



**The 3rd International Theravāda Buddhist Universities Conference on
'Buddhist Education, Life Education'**

*Organized by Mahamakut Buddhist University
In cooperation with Association of Theravada Buddhist Universities*

At Mahamakut Buddhist University Main Campus,
Salaya, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand
16 – 19 May 2013



Program

Wednesday, 15 May 2013

All Day	Arrival of delegates at the Suvarnabhumi Airport o Check-in at the Rose Garden Hotel, Sampran, Nakhon Pathom
18:00–19:00 hrs	Welcome Dinner/Drinks at hotel
19:00–20:00 hrs	ATBU Executives Meeting at the hotel

Thursday, 16 May 2013 – Sujib Punnyanuphap Conference Hall, MBU

06:30-7:30 hrs	Breakfast at hotel
08:00 hrs	Arrival of Delegates & Executive Members at the MBU Conference Hall
09:00-10:00hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Arrival of His Holiness Somdet Phra Mahamunivongs, the President of MBU ➤ Arrival of Honourable Mr. Phongthep Thepkanjana, Minister of Education ➤ Video Presentation about the MBU and ATBU ➤ Welcome dance ➤ Lighting the Candles to Pay Homage to the Triple Gem by Honourable Minister ➤ Short Buddhist Inauguration Pali Chanting by all Buddhist monks (<i>Namo, Itipiso, Bhikkhu Aparihaniya Dhamma Sutta, and Bhavatusabbamangalam</i>) ➤ Report by Phra Rajapundit, MBU Acting Rector ➤ Inauguration Speech by Honourable Minister ➤ Inauguration Blessing by the His Holiness MBU President ➤ Welcome speech by the Most Ven. Nyanissara, the ATBU Chairman ➤ Announcement of founding ASEAN Buddhist Centre (ABC) by MBU Rector
10:00-11:00hrs	➤ Keynote Speech on <i>Buddhist Education, Life Education</i> by Professor Emeritus Saeng Chandngam, the 1 st batch of MBU Alumnus
11:00 –11:15 hrs	Group Photo
11:15–12:30 hrs	Luncheon
12:30–13:00 hrs	Cultural Performance by MBU students
13:00 –14:00 hrs	Keynote address by Professor Chandima Wijebandara, former Vice Chancellor of Srirajawardene University, Sri Lanka on <i>Teaching and Learning in Buddhism</i> .
14:00 –15:00 hrs	Inspirational speech on <i>'Teaching Buddhism in the West'</i> by Professor Charles Prebish
15:00 –15:30 hrs	Coffee break
15:30 –17:00 hrs	Panel discussion on <i>'Creating Open ASEAN Buddhist Syllabi'</i> (5 syllabi experts) 1. Prof. Y. Karunadasa (PhD, London), Hong Kong University

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Prof. Charles Prebish? 3. If Sarah Shaw, Oxford Centre for Buddhist Studies 4. Dr. Benjaluk Namfa, the Deputy Secretary-General of the Basic Education Commission 5. A Theravada Monk? 6. A Mahayana scholar/monk?
17:00 –18:00 hrs	Q & A from the floor and expertise on the stage
18:00 –19:00hrs	Dinner/Drinks
19:00 –19.30 hrs	Cultural Program
19:30 hrs	Leave MBU to the hotel

