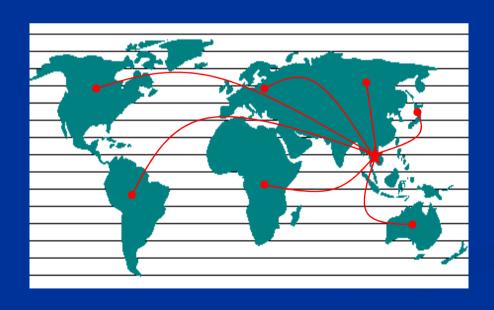
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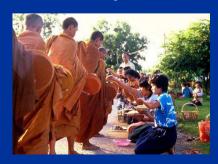
The Buddhist Knowledge Based, Learning, Research and Propagation Centre



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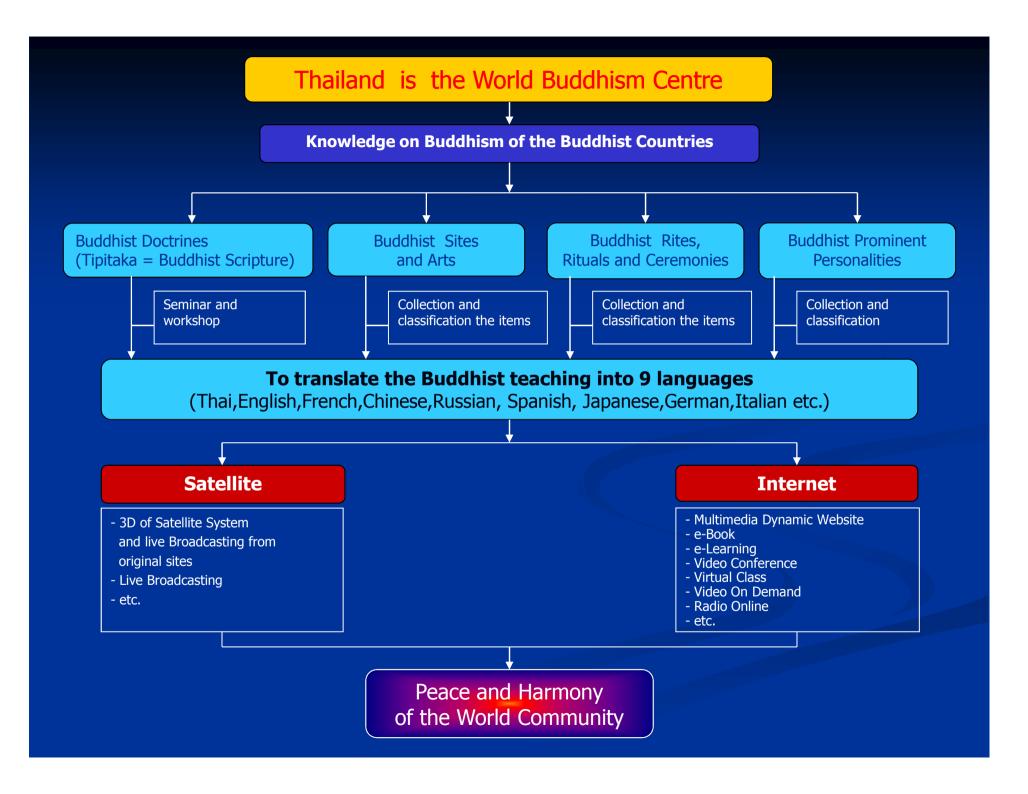
Background

- Thailand is predominant Buddhism country with His Majesty the King being the supreme patron of Buddhism. Throughout the Kingdom, Thailand has 33,902 Buddhist temples. Thailand has long been accepted as the centre of world Buddhism. This fact was underlined in 2005's World Buddhist Summit participated by Buddhist leaders from 43 countries all over the world.
- Thailand would like to introduce the teachings of Lord Buddha to the world community in order to bring about peace and harmony in line with the goals of the United Nations.









Objectives

- 1.To introduce to the world community the teachings of Lord Buddha through advanced information technology.
- 2.To promote Thailand as a centre for the study, research and exchange of ideas and information about Buddhism through modern technology.
- 3.To introduce Thailand as the Gateway for Buddhism unity.

Thailand Buddhist Gateway

Main Regional Node: 12

Province Religion Office Node: 76

Local Site (Wat): 33,902

The World Connection



Scope

Knowledge management of Buddhism using information technology in fourth areas:

- 1. Buddhist Doctrines, Sites, Arts, Rites, Rituals, Ceremonies and Prominent Personalities
- 2. Buddhist Knowledge Based and Media Centre
- 3. Buddhist Gateway: Satellite, Internet, Intranet
- 4. Network Infrastructure



Activities (1)

- 1. Knowledge Management of Buddhist Doctrines
 This will mainly involve the application of Tipitaka to be disseminated through modern technology:
- 1.1 Organizing the world conference on creation of knowledge from the Tripitaka participated by Buddhist leaders and academics both Sangha and laymen, from all over the world.
- 1.2 Translating knowledge gained from the world conference into many languages which have large Buddhist population, i.e. Thai, English, Laos, Khmer, Burmese, Chinese, Japanese, etc.
- 1.3 Publishing and disseminating the translated versions through internet; PDAs, E-books, E-learning, etc.

Activities (2)

- 2. Knowledge Management of Buddhist Sites and Arts
 - 2.1 Compiling knowledge and setting-up database on Buddhist sites and arts in languages which have large Buddhist population, i.e. Thai, English, Laos, Khmer, Burmese, Chinese, Japanese, etc.
 - 2.2 Creating 3D global mapping of Buddhist sites and arts.

Activities (3)

- 3. Knowledge Management of Buddhist Rites, Rituals and Ceremonies
 - 3.1 Live broadcasting Buddhist rites, rituals and ceremonies, for example, Ordination, Visakh, Asalhapucha, Vassa or Buddhist Lent, etc., in different languages, through internet.
 - 3.2 Live broadcasting Buddhist rites, rituals and ceremonies, for example, Ordination, Visakh, Asalhapucha, Vassa or Buddhist Lent, etc. in different languages, through satellite TV and Thai TV Channel 5 Global Network.

Activities (4)

- 4. Knowledge Management of Key Buddhist Prominent Personalities
 - 4.1 Compiling, translating information on lives and works Key Buddhist Prominent Personalities and disseminating through video, online radio programmes and internet.

Output

- 1. Teleconference hosted by Thailand with the 43 member states which recognize Thailand as the World Buddhism Centre.
- 2. An international Tripitaka, translated into the 9 key languages.
- 3. Database with entries of Buddhist sites and arts from no less than 43 countries.
- 4. Database with entries of Buddhist rites, rituals and ceremonies from no less than 43 countries.
- 5. Database with entries of Buddhist prominent personalities.
- 6. A number channels of internet and satellite TVs to disseminate the above mentioned information.

Expected Outcome

- 1. Knowledge on Buddhism is transferred to fellow Buddhist communities all over the world.
- 2. Thailand is a gateway to study and practice Buddhism
- 3. Buddhist pilgrimage access to Buddhist sites all over the world.

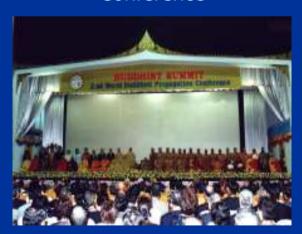
Implementing Period

3-5 Years

Thailand: The World Buddhism Centre



World Buddhist Leaders Conference



World Buddhist Summit



Mahachulalongkorn Buddhist University



World Youth Peace Summit



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International Conference on the United Nations of Vesak Day

Thank you







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