new policies, 4 projects have been initiated within the budget year 2018.

i. Reform new emblem of the WBU to make it more goal specific oriented for council members to consider and approve.

ii. Reform new WBU charter to meet the modern changes and structure of the institution.

iii. Redesign new web-portal named the Buddha-portals: www.wbu.world to the source page for global Buddhist study platform (Buddhist education big data bank).

iv. Regulate a WBU international conference on 'the Buddhist Path to Sustainable Development Goals'.

2. Activities based Projects YEAR 2017

a. In 2017 as the Acting Rector of the WBU operated 2 main projects:

i. The WBU organized a historical "International Peace Conference on Creating Sustainable Society of Peace : A Legacy of King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand" at UNESCO, Paris. The conference was a mutual collaboration with the Pure Land Learning College Association Inc.

ii. The WBU initiated a transformational program for inmates in prison. The program is entitled: **'Cognitive Transformation Therapy.'** This is a brand new Buddhist theory to transform minds of inmates in Thai prisons. The program continued till 2018.

Throughout his tenure as the Acting Rector and Rector of the WBU, Ven. Fra Anil Sakya has fulfilled many tasks and projects conducive to the WFB and World Buddhism in general. The services can be categorized under 3 main sectors.

2. Activity based Projects YEAR 2018

b. In 2018, the WBU Rector's few contributions are as follows:

i. The Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University of India invited Ven. Rector as the chief guest and keynote speaker at the International Conference on 'Buddhism in Contemporary Times: Relevance for Peace, Non-Violence and Social Harmony' during 21-22 June 2018. Ven. Rector's advice on development of Buddhist studies in Indian universities were welcomed and left impact with Indian Buddhist scholars. Ven. Rector's speeches and interviews were widely covered by local media both television and printed media.

ii. The WBU initiated a project of handing over Buddha statues from Thai prison to Nepal. 42 Buddha statues cast by death-row inmates of the Central Bangkwang Prison of Thailand were taken to Nepal and distributed to different Buddhist organizations and Nepalese prisons. The handing over ceremony was presided over by former Prime Minister of Nepal and many Nepalese Senators.

iii. The WBU initiated a new therapeutic program entitled 'Mind Management' for 100 foreign women inmates incarcerated in the Central Women Correctional Institute or more popularly known as 'Central Women Prison'. This trial program began in September 2018 and will continue on weekly basis for six months. Majority of inmates who applied for this program are Christians and Muslims.

3. Ven. Rector's contribution to Buddhist World **2016**

a. In 2016 there was one main project: On 2 December 2016, Ven. Rector organized and delivered a Buddhist sermon at the Buddhist Chanting Memorial Service for the late His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulvadej sponsored by the Honorable Glyn T. Davies, US Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand and US embassy staff at the Royal Tamnak Phetch Hall of Wat **Bovoranives** Royal Monastery, Bangkok.

3. Ven. Rector's contribution to **Buddhist world 2017**

b. In 2017, there are 17 main projects where Ven. Rector delivered keynote speeches and speeches on international level (in English):

i. Keynote speech at International Conference on Religion and Culture of Peace at Mahamakut Buddhist University. (9 February 2017)

ii. Keynote speech on Tranquility at the International Conference of Rotary International District 3292 Nepal-Bhutan at Crowne Plaza Hotel Kathmadu-Soaltee, Kathmandu, Nepal. (17 February 2017)

iii. Keynote speech on International Day of Happiness at ECOSOC Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA. (20 March 2017)

iv. Participated at the conference on the Role of Religious Leaders and Actors in Sustaining Peace organized by the UN at Quaker House, New York, USA. (20 March 2017)

v. Presented a paper on Buddhist Economy and Culture Tourism at the International Conference on International Day of Vesak Day, Colombo, Sri Lanka. (13 May 2017)

3. Ven. Rector's contribution to Buddhist world 2017

vi. Representing the WFB at the XVI Session of the Secretariat of the Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions at Palace of Peace and Reconciliation, Astana, Kazakhstan. (18 May 2017)

vii. Keynote speech on 'Will Sustainable Development Really Sustain?' at the 2nd International Conference on Buddhadasa Studies at the Buddhadasa Indapanno Archives, Bangkok. (24 May 2017)

viii. Respondent to the presentation on 'Crisis of Global Modernity and the Rise of Asia' organized by Center for Peace and Conflict Studies of Chulalongkorn University at Saranitet Conference Room, Bangkok. (24 July 2017)

ix. Special lecture for 11 Cross Cultural Solutions from USA, at Wat Bovoranives Vihara, Bangkok. (20 September 2017)

x. Special lecture for honoring the late King Bhumibol of Thailand on **'King of Sustainability'** at UNESCAP in Bangkok. (13 October 2017)

3. Ven. Rector's contribution to **Buddhist world 2017**

xi. Research paper presentation on **'Present Nepalese Diaspora in Bangkok'** at the 1st Asian Consortium for South Asia Diaspora and Poplar Culture in Asia jointly organized by Chulalongkorn University, Hankuk University of Korea, National University of Singapore and Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, Chulalongkorn University at Mahachulalongkorn conference room, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. (4 November 2017)

xii. Keynote speech on **'Dhammaraja : King** of Sustainability' at the 1st International Symposium on "King Bhumibol's Science : Critical Implications for Global Sustainability Movement" jointly organized by the College of Social Innovation of Rangsit University and other 9 institutions at Bangsaen Heritage Hotel, Chonburi. (10 November 2017)

xiii. Keynote speech on **'Education for Life'** at the 5th Asia-Pacific Roundtable Meeting: International Conference for Holistic Education (APNHE 2017) at the Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. (23 November 2017)

xiv. Special lecture on 'Some Experiences in Teaching Buddhism in American Universities' at the International Conference in Tipitaka Studies : Traditional and Contemporary organized by Shan State Buddhist University, Myanmar at Max Hotel, Naypyidaw, Myanmar. (25 November 2017)

Ven. Rector's contribution to Buddhist world 2018

C. In 2018 (up to October), there are 10 main projects where Ven. Rector delivered keynote speeches and speeches on international level (in English):

i. Special Lecture on New Year Celebration and Birthday Celebration of the President of the WFB at the WFB headquarters, Bangkok. (27 January 2018)

ii. Special Lecture on 'Sustainable Business Management' for Young CEO from all over the world organized by the Young President Organization Next Generation (YNG) at Compass Skyview Hotel, Bangkok. (16 March 2018)

iii. Special Lecture (in Thai) on **'Buddhism, Management and Self-Development'** to Senior Civil Servants responsible for national narcotics control policies organized by the Office of the Narcotics Control Board at the Office of the Narcotics Control Board, Bangkok. (24 March 2018)

iv. Organized and escorted a religious visit to Japan for His Serene Somdet Phra Wanarat, Acting Patriarch of the Dhammayut Lineage of Thailand, Council member of the Supreme Sangha Council and Abbot of Wat Bovoranives Vihara according to the invitation of the Japan Buddhist Federation, Japan. (4-9 <u>April 2018</u>)

v. Special Lecture on **'Increasing Life Power with Positive Thinking'** to the civil servants of the Ministry of Commerce at the Prince Chandaburi Narunath Institute of the Ministry of Commerce, Bangkok. (15 June 2018)

3. Ven. Rector's contribution to Buddhist world 2018

vi. Special Lecture (in Thai) on **'Asian Management Style'** to the top executives from local administration across Thailand organized by King Prajadhipok's Institute, Bangkok. (4 August 2018)

vii. Special Lecture (in Thai) on **'Why Buddhism is attractive to Westerners?'** to 200 retired senior administrative of Siam Cement Group (SCG) at the SCG, Bangkok. (7 August 2018)

viii. Special Panelist (in Thai) on **'Sustainable Solutions to Addiction'** on the international conference on 'Back to the Future of Addiction: Problems and Solutions' organized by Ministry of Justice at Centara Grand Hotel, Bangkok. (10 August 2018)

ix. Present an academic paper on **'Rethinking of Buddhism in South East Asia'** at the International Conference on 'Buddhism in South East Asia' jointly organized by Preah Sihanoukraja Buddhist University, Indian Council for Cultural Relations and Embassy of India in Cambodia at Phnom Penh Hotel, Phnom Penh City, Cambodia. (3-8 September 2018)

x. Special Lecture on 'What Capitalism can learn from Buddhism...?' and panelist on 'People Serving Humanity: What does it mean to be human?' at the Sustainable Brands Madrid at CentroCentro, Madrid, Spain. (8-9 October 2018)

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4. Ven. Rector's routine task with the WBU

a. Welcoming the WFB Exco at Wat Bovoranives Vihara on the occasion of merit making ceremony dedicating to the Late His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, Bangkok. (21 September 2017)

b. Participating at the royal merit making ceremony dedicating to the Late His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej at the Royal Grand Palace, Bangkok. (21 September 2017)

c. Keynote speech on 'Buddhism in the New Millennium' at the International Forum on Buddhism in the New Millennium organized by the Buddhist Union of Singapore and the WFB Dhammaduta Standing Committee at Mandarin Orchard Hotel, Singapore. (14-15 December 2017)

d. Attending the WFB 91st Exco Meeting at the WFB headquarters, Bangkok. (27 March 2018)

e. Monthly base teaching Buddhism to western volunteers who visit Thailand under the Cross Cultural Solution organization.





