



Program
International Conference to Commemorate
The Centenary of the Thai Supreme Patriarch Somdej Phra Ñaṅsangvara
on
“Buddhist Studies in Contemporary World”
At Buddhamonthon, on 14 December 2013

Rationale

The year 2013 is the centenary of His Holiness Somdej Pra Ñaṅsangvara, the Supreme Patriarch of Thailand. The Thai government, the Thai Sangha, and people in Thailand have celebrated this auspicious year throughout the country. To join all sectors of Thai society to celebrate the longevity of His Holiness, the World Buddhist University (WBU), in cooperation with the International Buddhist College (IBC), hold an international conference to commemorate the centenary of the Thai Supreme Patriarch on the topic, “Buddhist Studies in Contemporary World.”

Objective

1. To celebrate the centenary of the Thai Supreme Patriarch.
2. To launch the cooperation between WBU and IBC.
3. To create an academic atmosphere for Buddhist scholars to present their papers, discuss and exchange their academic ideas.

Target Group

120- 150 participants—including Buddhist scholars and staff from WBU, professors, graduate and undergraduate students from IBC, and Buddhist scholars from other academic institutions in Thailand and abroad.

Language

English

Venue and Date

The World Buddhist University head office at Buddhamonthon, Putthamonthon Sai 4 Road, Salaya, Nakhon Pathom. Tel. 02-258-0369—73.

Saturday 14 December 2013, 8.30 am – 4.30 pm.

Registration

Please register in advance for your participation in the conference by filling the attached form and sending it to our office. You can register either individually or as a group (please adjust the form to suit your information). There is no registration fee.

Those who present an academic paper will be provided with local transportation cost, room and board during the conference.

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Tentative Schedule

Friday 13 December 2013

17.00 pm Arrival of the participants from WBU, IBC and other scholars.
Check in at Viantai Hotel, Banglamphu, Bangkok.

Saturday 14 December 2013

8.30 am Arrival of all the participants at the conference hall.
Registration

9.00-9.15 Opening Ceremony
Report by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pataraporn Sirikanchana
Vice Rector of WBU
Opening Address by Professor Noranit Sethabutr
Rector of WBU

9.15-10.30 Keynote Speech

10.30-10.45 **Coffee Break**

10.45-11.30 Plenary
Presentation on “Theravada and Mahayana: Theory of Human Nature”
By Dr. Tavivat Puntarigvivat
Director, Institute of Research and Development, WBU

11.30-12.30 **Lunch**

12.30-14.30 pm Paper Presentation (Room A, B, and C)

14.30-14.45 Coffee Break

14.45-16.15 pm Paper Presentation (Room A, B, and C)

16.15-16.30 Closing Ceremony

17.00 Guided Tour of Buddhamonthon
Transportation to hotel, Dinner

Sunday 15 December 2013

8.00-12.00 am Self-guided tour
Suggested Places: (within a walking distance)
Wat Prakaew (The Emerald Buddha Temple)
Wat Pho (The Reclining Buddha Temple)
Wat Prasat Loha on Rajdamnoen Road
Rattanakosin Exhibition Hall on Rajdamnoen Road
National Museum next to Thammasat University
Khao San Road right in front of the hotel

12.00 noon Check out and Departure