Friday, 17May 2013 – Sujib Punnyanuphap Conference Hall, MBU

06:30–7:30 hrs	Breakfast at hotel
08:00 hrs	Arrival of Delegates & Executive Members at the MBU Conference Hall
08:30–08:40 hrs	Video Presentation of the Centennial Birthday Anniversary of the Thai Sangharaja
08:40–09:00 hrs	Pali Chanting on tribute of the Centennial Birthday Anniversary of the Thai Sangharaja by ATBU members
09:00–09:15 hrs	Workshops guidelines and expected results
09:15–11:15 hrs	<p>Divided to Five Workshop groups</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making Standard Buddhist Curriculum 2. Effective Communication in Teaching Buddhism 3. Making Syllabi on Buddhist Meditation 4. Buddhism and ASEAN Community 5. The Pali-Tipitaka Studies
11:15–12:30 hrs	Luncheon
13:00-15:00 hrs	<p>Five Workshops</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making Standard Buddhist Curriculum 2. Effective Communication in Teaching Buddhism 3. Making Syllabi on Buddhist Meditation 4. Buddhism and ASEAN Community 5. The Pali-Tipitaka Studies
15:00–15:30 hrs	Coffee break
15:30–17:00 hrs	<p>Five Workshops</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making Standard Buddhist Curriculum 2. Effective Communication in Teaching Buddhism 3. Making Syllabi on Buddhist Meditation 4. Buddhism and ASEAN Community 5. The Pali-Tipitaka Studies
17:00-18:00 hrs	<p>Closing Ceremony at the Main Conference Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Closing Ceremony presided over by His Holiness Somdet Phra Mahamunivongs, the MBU President ➤ Closing speeches and ceremony ➤ Announcing the venue for the 4th ATBU Conference ➤ Thank you address by the Most Ven. Nyanissara, the ATBU Chairman
18:00 –19:00hrs	Dinner/Drinks
19:00 hrs	Leave MBU to the hotel

Saturday, 18May 2013 –Conference Hall, MBU

06:30–7:30 hrs	Breakfast at hotel
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08:00 hrs	Arrival of Delegate and Executive Members at the MBU Conference Hall
08:30-11:15hrs	Every panel work for their report
11:15–12:30 hrs	Luncheon
13.00-15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ After Action Review ➤ General Secretaries of ATBU presents the report of Workshops ➤ Each workshop presents their report
16:00 –18:00 hrs	ATBU Executive Members Meeting/Evaluating new members
18:00 –19:00hrs	Dinner/Drinks
19:00 hrs	Leave MBU to the hotel

Sunday, 19 May 2013 – Sujib Punnyanuphap Conference Hall, MBU

06:30-7:30 hrs	Breakfast at hotel
08:00 hrs	Arrival of Delegates and Participants at the MBU Conference Hall for Convocation Ceremony
08:30 hrs	Council Member of University offering souvenir to the Invited Monks for ceremony
09:00-11:00 hrs	<p>MBU Convocation Ceremony</p> <p>Arrival of His Holiness Somdet Phra Maharatchmangalacharya, Executive Committee for His Holiness the Supreme Patriarch of Thailand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lighting the Candles to Pay Homage to the Triple Gem by His Holiness ➤ Report by Most Ven. Phra Rajapundit, Acting MBU Rector ➤ Convocation of Honorary Degrees to Executives of Buddhist Universities, VIPs and to the graduates (Morning session) ➤ Speech by His Holiness Somdet Phra Maharatchmangalacharya
11:00 hrs	Luncheon
13:00 –16:00 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Convocation of Honorary Degrees to Executives of Buddhist Universities, VIPs and to the graduates (Afternoon session)
18:00 hrs	Dinner/Drinks

Monday, 20 May 2013

All Day	All Participants check-out from Hotel & Departures.
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Remarks: List of VIPs from Thai Government and Diplomats

- Dr. Sasithara Pichaichannarong, Secretary General, Office of the Education Council
- Mr. Apichart Jeerawuth, Secretary General, Office of the Higher Education Commission
- Mr. Nopparat Benjawatananun, Director General, National Office of Buddhism
- Mr. Nontigorn Kanchanachitra, Secretary-General, Office of the Civil Service Commission
- Mr. Worawit Champirat, Director, Bureau of the Budget
- Associate Professor Dr. Nantana Gajaseni, Executive Director, ASEAN University Network
- Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Director-General, Department of ASEAN Affairs
- Ambassadors/Diplomats from relevant countries