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The emblem of the World Buddhist University consists of the triratna symbol inside the shield decorated with the ribbon imprinted with 'The World Buddhist University.'

The description of the emblem is as follows:



The Triratna¹ (Pali: tiratna)

It is a Buddhist symbol thought to visually represent the Three Jewels of Buddhism (the Buddha, the Dharma, the Sangha). It is sometimes also known as *Nandiyavatta* which means turning the wheel of dharma clockwise symbolising the deliverance of the first sermon of the Buddha. The Triratna symbol is composed of dhammacakra within a circle, a diamond rod or Vajra, and a trident with three branches, representing the threefold jewels of Buddhism: the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha.



The trident jewels

represents three virtues of the Buddha which accordingly developed to be the current main lineages of Buddhism. Each lineage of Buddhism emphasises on different Buddha's virtues: Vajrayana (emphasis on wisdom virtue-Buddha), Theravada (emphasis on purity virtue-dharma) and Mahayana (emphasis on compassion-sangha).

Dhammacakka

meaning the wheel of Dhamma, refers to the First Sermon which is called "Dhammacakkappavattanasutta" that the Buddha gave to the first five disciples by which the wheel of Dhamma began revolving to reveal the truth of life. The Blessed One pointed out the true condition of life in the Four Noble Truths and the middle way of practice of "Majjhima Patipada" that leads to extinction of suffering according to the Eightfold Noble Path symbolized by the eight spokes in the Wheel of Dhamma, meaning thereby the wheel of proclaiming the Dhamma began to move and has been revolving ever since.

1 The Triratna symbol can be found on frieze sculptures at Sanchi as the symbol crowning a flag standard (2nd century BCE), as a symbol of the Buddha installed on the Buddha's throne (2nd century BCE), as the crowning decorative symbol on the later gates at the stupa in Sanchi (2nd century CE), or, very often on the Buddha footprint (starting from the 1st century CE). The Triratna is also on the 1st century BCE coins of the Kingdom of Kuninda.

The Triratna

The Trident jewels

Dhammacakka







The Diamond Vajra The Middle of the Trident jewel The Colors The Ribbon All the Essence The World Buddhist University The World Buddhist University The World Buddhist Universi

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The two ends of diamond Vajra in between dhammacakra and trident jewels

are Buddhist wisdoms including sustainable growth and perpetuity of Buddhism on compassion and wisdom by which Buddhism has brought enlightenment to mankind in order to refine our thought and action.

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The trident jewels

represents not only Buddhist triple gems but the ABC of Buddhism itself. Buddha is Awakening, Dharma is Balance and Sangha is Compassionate community, the ABC of Buddhism. Moreover, it represent heart of Buddhism: sīla as community, Samādhi as balance, and Paññā as Awakening.

The middle of the trident jewel

is the heart of the Buddha, education for awakening (Nibbāna), which can apply both in secular (lokiya) and sacred (lokuttara) worlds represented by two stems of lotus flowers spring out left and right of the heart of the Buddha.

The colouring of the emblem

are made of colour of the Buddhist flag. The six vertical bands of the flag represent the six colours of the aura emanated from the body of the Buddha when he attained the Buddhahood. Each colour represents: Blue (Nīla): The Spirit of Universal Compassion, Yellow (Pīta): The Middle Way, Red (Lohita): The Blessings of Practice – achievement, wisdom, virtue, fortune and dignity, White (Odāta): The Purity of Dhamma – leading to liberation, timeless, Orange (Manjesta): The Wisdom of the Buddha's teachings. The sixth vertical band, on the fly, is made up of a combination of rectangular bands of the five other colours, and represents a compound of the other five colours in the aura's spectrum. This compound colour is referred to as the Truth of the Buddha's teaching Pabbhassara ('essence of light').

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All the essence of Buddhism

is 'One Buddhism' represented by the shield.

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The ribbon imprinting 'The World Buddhist University'

decorating the shield depicts that the WBU's prime task is to preserve, promote, and propagation of that very 'One Buddhism.' The ultimate goal of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, the mother organization of the WBU.



AMENDING WBU CHARTER PROJECT

WBU CHARTER

Unlike normal universities, WBU is a university without walls. It plays an important role in coordinating among all Buddhist universities, educational institutes, and the WFB Regional Centres where Buddhism is taught and disseminated through the context of the globalization.

NEW CONCEPT



Develop WBU to be an International Buddhist academia with its centres in every WFB Reginal Centre



Develop WBU to be a Buddhist curriculum pool of the world through Buddha portal The World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB) unanimously agreed upon founding the World Buddhist University (WBU) as an academic sector of the WFB in BE 2541/CE1998 by a resolution of the World Fellowship of Buddhists General Conference held between October 29 and November 2, 1998, in New South Wales, Australia.

The main objective of the WBU at the time of its foundation was to conduct advanced Buddhist studies and to co-ordinate with the Buddhist universities and other academic institutions which offer studies of Buddhism and related subjects all over the world in the fields of research, training, spiritual practice and education based on Buddhism.

With the foundation of the WBU, its founding committee had the WBU Charter as a backbone to able to work forward. However, the charter was drafted in haste and there are many vagueness in terms of acting the action. Moreover, almost 19 years of WBU life things have gone through lots of changes and its performance has changed too.

As to inconsistent with the purpose of establishing of WBU, can be practiced, and to provide WBU be a complete academic research unit of the WFB and keep up with changing of education and research in Buddhism and related sciences, the WBU proposed the WFB, the mother organization to amend the WBU charter.

The draft amended WBU Charter is attached separately for consideration and recommendation by the WBU Council for approval.



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History of WBU Website

ving in the digital world, a website is now a necessity for an organization, big or small. Accordingly, when the WBU was founded one of the frontiers of the WBU was the website itself. The first website of the WBU was opened in 2 March 2001 with the ULR of www.wb-university.org As of nature of many websites it was opened with enthusiastic and later becomes static. The first website was active till 27 April 2009 and it was closed down. Then WBU website has shift to the current website from 'dot org' to 'dot com' i.e. www.worldbuddhistuniversity. com with a new web façade.

In December 2016, the second WBU website went through the big change on web façade. It was replaced by newly designed user friendly current website under the same old ULR i.e. www.worldbuddhistuniversity.com





The website works as a public relation of the WBU where the webmaster keeps the web updating time to time when things are happening. It became the WBU façade for general public to learn about the WBU. The second website is easy to get around and serves it purpose. However, number of visitors are not that big in number.

To enhance web traffic and to develop it as Buddhist search engine of our own in 2018 the WBU have opened new website. The reason behind opening new website is to update with newest digital technology and incorporating new digital technologies.

Most importantly, to clarify the WBU as non-profit organization the WBU is switching over from the existing 'dot com' web to more unique web of our own. Secondly, to develop WBU as the data pool of all information of Buddhist studies available in the world and make is easy accessible for general public.

The new website of the WBU is:

www.wbu.world



This new WBU website is designed on portal base web, a newest web innovation. A portal is a specially designed website that brings information from diverse sources, like emails, online forums, social media and search engines, together in a uniform way. Usually, each information source gets its dedicated area on the page for displaying information (a portlet). Variants of portals include mashups and intranet "dashboards" for executives and managers. Apart from this common search engines feature, web portals also offer other services such as e-mail, news, information from databases and even audio and video content. Portals provide a way for organizations to provide a consistent "look and feel" with access control and procedures for multiple applications and databases, which otherwise would have been different web entities at various URLs.

This new portal based WBU website will be a very dynamic in its nature that every WFB Regional Centres can play active roles in updating information, networking, as well as chat rooms and using familiar social networks like facebook, Instagram and Youtube as a means of keeping all Buddhists around the world connected. The web will be very user friendly and serve Buddhist world. The WBU portals aggregate digitized information of Buddhism, libraries, Buddhist

courses, Buddhist curriculum, Buddhist lectures, Dhamma talks, Buddhist multi-media, information of all Buddhist centres as well as meditation centres around the world etc. Most importantly, within the new WBU website there will be the 'Buddha-portal' which works as the specific search engine to find a Buddhist course of any level available around the world. The web will keep updating based on user itself.

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The Buddha-portals

The Buddha-portals is a Buddhist study portals run by the World Buddhist University. The world's top universities offer over 1,000 English taught degree programs on Buddhism and Buddhism related subjects.

Buddhist study portals brings the solution. One platform where students get a comprehensive overview of all Bachelors, Masters, PhDs, short courses preparation and pathway programs and all online learning options on Buddhism and Buddhist related fields offered across the world and are supported with a wealth of data to choose the program that fits them best.

At the Buddha-portals, students can read all the details including full description, deadlines, course content and application requirements by selecting a program. Students can analyse if the program fits their profile and they can even find scholarships, student experiences and related study programs. Student can also learn more about the Institute, University and the countries of their interest as well as affiliations with schools of Buddhism such as Theravada, Mahayana, and Vajrayana. And students can directly move forward with the program they like best. This makes the Buddhist Study Portal of the WBU by far the handiest Buddhist study choice resource.





Apart from helping students, the WBU helps institutions by getting their programs found. They reach best fits student from all talent pools worldwide through one online channel with minimum effort.

After considering all their options students are well-informed. Only the best fitting and most interested ones will be forwarded to you. As a result, the quality and conversion of the students resend through is uniquely high and the WBU commit to this.

