

Walailak University is an educational institution that not only focuses on the development of education for its students but also has a policy to promote knowledge enhancement in the community, civil society organizations, and other external entities through various educational development projects.

In 2024, Walailak University has initiated academic service activities to serve the community, which include education outreach activities beyond campus on governance issues for temples within Nakhon Si Thammarat province. Specifically, Wat Wangtawan was the first temple to implement such a project based on the plans of the Public Policy Foundation for Society and Governance, in collaboration with the Bhuddhadasa Archives at Suan Mokkh Bangkok. Both organizations aim to establish programs that promote temples in Buddhism as models of transparency that can be referenced by other temples across the country. This project is carried out through cooperation and expertise from specialists in educational institutions, with Walailak University being one of the universities that supports the effective execution of this project.

The creation of policies and regulations regarding the management of temples according to good governance principles is conducted by legal experts, namely Miss Amonrat Ammartsena and Dr. Denkhu Thummanitchayuth, who have research experience and educational management related to the administration of temples based on Buddhist principles. Their skills in presentation and analysis have been effectively utilized to disseminate knowledge in the project. After Wat Wangtawan achieves the objectives of understanding governance criteria and establishing policies and regulations, the activities will expand to Wat Sri Thavee, Wat Chantharam, and Wat Wimuttidham, which are temples in Nakhon Si Thammarat province and are similar in size to the model temple. These temples have successfully gone through the readiness assessment process to receive education on the subject.

The expansion of activities to other temples aims to replicate the successful model of Wat Wangtawan to these locations, helping those involved in the temples gain knowledge and understanding of governance in line with the project's objectives.

The outreach activities include tailored lectures on governance and law to foster transparency in the management of the temples, as they are legal entities and community groups beyond the university. These activities follow a programmed project that has been planned, including understanding the criteria for organizational management according to good governance principles, creating processes to develop transparency in temple management policies, enhancing awareness of transparency among the temples, and drafting relevant regulations for the various temples, such as procurement rules, expenditure regulations, and asset management guidelines within the temples. The lectures or studies conducted are based on requests from the service recipients directly. Importantly, these activities do not incur any costs to the temples or service recipients at all.