

SDG Article (English version)**“Project to enhance English language skills and lecture the law for the benefit of Buddhism” (Code: SE2024249)**

The monastic community is an ancient society that has coexisted with human society for a long time. When Buddhism was introduced and spread widely in Thailand, a large number of Thai people embraced and revered it, to the point where Buddhism was officially recognized as the national religion of Thailand. As a result, more temples were established, and the number of monks increased. Consequently, laws concerning both laypeople and monks were enacted to ensure clearer and more comprehensive legal enforcement in Thailand. These laws allow the monastic community to govern itself, which is a crucial measure for preserving the Dhamma and Vinaya (monastic discipline).

English is a global language widely used for communication worldwide. It is essential for accessing knowledge and information from across the globe. Having strong English language skills enables individuals to access religious texts, educational materials, and vast sources of information, as well as new technologies and online media, most of which are in English. This helps to facilitate the dissemination of Dhamma and support various religious activities effectively.

Therefore, in order to enhance the English language skills of laypeople associated with Buddhism and monks in Nakhon Si Thammarat province and surrounding areas, it is essential to foster their abilities in speaking, listening, and writing English. Additionally, they must have knowledge and understanding of the rights, duties, and applicable laws that are essential for monks to comply with under the rules, regulations, announcements, and various laws.

The Law Program at Walailak University, under the guidance of Mr. Kanokphon Nikornpest, Assistant Dean for Foreign Affairs, and Ms. Yosita Saikhwan, Head of the School of Law, recognized the importance of English language proficiency for monks in disseminating Buddhism. As a result, we have initiated a project titled “Project to enhance English language

skills and lecture the law for the benefit of Buddhism.” The objective of this project is to provide academic services that benefit society by improving English language skills to monks and students. These skills can be used for daily communication and for spreading Buddhism, such as preaching in English, communicating with devotees in English, and correctly using legal English terminology. The initiative also aims to ensure that everyone receives inclusive and equitable quality education and promotes lifelong learning opportunities. The project is being promoted in collaboration with Mahamakut Buddhist University, Sri Thammasokkarat Campus, Nakhon Si Thammarat Province, to publicize it to monks and students. The project activities are as follows:

1. The project aims to continuously provide integrated English language education in conjunction with religious teachings throughout the academic year 2024. Activities include demonstrations of everyday English usage for monks and laypeople, joint activities between monks and laypeople, and games designed to enhance English speaking, writing, and listening skills. The project also incorporates public speaking practice in English, such as delivering sermons or blessings by monks. Additionally, legal consultation services will be offered to monks and laypeople by Mr. Kanokphon Nikornpest and Ms. Yosita Saikhwan, lecturers at the School of Law, Walailak University.









2. The event named “Songkhla English Camp For Fun On Tour 2024”, a English language education on tour activity, was held at Mahamakut Buddhist University, Sri Thammasokkarat Campus, Songkhla Center, on Friday, July 19, 2024 (rescheduled from June 27–28, 2024). The program featured lectures and skill-building activities designed to enhance monks' daily English language usage, with Mr. Kanokphon Nikornpest and Ms. Yosita Saikhwan, lecturers at the School of Law, Walailak University, serving as special instructors.





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Throughout the duration of the project, in addition to providing knowledge and conducting activities to develop English speaking, reading, writing, and listening skills, there was

also an exchange of experiences between the project instructors and the monks. Some monks had previously been laypeople working in various professions before ordaining, and they shared valuable life lessons on how to live in accordance with the Dhamma and follow the teachings of Buddhism. These insights were not only beneficial to laypeople in general but also to the project instructors. This project not only provided the monks with enhanced English language skills but also offered the instructors and students the opportunity to receive teachings, reflections, and moral guidance from the monks, making the experience mutually enriching.