Students easily find the results and their analysis. The WBU provides the best enrolment effect for their investments. That's why over 100 of institutes and universities from 80 countries participate which makes the WBU by far the most comprehensive Buddhist study choice platform in the world.

The WBU doesn't do this alone. The WBU is very grateful to the partners to all the national and international agencies associations, Viharas and Mahaviharas, and education consortium the WBU cooperate with as well as our international student partners and the networks for use for promotion.

The Buddhist study portals commits to delivering best university student fit against lowest effort and highest cost effectiveness.

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2018 World Buddhist University International Conference

Buddhist Path to Sustainable Development Goals

Organized by National Office of Buddhism of Thailand In cooperation with WFB, WBU and Sasin Center for Sustainability Management At the World Fellowship of Buddhists and Phutthamonthon Auditorium Hall 4 - 5 December BE 2561/CE 2018

'Sustainable Development (SD)'

'Sustainable Development' became a modern mantra of our century. It applies to everything what we do and think in our life. Accordingly, the United Nations Organization announced for every government to adopt the universal, integrated and transformative 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development along with a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs, otherwise known as the Global Goals, are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. It is a bold outcry to transform the way we live and think to a sustainable life.

Generally speaking, sustainable development easily can understand as an oxymoron. It is a contradiction in terms and, in fact, appears as a terrifying or miserable word. At least with "unsustainable" (non-durable) development, we could maintain the hope that this lethal process would have had an end. We could hope that one day it would be stopped, a victim of its own contradictions, of its failures, due to its unsustainable character. or from the exhaustion of the natural resources. We could reflect on "after-development" and work for a less desperate and damaged conclusion by putting together an acceptable postmodernity. This oxymoron of sustainable development takes away from us any perspective of hope. It promises us development for, and even as, an eternity!

Therefore, the modern mantra of sustainable development needs a deeper scrutiny. On the contrary, looking at 'sustain' from etymological perspective it may not bad as it sounds. Etymologically 'sustain' means 'holding all activities with firm foundation from below.' The word sustainable is derived from a Latin word sub as a prefix which means 'from below' and the root tenere which mean to 'hold.' Therefore, sustinere in Latin means "hold up, hold upright; furnish with means of support; bear, undergo, endure" etc. Fundamentally, sustainable development is any development which has a balance as its foundation and has no negative by-product on society, economics and environments as we have been facing with most developments.

Buddhism

On the other hand, Buddhism in a true sense lays guidelines to achieve the very sustainable development as its ultimate goal. To be precise, etymologically the Latin root of sustain i.e. tenere and Sanskrit root of Dharma i.e. Dhr are in fact the same root and have same meaning, that is, 'to uphold.'

When dharma means sustaining then we can say that the Buddha's dharma means the Buddha's teachings on sustainability. In other word, Buddhism is all about guidance on sustainable development. For example, the Buddha's first sermon, Dhammacakka-pavattana, literally can be translated as the discourse on 'the application of sustainable development in practice.' In elaboration, dhamma means sustainable, cakka means moving forward with firm grounding, and pavattana means behaviour or to put in action. Therefore, Dhamma-cakkapavattana, can be translated as the discourse 'on sustainable development in action.'





This directly indicates that Buddhist principles are a direct guideline to achieve sustainable development in action. Unfortunately, many see these two fields of the SDGs and Buddhism as two different entities. If we truly understand Buddhism from a pragmatic point of view as well as etymologically we find that the heart of Buddhist doctrine is no other than sustainable development in action. It is a universal doctrine without popular religious color.

The premise of the book is, therefore, that Buddhism provides important practical guidance for living in the world. Buddhism, especially as originally taught by the Buddha in his first sermons, is not exclusively for living withdrawn from the world, for monastic renunciation of property and possessions, for seeking a life of pure spirit only while habiting a material form which is created in birth and becomes useless in death.



Buddhism can speak to us of this life, far from Nirvana and not contingent on any future incarnation of being. Buddhist teachings are, therefore, universal, not reserved exclusively to believers in or practitioners of any particular ritual or liturgical formalisms. Buddhism from this perspective is not about statues and images, or propitiation in return for benefits, or the making of merit through sacrifice of money and goods.

Since they have a worldly quality, these Buddhist insights can be approached and appreciated by anyone, anytime, anywhere. They can be included in living out other faiths as daily practices using one's mind and controlling one's emotions. They do not conflict with revealed transcendental truths about the highest ends of our lives, about the Divine, or salvation in a world to come.

Buddhism as teachings for enabling sustainability speaks to our moral sense, a capacity of mind and heart provided for each one of us at birth in the pre-frontal cortex of our brains and using neurobiological motivators like oxytocin.

Since Buddhism is its original expression speaks universally and since in our time the sustainability of our planet with social and economic justice for all peoples is at issue, Buddhism can helpfully prepare us for ethical decision-making promoting sustainable development. Moreover, Buddhism can be taken as another approach to achieve sustainable development goals in its holistic manner. The awareness of who we are provided by such a pragmatic Buddhism is a mindfulness most necessary for constructive living and most discerning of our better choices in life. Original Buddhism provides us with a road map for attaining sustainability.

The governments of the world acting as the General Assembly of the United Nations have adopted 17 goals for global Sustainable Development (SDGs). These goals seek the same results for humanity as does Buddhism but they are not designed to take advantage of personal mindfulness. Importantly, they can be more fully implemented from day-to-day by use of such mindfulness as they do not provide guidance as to the frame of mind most conducive for making decisions in the economy, in business, in politics and governance, in society, in culture, in our personal lives. Thus, using Buddhist insights can greatly help implementation of the SDGs



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dhamma = upholding cakka = move forward while still grounding

the Middle Way

Buddhism puts in the first sermon as the heart of the Buddha's Enlightenment. That Buddhism is 'the Middle Way' became its Leitmotiv. The term has been variously applied. For example, making Buddhism the middle way between affirmation and denial of existence. Or the Middle Way between indulgence and asceticism. The Middle Way is explained as the Eightfold Noble Path which can be presented in the form of Threefold training system: to train oneself physically not to disturb social and environmental surrounding (sīla), to train one's mindful awareness (samādhi) and to train one's intellectual capabilities (paññā). Accordingly, the Middle Way in essence is a sustainable life. Again this is the very principle the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej had contributed to the world with his own version of Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP).

Under this new light of etymological understanding between Buddhism and SDGs global agenda, the WBU and organizations in collaboration see that there is much more to explore on this new understanding and need to find a new universal and practical language that Buddhism can contribute the international community in achieving the global sustainable development goals.



Background and Rational for the Conference

The World Buddhist University (WBU) International Conference 2018 is organized as an honour of two important birthday occasions of Thailand. Firstly, remembering the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej and the late 19th Supreme Patriarch, His Holiness Somdet Phra Nyansamvara.

The Late His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand was born on 5th December 1927. During his reign he presented a practicable development theory to the world which is popularly known as 'Sufficiency Economy.' Madam Irina Bokova, a former Director-General of UNESCO once states: "His Majesty marked the history of the twentieth century – but this vision – and wisdom – will mark the 21st century as well. He advocated a holistic vision of human development to empower the most disadvantaged, to achieve greater social equity by challenging classic growth patterns. This philosophical guidance resonates deeply with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations in 2015, which sets an ambitious and bold blueprint to advance human dignity and protect our planet."

Similarly, the Late His Holiness Somdet Phra Nyanasamvara, the 19th Supreme Patriarch of Thailand who was born on 3rd October 1913 was the head of the Sangha patronage of the World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB). In 1997, as a part of His Holiness' 84th birthday celebration, the WFB founded the WBU. This year would be the 105th birthday of His Holiness. The Late His Holiness was the Spiritual Advisor to the Late King Bhumibol.

The Office of National Buddhism, the World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB), and the World Buddhist University (WBU) in cooperation with the Sasin Centre for Sustainability Management and The Caux Round Table is honouring the late King's birthday occasion, the National Father Day of Thailand and National Day of Thailand by organizing the two-day international conference on 'The Buddhist Path to Sustainable Development Goals' at the WFB headquarters in Bangkok and Phuttamonthon auditorium hall of the Office of National Buddhism, Salaya, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand on 4-5 December BE 2561/CE 2018.

The two-days international conference on 'The Buddhist Path to Sustainable Development Goals' designed in a way that the proceedings of the conference could be a reference book for the field of sustainability. The first day of the conference would be a scholarly workshop and discussion within scholars aiming to get substantial materials of the subject. The second day of the conference would be a public conference with a keynote address and announce the public and media about what the first day conference had achieved for global agenda.



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Objectives of the Conference



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To celebrate the 91st birthday anniversary of the Late King Bhumibol Adulyadej

To celebrate the 105th birthday anniversary of the Late His Holiness Somdet Phra Nyanasamvara, the 19th Supreme Patriarch of Thailand.

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To find a new understanding on a Buddhist Path to Sustainable Development Goals.



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To urge Buddhist institutions, organizations and networks to brainstorm on the subject as a Buddhist contribution to the world.

- To develop scholarly knowledge of Buddhism to apply to the world.
 - To implement the policies of WBU and the WFB regarding to the exchange of knowledge and information with learned institutions.



To broaden academic network of WBU to many different countries.



To exchange ideas and experiences among fellows of both within and outside members of WBU.

Responsible Organisation

- National Office of Buddhism of Thailand.
- World Fellowship of Buddhists
- World Buddhist University
- The Kamlangjai Project under the Royal Initiative of Her Royal Highness Princess Bajarakitiyabha
- Faculty of Medicine Chiang Mai University

Participants

Government policy makers, civil society, NGOs, community based organizations, Buddhist leaders, Buddhist monks, Academia, Research Institutions, International Development Partners, UN Organizations and the Media.

Expected Result



The conference should lead to publication of a reference book on **'Buddhist Path to SDGs.'**



Collaboration and cooperation between Buddhists and sustainable scholars.



Materializing an applicable 'how to' reference in achieving the global agenda.

Venues



The first day of the conference will be held at the World Buddhist University headquarters in Sukhumvit 24, Bangkok.



The second day of conference will be at Phuttamonthon auditorium hall, Salaya, Nakhon Pathom.

Provisional Guidelines for Book Chapters

Introduction: Reconsidering Sufficiency Economy Principles:

Fra Anil Sakya, Rector of WBU

A presentation of the Sufficiency Economy ideals of His Late Majesty King Rama IX of Thailand as Buddhism at work for sustainability.

1 Contextualizing Sustainable Development Goals:

Isabella Bunn, Senior Associate, Regent's Park College, University of Oxford

A background discussion of the SDGs, their history, and their relation to the law of nations, national sovereignty, human rights, development, and globalization.

2 SDGs: Utopia, Propaganda or Pragmatic Reality:

Patrick O-Sullivan, Professor Grenoble Graduate School of Business within Grenoble Ecole de Management (GEM)

A discussion of the SDGs which brings them into the pragmatic realm of this-worldliness which is addressed by the Buddhist perception of Dharma and human agency.

3 Sustainable Development as an Oxymoron:

Professor Michael Redclift, Emeritus Professor of International Environmental Policy, King's College

A discussion on the analytical criticism of the Sustainable Development.

4 Sustainable Development Goals as moral government: the UN Sustainable Development Goals as a means of moral government:

Prof. Stephen B. Young Executive Director, Caux Roundtable for Moral Capitalism

Sustainability implies mindfulness in government, not just in finance and business.

5 Risk Management and Sustainable Value for companies:

Poomjai Nacaskul, FSVP, Quantitative Models and Enterprise Analytics at Siam Commercial Bank PCL.

Risk management is applied Buddhism looking for a middle way between excess gain and excess loss.

Provisional Guidelines for Book Chapters

6 Dharmic Sustainability at Work in Thai Companies – Case Studies: Nick Pisalyaput and Vasu Srivibha

Use of Buddhist precepts on mindfulness for alignment with Sufficiency Economy Principles by Thai companies.

7 Mindful Economy as a means to SDGs: Joel Magnuson, PhD, is an independent economist based in Portland, Oregon

Better understanding of our capacity to be mindful and so more sustaining of the common good; an alternative guide to SDGs in action.

8 SDGs in local application: UID representative (United in Diversity, Indonesia)

Examples of projects and practices implementing the SDGs as a means of happiness.

9 Buddhism and Sustainable Development: Emma Tomalin, Professor of Religion and Public Life, University of Leeds

If Dharma consciousness were applied to building the foundations of human action providing for responsible wealth creation, what would be the roles of government, private business, and financial intermediation?

10 The Buddhist Path to SDGs:

Patrick Mendis, University of Minnesota

How Buddhism can be an alternative means to achieve a dharmic development and/or sustainable development?

based ECTS

- 1 INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE UNESCO, PARIS
- 2 COGNITIVE TRANSFROMATION THERAPY
- 3 MIND MANAGEMENT FOR FOREIGN WOMEN
- 4 BUDDHIST COUNSELLING AT THE CENTRAL CORRECTIONAL HOSPITAL OF THAILAND
- 5 WBU RECTOR'S IMPACT at UNIVERSITY OF INDIA
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INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE CREATING SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY OF PEACE : A LEGACY OF KING BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ OF THAILAND UNESCO PARIS September 2017

International Peace Conference

"Creating Sustainable Society of Peace: A Legacy of King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand"

The World Fellowship of Buddhists (The WFB)

was established with the objective of securing unity and solidarity of Buddhism to be prominently prosperous. One of the objectives of its establishment is performing activity that is advantageous to education in order to propagate teaching of the Buddha. With this matter, The WFB would like to hold the "International Peace Conference 2017" under the theme of "Sustainable World Peace" at the Office of UNESCO in Paris, France in order to integrate cognitive of international peace education derived from teaching of the Buddha for Sustainable Development in the framework of the United Nations Organization. In this regard, at this Conference The WFB will present the "Sufficiency Economy Philosophy" of H.M. King Bhumibol Adulvadei which applied the "Middle Path" of Buddhism as course of conduct and it is in accordance with Sustainable Development Goals in framework of the United Nations.

Theme discussion of the Conference

"Creating Sustainable Society of Peace: A Legacy of King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand" is proposed to graciously dedicate merit making and honoring to H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej who is the first laity patron of The WFB ever since its inception in B.E. 2493 (1950) until the last day of His Majesty's reign. The kindness of His Majesty towards Buddhists and all religions believer was immeasurable.

Most importantly of organizing

this International Conference is to commemorate and graciously express our mournfulness to H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej of which representatives from international countries and religions will deliver messages to commemorate His Majesty. The Conference is to be held prior to the Royal Cremation in October B.E. 2560 (2017)

Topic of the Conference

Special Assembly honoring the Late King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand by

- Welcome address by Permanent Delegate of The Kingdom of Thailand
- Director General of UNESCO, Mrs.Irina Bokova
- Chairperson of the Executive Board of UNESCO, Mr. Michael Worbs
- Chair of the G77 and China of the Paris Chapter, Ms. Lorena Sol de Pool
- Chair of Group IV (Asia and the Pacific-ASPAC), Dato' Mohd Zulkifli Bin Mohammad
- Chair of the ASEAN Committee in Paris (ACP), Datin Paduka Malai Hajah Halimah Binti Malai Haji Yussof
- Representatives of The World Fellowship of Buddhists

Theme discussion "Creating Sustainable Society of Peace: A Legacy of King Bhumibol Adulyadej"

- Guidance for a broken world: Prof. Steve Young, Harvard University
- Sufficiency Economy to Sustainable Development Goals: His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej's Compassion in Action: Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board
- Dharmikaraja : The Buddhist King: Venerable Shakyavongsvisuddhi (Dr.Anil Sakya)
- King of Digital Innovation:From "What did the Buddha teach to Borobudur": Mr. Titus Leber, Austria Producer.

International Peace Conference

- If we choose rivalry, conflict and war, The human race will suffer from never-ending disasters.
- If we abandon rivalry, conflict and war. The human race will enjoy boundless good fortune and joy.

Objectives of the Conference

- To commemorate in honor of and to graciously dedicate a merit making to H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej.
- To integrate the cognitive of international peace education derived from teaching of the Buddha which is in accordance with Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Organization.
- To apply teaching of the Buddha to today world problems.

Duration of the Conference

26 – 28 September
 B.E.2560 (2017)

Venue of the Conference

Conference Hall 1
 Office of UNESCO
 Paris, France

Organized by

- The World Fellowship of
 Buddhists (WFB)
- Royal Thai Embassy
- Permanent Delegate of the Kingdom of Thailand
- Pure Land Learning College
 Association Inc. (PLLC)
- World Buddhist University
 (WBU)











Cognitive Transformation Theraphy



Cognitive Transformation Therapy or CTT is an innovative therapy developed by Ven. Phra Shakyavongsvisuddhi (Anil Sakya) to work with inmates in Thai prison. The therapy specially aims at inmates of various offences. However, the inmates who voluntarily go through this therapy are mostly drug and drugging offences followed by fraud, corruption and domestic violence.

CTT is a therapy which simply teach you to manage your thought process and emotion based on your own existed knowledge to utilize in a real life situation utmost.

Traditional approaches to learning seem clear-cut. You identify what you want the student to learn. You provide the knowledge and present an opportunity to practice the skill or concept. You give feedback so the student can gauge whether the learning has succeeded. Educating students in behaviour skills appears to be simply a matter of practice and feedback.

This approach to learning relies on a storehouse metaphor. It assumes that the learner is missing some critical form of knowledge – factual information or procedures. The learner or the instructor defines what knowledge is missing. They add this knowledge via a course or a practice regimen or through simple study. They provide feedback to the learner. Then, they test whether the new knowledge was successfully added to the storehouse.ractice and feedback.

Cognitive skills depend heavily on mental models. A mental model is a cluster of causal beliefs about how things happen. Mental models are used to organize knowledge. Mental models are also described as knowledge structures and schemata.

Cognitive learning is not simply a matter of adding additional beliefs. Rather, we have to revive our belief system as experience shows the inadequacy of our current ways of thinking. We discover ways to extend or even reject our existing beliefs in favour of more sophisticated beliefs.

Therefore, the storehouse metaphor does not work for cognitive skills. The storehouse metaphor may be useful for learning factual information or for learning simple procedures. But cognitive learning should help people discover new ways to understand events and should lead to entire transformation of the learners' mental models. We can distinguish different forms of knowledge that people need in order to gain expertise: declarative knowledge, routines and procedures, recognition of familiar patterns, perceptual discrimination skills, and mental models.

According to the first sermon of the Buddha there are 5 different stages of knowledge which one can gradually attain. Starting from vision or sensory knowledge (cakkhu), knowledge which leads to peace (ñāṇa), direct knowledge (vijjā), self-awakening knowledge (paññā) and transformational knowledge (jaloka). The CTT exactly follow the Buddha's mind model of creating transformation in one's life but in a secular level rather than to be an awakened!



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The traditional approach to learning is to define the objectives and establish the regimen for practice, and provide feedback. The gap between the knowledge a person has and the knowledge the person needs to perform the task. Learning procedures and factual data is seen as adding more information and skills to the person's storehouse of knowledge. However, this storehouse metaphor is poorly suited for cognitive skill, and does not address the differing learning needs of novices and experts. Teaching cognitive skills requires the diagnosis of the problem in terms of flaws in existing mental models, not gaps in knowledge. It requires learning objectives that are linked to the person's current mental models. It requires practice regimens that may have to result in "unlearning" that enables the person to abandon the current, flawed mental models. It requires feedback that promotes sense-making.

The therapy uses Cognitive Transformation Therapy to guide the development of cognitive skills of inmates in prison. Throughout the therapy, inmates are taught to present several strategies that might be useful in overcoming barriers to understanding and to revising their mental models.

Through their own scrutinises they will come to cognize their own fault and wrong past actions. The therapy leads them to think hard on cause and effect of their crime without direct intention and exercise. Once they were able to convince themselves with their new understanding and cognition this will trigger them to think about their behaviours and mental models. With correct cognition the therapy leads their mental models to change, not the temporary change, but transformation at a deeper, sustained level; whether individual or collective. The therapy is structured to provide a basic knowledge of indirect psychology and Buddhism (not as a religion though) before using a narrative biographies to elucidate the process of transformation.

The WBU Rector had tried this CTT at the Central Rayong Prison (CRP). The CRP houses over 7,000 inmates in average and it is one of 3 prisons of Thailand with the 'supermax' zone.

The CTT first initiated in July, 2017 and continued on for nine months. The therapy session was done one day per week for each group out of two different groups of male and female inmates in the prison. Each group had 19 voluntary inmates with all different offences who went through the CTT.

Super-maximum security (supermax) is a term used to describe 'control-unit' prisons, or units within prisons, which represent the most secure levels of custody in the prison systems. In another word, it is the most secure form of security within a certain prison system. The objective is to provide long-term, segregated housing for inmates classified as the highest security risks in the prison system the 'worst of the worst' criminals and those who pose an extremely serious threat to both national and global security. The nature of a supermax is a stand-alone unit or part of another facility and is designated for violent or disruptive inmates. It typically involves up to 24-hour-per-day, single-cellconfinement for an indefinite period of time. Inmates in supermax housing have minimal contact with staff and other inmates.

After a nine months of intensive therapy sessions, the outcome was remarkable. The inmates were fully transformed with their mental models. Moreover, those inmates who trained through the CTT now became trainers themselves and operates their own version of CTT to over 2,000 inmates within their zone.

The transformation was very obvious as the result of the therapy was attested by the prison wardens, staff and judges who went to evaluate those inmates inside the prison.



Mind Management For Foreign Women Inmates

In the Central Women's Correctional Institute of Thailand

The Central Women's Correctional Institute (CWCI) (or Central Women Prison) requested the WBU Rector to initiate a counselling program for foreign women inmates who are incarcerated in the prison.

Remarks: First of all I myself I want to say thank you for this wonderful project. for giving us a lot al encouraging and inspiring thoughts. for me I appreciate Mr. Anil Sakya " his efforts for reminding us and teach us the meaning of mind." and how it work in tur lives. I heared different kinds of nearing and all is true, then after that Mr. Anil conclude for all those meaning. Using "video chip." and to that video everything was there all the answer about mind. how we manage and to control and "there's always someone to help and quide us. I was (so) happy vesterday learned new things and the most important thing I learned to the and walk in life. Coz God's gave me a gift of knowledge to put in my mind to choose the who am I. I would like to say thomk you for the management of this project God may bless you all...



The CWCI is responsible for incarcerating inmates who are on the process of judiciary system to inmates who are given death sentenced. Currently, there are around over 400 foreign women inmates are imprisoned in the CWCI. Being a foreign inmate in Thai prison is very harsh regardless of facilities they get based on their rights. The CWCI wish to look after every inmate the best they could. Therefore, the CWCI consulted with the WBU rector for possibility to operate mind management program for foreign women inmates which the rector approved with the program.



The program initiated on September 2018 and will run for six months. The program takes place weekly basis on every Friday from 9-12 am. There are 100 foreign inmates from 30 countries* who voluntarily applied for the Mind Management Program. The program designed to give them self-reflection and contemplation and leads to the practice of mindfulness. The expected result is that they can understand their own minds and able to manage it appropriately. The expected instant result would be that they can adjust their imprisonment life with less stress and in long term they can return to their home country after serving their sentence in peace and as a good citizen of the world.



After 3-4 sessions of mind management, inmates who are mostly Christians and Muslims are very satisfied with the content and class style and gave their good feedback. One of the feedbacks was 'Thanks God for sending Buddhist monk to us.'





*List of 30 countries are:

Africa, Bolivia, Cambodia, China, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Laos, Malaysia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Russia, Rwanda, Singapore, South Africa, Syria, Taiwan, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, United States of America, Vietnam.



The 5 January 2017 was the last session of giving counselling for sick inmates at the Central Correctional Hospital (CCH) of Thailand at Klong Prem Prison after the WBU Rector have been doing it for years. The program was halted because of some internal administrative problems within the hospital.

Buddhist Counseling At the Central Correctional Hospital of Thailand

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The number of sick inmates in the CCH are around 500 in average. They are severe sick prisoners sent to the CCH for hospitalization from prisons all over the country. Many political prisoners and renown fraud and corruption offences are incarcerated here too.

The WBU Rector visits the CCH once a month to receive alms round from every inmates both male and female. After the alms round, the rector gives Buddhist counselling in a group counselling as well as on individually for bed ridden patients. Food they offer as alms are provided to inmates from a public donation through the WBU rector's project. Received alms food then distributed among inmates for their own consumption as a holy remain from the monk.

The Buddhist counselling at the CCH boosts morale of sick inmates in hospital prison and give them spiritual support through Buddhist counselling. In many occasions, the rector had to do final rites for inmates who died during the treatment in hospital without any family and relatives.









International Conference on Buddhism in Contemporary Times: Relevance for Peace, Non-Violence and Social Harmony

Organized by

International Centre for Buddhist Studies Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University at Vasantrao Deshpande Hall, Nagpur Maharashtra, India 21-22 June 2018

> An Inaugural Address 'Buddhist Movement in East Asia'

By Fra Anil Sakya Rector, World Buddhist University Senior Lecturer, Mahamakut Buddhist University 21 June 2018



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Report 2018

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Abstract

The East Asia constitutes numerically the largest body of Buddhist traditions in the world, over half of the world's Buddhists. Although the majority of Buddhism in East Asia is dominated by the Mahayana Buddhism, the influence of Theravada and Vajrayana are equally play their roles. Moreover, we can also see Buddhist syncretism with local beliefs of the regions such as Chinese Confucius culture, Japanese Shinto culture, Korean folk culture etc. Of course, from a Buddhist history it shows that the silk road was the main route for spreading Eastern Buddhism into East Asia. However, time have passed over two millennia and we can see a great change of Buddhist movement in East Asia in modern days. While many Buddhist temples in many East Asian countries have been transformed to be a tourist attraction, many movement also give new twists and turns into Buddhism in East Asia and in turn reshape global Buddhism all together. Theoretically, concepts of great Mahayana scholars are widely studied but new interpretations and syncretism among various Buddhist doctrines also become a new feature of the Buddhist movement in East Asia. This paper tries to elucidate about modern and global movement of Buddhism in East Asia rather than historical facts of Buddhism in the East Asia.
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Venerable Rector of the World Buddhist University

(WBU), Phra Shakyavongsvisuddhi (Anil Sakya) was invited by the Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University of India to be the Chief Guest of the International Conference on Buddhism in Contemporary Times: Relevance for Peace, Non-Violence and Social Harmony. The two days international conference was held during 21-22 June 2018. The inauguration of the conference was held at Guru Nanak Hall of the Nagpur University while the closing of the conference was held at the International Centre for Buddhist Studies of Nagpur University. The conference was well participated by many professors and faculties from other wellknown universities for Buddhist studies all over India. To name a few, Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of Pune, Banaras Hindu University etc.

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On the 21st June 2018, the inauguration day of the international conference, The Hitavada: The People's Paper, the oldest broadsheet daily newspaper of Nagpur published Venerable Rector's long interview on the front page about the conference headlined as 'Understand Dhamma in real sense: Dr. Anil Sakya'.

The inaugural ceremony began with the introductory speech by Dr. Puranchandra Meshram, Registrar of the Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University on behalf of the conference organizers the Nagpur University and the International Centre for Buddhist Studies of the Nagapur University.

Prior to the inaugural speech, Dr. Siddharthvinayaka Kane, Vice Chancellor of the Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University welcomed Venerable Rector of the WBU by offering a bouquet of flower and momentum plaque as well as commemorative books.

Venerable Rector then delivered an inaugural speech under the topic of Buddhist Movement in the East Asia. Venerable Rector delivered very provocative and inspiring inaugural speech which not only impressed the audience but every Nagpur daily newspapers both in English and local dialect highlighted his speech in their papers covering messages he delivered.

On The Hitavada, one of the English daily broadsheet newspapers of Nagpur on 22 April 2018 highlighted Venerable Rector's inaugural speech by reporting as follows:

> "There is a need for another Dharma Chakra Pravartan to re-establish Buddha Dhamma in India in its pure, authentic and original form. Only education could help us to understand the Dhamma in real sense and RTM Nagpur University should take an initiative to preach Dhamma in its original form, said Fra Dr. Anil Sakya, Rector, World Buddhist University, Bangkok, Thailand.

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TWO DAYS CONFERENCE

Dr. Sakya was inaugurating two-day International Conference on Buddhism in Contemporary times: Relevance for Peace, Non-Violence and Social Harmony, organized by International Centre for Buddhist Studies, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj, Nagpur University at Gurunanak Bhavan on Thursday.

INSPIRATION

Dr. Sakya in his electrifying speech inspired the audience with the teaching of Bhagwan Buddha. A person must have an inner peace which could be achieved by practicing teachings of Buddha. When a person has peace, he becomes non-violent. He is satisfied with his living and when he is satisfied can live in harmony with others. Dr. Sakya took a brief review of transformations in Buddha's teaching. He strongly criticized the word 'Buddhism' and said, 'Buddha' means a person who is awakened while 'ism' means not knowing or ignorant person. Here, Buddhism has two contradictory words, therefore, this world should be avoided while talking about teachings of Buddha, he added.

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Dr. Sakya also highlighted different sects in present Buddhism and termed it as MTV Buddhism. He appealed the audience not to get carried away with these narrow categories and learn teachings of Buddha in original text."

The inaugural session continued with a keynote speech delivered by Padmashree Dr. Sukhadeo Thorat an economist and Professor Emeritus of Jawaharlal Nehru University and presidential address by Dr. Siddharthvinayaka Kane, Chairman and Vice Chancellor of RTM Nagpur University.

SECOND DAY

On the second day of the conference (22 June), Venerable Rector was invited to be the Chairman of the International Conference closing session at the newly established International Centre for Buddhist Studies of Nagpur University, Ramdaspeth, Nagpur.

MOTIVATED CLOSING SPEECH

Venerable Rector of the WBU again delivered another motivated closing speech. His message was widely covered by most newspapers of Nagpur both in English and local dialect media. The Hitavda, an English daily of Nagpur dated June 23 highlighted Venerable Rector closing remarks as follows:

"Buddhist study is not to find any job but to find life. Buddhist study is education of life and it has nothing to do to preach any religion, said Fra Dr. Anil Sakya, Rector, World Buddhist University, Bangkok, Thailand.

CONCLUDING REMARK

Dr. Sakya was delivering a concluding remark of two-day 'International Conference on Buddhism in Contemporary Times: Relevance for Peace, Non-Violence and Social Harmony', organised by International Centre for Buddhist Studies, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University at the premises of International Centre for Buddhist Studies, Ramdaspeth, on Friday.

Appreciating the efforts of International Centre for Buddhist Studies in city in organizing the conference, Dr Sakya stated that the centre has all facilities to impart training on Buddhism. He advised the students not to study Buddhism to earn money or to get job. These days, education has lost its meaning and importance as any educational certificate has been clubbed with getting jobs and earning money. No one could get peace and happiness with such education. Buddhist study could give peace and happiness if the teachings of Bhagwan Buddha are followed throughout the life, he added.

How to develop Buddhist studies in universities in the **21st** century

The International Centre for Buddhist Studies requested cooperation in developing curriculum and support in exchange of professors program with the WBU. Accordingly, the International Centre for Buddhist Studies handed over a copy of their syllabus to get feedback and improvement notes from the WBU.

ELABORATED THE TERM VIPASSANA

Dr Sakya elaborated the term Vipassana and said, here 'vi' stands for an extraordinary person and 'passana' means seeing through. This means a person who has extraordinary wisdom to understand the things like X-Rays is an awakened one. Buddhist study centre would create society of awakened persons in future, he added."

ELABORATED THE TERM VIPASSANA

On this occasion, Venerable Rector of the WBU discussed in detail with senior administrators of the International Centre for Buddhist Studies of Nagpur University about how to develop Buddhist studies in universities in the 21st century. The International Centre for Buddhist Studies requested cooperation in developing curriculum and support in exchange of the professor program with the WBU. Accordingly, the International Centre for Buddhist Studies handed over a copy of their syllabus to get feedback and improvement notes from the WBU.



SUM UP

In the closing remark by Dr. Puranchandra Meshram, Registrar of the RTM Nagpur University who is the first Buddhist senior administrator and registrar in the 100 years of history of Nagpur University promised that he would develop International Centre for Buddhist Studies of Nagpur University to become one of the best centres for Buddhist studies in India and the world as a whole. He would develop curricula to suit with modern development of Buddhism with the help of other well established departments and faculties in India such as Banaras Hindu University and Pune University etc. He also urged and requested all other Indian universities with a strong department of Buddhist studies to help him in sharing their curricula and exchange of professors so that with a limited human resource India can develop international standard in the field of Buddhist studies in Nagpur, where Dr. Ambedkar reinitiated propagation of Buddhism in the modern India.

On this occasion, Venerable Rector was invited to visit Nagaloka Training Institute, a Buddhist training and conference centre located in Nagpur. The 15-acre campus supports a residential training course for Buddhist activists and hosts a variety of classes, meetings and international conferences. Nagaloka Training Institute is operated by the Triratna Buddhist Community.

Venerable Rector was welcomed by senior administrators of the Institute and showed him around the institute. On this occasion, Venerable Rector had a formal meeting with the senior administrators of Nagaloka Training Institute and had discussion about the curriculum and development of training institute where the WBU can lend a support for the good causes of the Nagaloka. The Nagaloka Training Institute handed over a copy of their syllabus and programs for the use of the WBU and for future cooperation.

In sum, Venerable Rector's visit to RTM Nagpur University in India was a success. The WBU was well introduced in the Indian Buddhist Study community and got good co-operation in working hand in hand in near future in the field of developing Buddhist studies programs which is available in various Indian universities and academies.



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mpart training on Buddhism. He advised the students not to study Buddhism to earn money or to get job. These days, education

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Dr Anil Sakya delivering an inaugural speech at 'International Conference on Buddhism in Contemporary times: Relevance of Peace, Non-Violence and Social Hermony' at Gurunanak Bhavan, on Thursday. Dr Sukhdeo Thorat, Dr S V Kane, Dr Purnachandra Meshram and others are also seen (Pic by Anil Futar

B Staff Reporter

There is a need for another Dhamma Chakra Pravartan to re-establish Buddha Dhamma in India in its pure. authentic and original form. Only edu-cation could help us to understand the Dhamma in real sense and RTM Nagpur Dharmmain real sense and W1M Nagpur University should take an initiative to prench Dhamma in its original form, said Fra Dr Anil Sakya, Rector, World Buddhist University, Bangkok, Thialand, Dr Sakya was inaugurating two-day International Conference on Buildhism of Cational Conference on Buildhism

in Contemporary times: Relevance for Peace, Non-Violence and Social Harmony, organised by International Centre for Buddhist Studies, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj. Nagpur University.

have an inner peace which could be achieved by practicing teachings of Buddha. When a person has peace, he becomes non-violent. He is satisfied with his living and when he is satisfied can live in harmony with others. Dr Sakya took a brief review of transformations in Buddha's teaching. He strongly crit-icized the word Buddhism' and said. icized the word 'Buddhism' and said. 'Buddha' means a person who is awak-ened while ism' means not knowing or ignorant person. Here, Baddhism has two-contradictory words, therefore, this word should be avoided while talking about teachings of Buddha, he added. Dr Sakya also highlighted different sects in present Buddhism and termed it as MTV Buddhism. He appealed the audience not to get carried away with

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प्रधानन आपके पर्वतिकार प्रोले केला. अशा बुद्धाच्या देशाला इतरांनी योगा म्हणजे केवळ शारीरिक योगा बुद्ध सांगू नवे, असे शाक्य माणाले नाही तर मार्नासकदृष्ट्या योगाचे महत्त्व बायण अर्थात मनाने कायम शांतीथी ने सामित्राले आहे. त्यामळे आह राजकीय अजेता प्राथमिक क्लंबता ही

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MBU handed over Buddha statues to NEPAL

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BACKGROUND

Venerable Phra Shakyavongsvisuddhi (Anil Sakya)

Rector of the World Buddhist University has been working with inmates in prisons in Thailand over seven years. The Bang Kwang Central Prison is an oldest men's prison of Thailand where they imprison death row and longsentence prisoners. It is the only prison in Thailand with men's death row and execution chamber. One of the projects Venerable Rector has been engaged in the Bang Kwang Central Prison is teaching death row and long-sentence prisoners to sculpture Buddha statues.

While Venerable Rector teaches inmates a spiritual life, professional sculptors from Silapakorn University teach those inmates how to sculpture Buddha statues.

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g the Buddha statues has began

The course runs for 185 days and each course has 30 inmates as sculptor students.

Since the initiation of the projects 3 batches have been completed the course. In each batch two beautiful statues were selected for mass production with donation for material and administration cost from donors outside of the prison. Then the Buddha statues sculptured by inmate hands were donated to some forest monasteries and local hospitals across Thailand.

The project is called 'molding clay for merit' (MCM). The project is partly operated under the Inspire Project under the Royal Initiative of HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha.



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Enshrined far and wide across Thailand

Witnessing their sculptures have been enshrined far and wide across Thailand as an object for mass worship, sculptor-inmates wished that it would be a great merit for them if some of their Buddha could reach the land of the Buddha himself in Nepal.

The MCM project exercised the possibilities

In order to fulfill inmates' wishes the MCM project exercised the possibilities. With the cooperation of the World Buddhist University (WBU), the MCM project decided to send over 42 Buddha statues sculptured by 3 batches of Bang Kwang Central Prison inmates. The Buddha statue are made of resin so they are lightweight but last longing.

A token of present from Thai inmates to Nepalese inmates

The WBU made a request to the Ministry of Home Affairs of Nepal Government to hand over some of those Buddha statues in Nepalese prisons as a token of present from Thai inmates to Nepalese inmates. The Nepal Government welcomed the WBU's request and arranged to hand over 8 Buddha statues in 3 main prisons of Kathmandu and Patan in Nepal. The WBU also requested Srikirti Vihara of Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal to be the contact point for Nepalese Buddhist organizations to make a request to receive the Buddha statues. Accordingly, 34 Buddhist organizations from all over Nepal made a formal request to receive the Buddha statues from Thai prison to be enshrined in their organization for public worship.

Handing Buddha Statues formally



On the 19th July, 2018

Venerable Rector led a group of 14 Thais representing Inspire Project under the Royal Initiative of HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha, MCM Project and donors of the statues to Nepal to hand over those Buddha statues formally on 20-21 July 2018.

On the 20th July, 2018

the Buddha statues handing over group from Thailand travelled by bus to Dhading, west of Kathmandu with 5 Buddha statues. The distance of 85 km but it took 5 hours driving along the mountainous roads. Dhading is located closer to the epicenter of the worst earthquake of Nepal in 2015.

Dhading District Office

The Buddha statues handing over ceremony was organized at the Dhading District Office. Five different Buddhist organizations around Dhading were present to receive the Buddha statues. Every Buddhist organization was from remote villages of Dhading district.

They had trek down for 2-4 hours from their villages to receive the Buddha statue at the District Office. The handing over ceremony started at 2 PM with the Chief District Officer (CDO) of Dhading presided over the ceremony.



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At the ceremony

Venerable Rector told a story behind the making of the Buddha statues how those sinful hands of death row prisoners transformed their minds and sculptured such calm Buddha statues.

The CDO of Dhading

'The value of the Buddha statue for making this event possible is not with the material it was as well as thanked all donors made and how much it costs, who had carried the Buddha but it is the intention of the statues and travelled all the way sculptor. In this case, the sculptors to Dhading from Thailand. The happened to be the death row villagers who received the Buddha prisoners and they are close to statues were so happy and death. On the contrary, they are promised to enshrine the statues able to use their limited time of in a proper place for public worship their life creatively and meritoriously. in each village where they came This is something we all have to from. learn from them. We got abundance of freedom and time but do we ever think to utilize them in any creative way?'

CDO thanked WBU

spoke in his thankful speech that: The CDO also thanked the WBU

21st July, 2018

On the 21st July, 2018 was the second day for the official handing over ceremony of the Buddha statues sculptured by Thai inmates at the Srikirti Vihara in Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal.

The official handing over ceremony started at 10.00 AM at the Srikirti Vihara. The receivers were 29 Buddhist organizations and schools from different parts of Nepal. The chief guest of the ceremony was Mr. Madhav Nepal, former Prime Minister of Nepal together with the His Excellency Mr. Bhagavat Tansakul, Thai ambassador to Nepal. The other dignitaries include 5 Members of Parliament and General Manager of Thai Airways International in Nepal.

Moreover, from the World Fellowship of Buddhists organization, Mr. Padma Jyoti Kansakar, Vice-President of the WFB and Ms Arni Tara Bajracharya, President of Young Men's Buddhist Association of Nepal were present to honor the ceremony.

21 July 2018 Srikirti Vihara Kirtipur Kathmandu Nepal

Around 300 Buddhist crowd were present at the ceremony. The ceremony began with lighting candles and incenses at the altar by HE Thai ambassador then the Mr. Nepal, former Prime Minister of Nepal and the Thai ambassador lighted traditional oil lamps in front of the prisoners' Buddha statues to be given away. Then Buddhist five precepts were observed.

Prior to handing over 29 Buddha statues from Thailand to 29 Buddhist organizations and schools of Nepal, a short video presentation about the making of the Buddha statues by Thai prisoners was shown then Venerable Rector delivered an introductory speech about this ceremony and how those Buddha statues came all the way from Thai prison to Nepal.

Ms Orasom Suddhisakorn, the chairman of the MCM project told the audience about the 'molding clay for merit' project which she has been operating for few years in the Bang Kwang Central Prison of Thailand.





Mr. Nepal Former Prime Minister of Nepal

delivered an appreciation message where he stated:

"We cannot deny that people sometimes do severe mistakes and caged in prisons. There are so many ways to correct those inmates who had committed unforgivable mistakes. But there is one definitive method of correcting those poor inmates through teaching of the Buddha, who was born here in Nepal. Listening to Venerable Rector about how those death row inmates spend their days in fear it makes me so sad for their poor lives. I sincerely appreciate Venerable Rector for his dedication to heal those poor inmates with the dharma and the unique method of teaching them to sculpture the Buddha statues. His effort in preparing all necessary arrangements to bring those statues all the way from Thailand to Nepal is worth for thanking. I, indeed, thank the World Buddhist University for such a noble project.

I am the President of International Buddhist Centre in Nepal. I, therefore, sincerely request Thailand to bring more of those Buddha statues to enshrine in all main public administration offices of Nepal. There are 7 provinces and 5 Metropolis in the Valley itself. I will discuss with the Nepal Cabinet to make a proper place to enshrine this Buddha statue in 7 Chief Municipal Offices and 5 Metropolis of Kathmandu Valley. If possible, I wish we can enshrine this Buddha statue in every metropolis of Nepal so that people can go to the Buddha statue and experience the peace, relieve, and happiness whenever they are in trouble with suffering. The Buddha statue can be the source of peace and prosperity for people of Nepal."

Dillibazar Jagganath Nakku

Travelled into Nepalese Central Jail

In the afternoon, Venerable Rector and the donor group travelled into Dillibazar Central Jail, Jagganath Central Jail and Nakku Central Jail in Kathmandu and Patan to officially hand over another 8 Buddha statues to be enshrined in different clusters in both men and female jails. Those statues are symbols of friendship between Thailand and Nepal and they are gifts from Thai inmates to Nepalese inmates.

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Therefore, all 42 Buddha statues sculptured by Thai inmates were officially handed over to 42 different nooks and corners of Nepal to be enshrined for public benefit. Most of the statues went to very remote places of Nepal. This really boosted Buddhist morale among Nepalese Buddhists (see map for places where the statues have so far travelled in Nepal).



BUDDHA STATUE RECEIVERS

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IN SUM

The handing over of the 42 Buddha statues sculptured by death row and long sentenced prisoners of the Bang Kwang Central Prison of Thailand to different places in Nepal was a joint effort among several organizations in Thailand and Nepal.

The WBU played an important role of the mediator between Thailand and Nepal. The project creates a good feelings between all parties involved from the sculptor-inmates of Thailand to receiver ends in Nepal.

The handing over ceremony was done officially with the involvement of Nepal government authorities. The Buddha statues is becoming an important refuge for villagers, inmates and students where the statues have enshrined. Specially, the stories behind the making of those Buddha statues surely inspire all who see and worship those statues in faraway places.

The WBU hopes that the Buddha statues will be developed to be inspirational Buddhist propagation centers in each place where they have been enshrined for peace and happiness of the worshipers. The Buddha statue is a primary object to begin Buddhist activities of Buddhist study and practice in those places where the Buddha statues have enshrined.

The **'molding clay to merit'** project not only transformed soiling minds to sound minds of those inmates in the prison but their perfect statues just expanded the message of mind transformation to all public who are imprisoned themselves in the life prison.

Remark: The WBU spent a budget of 50,000 Baht for the whole project.

The WBU Rector
speaks atSustainable
BrandsMadrid
2018

On October 8-9, 2018, the WBU Rector was invited to speak at Sustainable Brands Madrid in Spain. Ven. Rector is the one of more than 20 international speakers, global leaders in the sustainability and business equation who shared their inspirations at the business conference in Madrid on how we are reinterpreting the meaning of quality of life, success and wealth, as well as the challenges and opportunities these present to brands. He is the only one speaker from faith community in the crowd of brands business.



Ven. Rector was asked to speak on the same platform with the Europe Office Director of International Monetary Fund, Jeffrey Franks. The topic Ven. Rector presented at SBMadrid was on 'What Capitalism can Learn from Buddhism...' and Q&A session after the talk. At the Q&A session Ven. Rector was attracted with all questions none for IMF. Ven. Rector's presentation raised many provocative points for audience to ponder over. The audience took Ven. Rector's presentation as one of the most inspirational talk of the event.







On the second day of the conference, at closing Ven. Rector was on stage again as a panelist on a dialogue session on 'People Serving Humanity: What Does it Mean to Be Human?'

It is not surprising for this business community to have Ven. Rector as their speaker as Ven. Rector often gets invitation to speak at this global brands community entitled Sustainable Brands which has 11 partner countries all over the world (San Diego, CA; Boston, MA; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Madrid, Spain; Copenhagen, Denmark; Istanbul, Turkey; Cape Town, South Africa; Bangkok, Thailand; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Tokyo, Japan; and Sydney, Australia). In previous events, Ven. Rector has been speaking in several countries to this brands business community. Sustainable Brands® is the global reference community that brings together professionals and companies who are all innovating around the role of business and brands in society. A reflection on the role of brands in pursuit of the definition of a fair and sustainable future.







Sustainable Brands Madrid was an essential international meeting-point for all those who want to share face-to-face, with the community of global leaders of SB the challenges, successes and failures of their business models focused on the individual and the environment.

The SBMadrid18 organized a business conference where people listened to unique perspectives from innovative brands and leading minds from the fields of technology, innovation, technology, economics and sociology who will share their thinking on how economic and political systems need to be updated to serve humanity, debate the role of business in society, why humans are critical for innovation, and explore how consumers are turning to brands to solve social problems.

More than 400 attendees from 16 different countries attended the conference to learn the latest tools and approaches for transitioning to a sustainable economy. Unlike most events, SB Madrid18 brought together all the agents involved in this transition process, from multinationals, entrepreneurs and investors to NGOs and leading change makers ...With each actor bringing a unique perspective to be shared with attendees: a passion for socioeconomic progress.

What Capitalism can Learn from Buddhism



This year the conference built the agenda around the theme of "Redesigning the Good life." This is an invitation to question business in its current model form. Faced with a framework that prioritizes business over humanity, we want to dive deeper into existing business strategies, models and the very mindsets that place humanity at their very core.





People Serving Humanity: What Does it Mean to Be Human?

We are witnessing a changing business landscape, a shift in demographics, rapid technological advancement, expanding inequality and environmental degradation. In order to keep up with these changes in society traditional measures of progress such as GDP / earnings per share need to be overhauled and replaced with new indicators that create shared value for all.

Buddhist Capitalist Conscious Capitalism Moral Capitalism



Buddha said – divide your pay (after tax) into 4 parts:

25% – 1 Part to be enjoyed and used however you want
50% – 2 Parts to be invested in business
25% – 1 Part to be saved for emergencies



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At SBMadrid18 participants have heard from leading minds in the fields of sociology and economics share their thinking on why these measures are not suitable for addressing the challenges of the 21st century, and be part of the conversation of how we get from here to where we need to be: how can we create a new economic system that serves humanity?





The participants also heard how innovative brands are serving society, why humans are critical for innovation, and gain invaluable insights from courageous brands that are taking a stand on social problems. What does this business-societal shift mean for listed companies? What social challenges can companies really address? What brands serve as examples? These were only some of the questions which have been discussed during the conference.





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In sum,

the participants had admitted that 'business needs Buddhism to balance the brands.'

CONTRIBUTION PROBLECTION World

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VEN. ANIL SAKYA

2016

Organized and delivered a Buddhist sermon

On 2 December 2016, Ven. Rector organized and delivered a Buddhist sermon at the Buddhist Chanting Memorial Service for the late His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej sponsored by the Honorable Glyn T. Davies, US Ambassador to The Kingdom of Thailand and US embassy staff at the Royal Tamnak Phetch Hall of Wat Bovoranives Royal Monastery, Bangkok.



2017

There are 17 main projects where Ven. Rector delivered keynote speeches and speeches on international level (in English)

Keynote speech



Keynote speech at International Conference on Religion and Culture of Peace at Mahamakut Buddhist University. (6 February 2017)

Keynote speech



International Day of Happiness at ECOSOC Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA (20 March 2017)



Keynote speech



Tranquility at the International Conference of Rotary International District 3292 Nepal-Bhutan at Crowne Plaza Hotel Kathmandu -Soaltee, Kathmandu, Nepal (17 February 2017)

Participated







PaRD

The United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect, the United Nations Inter-Agency Task force on Religion and Development (UN IATF), the Permanent Mission of Iraly to the United Nations, the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) and the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD) are pleased to invite you to an offthe record, expert-level discussion on:

THE ROLE OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND ACTORS IN SUSTAINING PEACE

Monday, March 20th, 2017 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm EST Quaker House 247 East 48th Street (*Between 2nd 8:3^{et} Aves*)

Background

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The conference on the Role of Religious Leaders and Actors in Sustaining Peace organized by the UN at Quaker House, New York, USA (20 March 2017)

2017



Buddhist Economy and Culture Tourism at the International Conference on International Day of Vesak Day, Colombo, Sri Lanka. (13 May 2017)

Special lecture

Special lecture for 11 Cross Cultural Solutions from USA, at Wat Bovoranives Vihara, Bangkok. (20 September 2017)



Representing the WFB



The XVI Session of the Secretariat of the Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions at Palace of Peace and Reconciliation, Astana, Kazakhstan. (18 May 2017)

Keynote speech

'Dhammaraja : King of Sustainability' at the 1st International Symposium on "King Bhumibol's Science : Critical Implications for Global Sustainability Movement" jointly organized by the Collage of Social Innovation of Rangsit University and other 9 institutions at Bangsaen Heritage Hotel, Chonburi. (10 November 2017)



Keynote speech



'Will Sustainable Development Really Sustain?' at the 2nd International Conference on Buddhadasa Studies at the Buddhadasa Indapanno Archives, Bangkok. (24 May 2017)



Special lecture



Honoring the late King Bhumibol of Thailand on 'King of Sustainability' at UNESCAP in Bangkok. (13 October 2017)

Respondent to the presentation



'Crisis of Global Modernity and the Rise of Asia' organized by Center for Peace and Conflict Studies of Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. (24 July 2017)

Research paper presentation



'Present Nepalese Diaspora in Bangkok' at the 1st Asian Consortium for South Asia Diaspora and Poplar Culture in Asia jointly organized by Chulalongkorn University, Hankuk University of Korea, National University of Singapore and Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences. (4 November 2017)

Keynote speech



'Education for Life' at the 5th Asia-Pacific Roundtable Meeting: International Conference for Holistic Education (APNHE 2017) at the Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. (23 November 2017)

Special lecture



'Some Experiences in Teaching Buddhism in American Universities' at the International Conference in Tipitaka Studies : Traditional and Contemporary organized by Shan State Buddhist University, Myanmar at Max Hotel, Naypyidaw, Myanmar. (25 November 2017)

2018 (up to October)

Main projects:

Ven. Rector delivered keynote speeches and speeches on international level.

Keynote speech



The WFB Exco at Wat Bovoranives Vihara on the occasion of merit making ceremony dedicating to the Late His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej (21 September 2017)

Special Lecture



'Sustainable Business Management' for Young CEO from all over the world organized by the Young President Organization Next Generation (YNG) at Compass Skyview Hotel, Bangkok. (16 March 2018)

Present an academic paper

'Rethinking of Buddhism in South East Asia' at the International Conference on 'Buddhism in South East Asia' jointly organized by Preah Sihanoukraja Buddhist University, Indian Council for Cultur al Relations and Embassy of India in Cambodia at Phnom Penh Hotel, Phnom Penh City, Cambodia. (3-8 September 2018)



Organized and escorted a religious visit to Japan







His Serene Somdet Phra Wanarat, Acting Patriarch of the Dhammayut Lineage of Thailand, Council member of the Supreme Sangha Council and Abbot of Wat Bovoranives Vihara according to the invitation of the Japan Buddhist Federation, Japan. (4-9 April 2018)

















Special Meeting

To Prepare International Peace Conference on Creating a Sustainable Society of Peace: A legacy of King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand organized by the WFB at the UNESCO, Paris. (30 May 2017)





Special Meeting

The WFB Executive body meeting at the headquarters of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, Sukhumvit, Bangkok. (8 June 2017)

Attending EXCO Meeting

The 89th WFB Executive Council meeting, Ambassador Hotel, Bangkok. (29-31 March 2017)



Opening PALI Class

Opening Oxford Pali Intensive Course, WBU special project, at WFB headquarters, Bangkok. (21 August 2017)



Welcoming

The WFB Exco at Wat Bovoranives Vihara on the occasion of merit making ceremony dedicating to the Late His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej. (21 September 2017)





Participating

The royal merit making ceremony dedicating to the Late His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej at the Royal Grand Palace, Bangkok. (21 September 2017)



Keynote speech

'Buddhism in the New Millennium' at the International Forum on Buddhism in the New Millennium organized by the Buddhist Union of Singapore and the WFB Dhammaduta Standing Committee at Mandarin Orchard Hotel, Singapore (14-15 December 2017)

Attending EXCO Meeting

The WFB 91st Exco Meeting at the WFB headquarters, Bangkok. (27 March 2018)



Teaching

Monthly base teaching Buddhism to western volunteers who visit Thailand under the Cross Cultural Solution organization.















