PROGRAMME

Monday, December 3, 2018

Arrival of all Delegates and VIP guests

18.00 Welcome Dinner at R-HAAN Restaurant which was awarded a Michelin Star and well known for unique wisdom of Thai Cuisine by Celeb Chef Chumpol at Sukhumvit 53

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Venue: World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB), Bangkok

08:30 Registration and Reception at WFB

09:00 **H.E. Phan Wannmethee**, President of the WFB lights the candles at the altar
Welcome speech by WFB President

9:30 Inaugural Speech: **Fra Anil Sakya**: *'Retheorizing SEP to SDGs'*

10:00 Session 1: The Buddhist Path to SDGs
Chair: Issabela Bunn Discussant: Nick Pisalyaput
Emma Tomalin: *'Buddhism and SDG 5 (Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All women and Girls): Barriers and Drivers for Change'*
Patrick Mendis: *'What the Buddha Taught on Sustainable Development'*

11:30 Lunch at WFB

13:00 Session 2: Application of SDGs
Chair: Patrick Mendis
Discussant: Poomjai Nacaskul
Joel Magnuson:
'Changing Our Approach to Economic Change: A Buddhist-Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development'
Nick Pisalyaput and Vasu Srivibha:
'Dharmic Sustainability at Work in Thai Companies – Case Studies'
Nina Sardjunani: *'How SDGs have been applied in Indonesia'*
Tea and Coffee Break (served)

15:00 Session 3: SDGs in Public and Private Spheres
Chair: Fra Anil Sakya Discussant: Joel Magnuson
Stephen B. Young:
'Sustainable Development Goals as Moral Government: the UN SDGs as a Means of Moral Government'
Poomjai Nacaskul:
'Risk Management and Sustainable Value for Companies'

16:30 Tea and Coffee

17:00 Round-up Discussion

19:00 Dinner at Bangkok Marriott Marquis Queen's Park Hotel

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Venue: World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB), Bangkok

07:00 Breakfast at hotel

08:30 Session 4: The UN's SDGs
Chair: Stephan Young Discussant: Emma Tomalin
Isabella Bunn:
'Contextualizing Sustainable Development Goals'
Patrick O'Sullivan:
'Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Utopia, Propaganda or Pragmatic Reality'

10:00 Round-up Discussion

11:00 Travel to Phuttamonthon

11.45 Lunch at College of Music, Mahidol University, Salaya



Venue: International Buddhist Library: Maha Sirinath Phutthamonthon, Nakhon Pathom

12:00 Registration (open to public)

13:00 **Opening Ceremony**
Representative of the Supreme Sangha Council lights the candles at the altar and chair the session
Pol Lt Col Pongporn Pramsaneh, Director of National Office of Buddhism reports
Representative of the Supreme Sangha Council gives opening speech
Mr Phallop Thaiarry, Secretary-General of WFB gives welcome speech
VDO Presentation on *"The Buddhist Path to SDGs"*

13:30 **Indira P. Baheramsyah**, the United in Diversity: *'SDG Pyramid Happiness: an Indonesian Case Study'*

14:00 Panel 1: the Buddhist Path to SDGs
Chair: Stephan Young
Joel Magnuson, Emma Tomalin, Patrick Mendis, Nick Pisalyaput, Indira P. Baheramsyah
Tea & Coffee Break

15:30 Panel 2: Application of SDGs
Chair: Patrick Mendis
Isabella Bunn, Patrick O'Sullivan, Nina Sardjunani, Stephen B. Young, Poomjai Nacaskul

17:00 Round-up discussion

17:50 Closing Remark: **Fra Anil Sakya**, WBU Rector

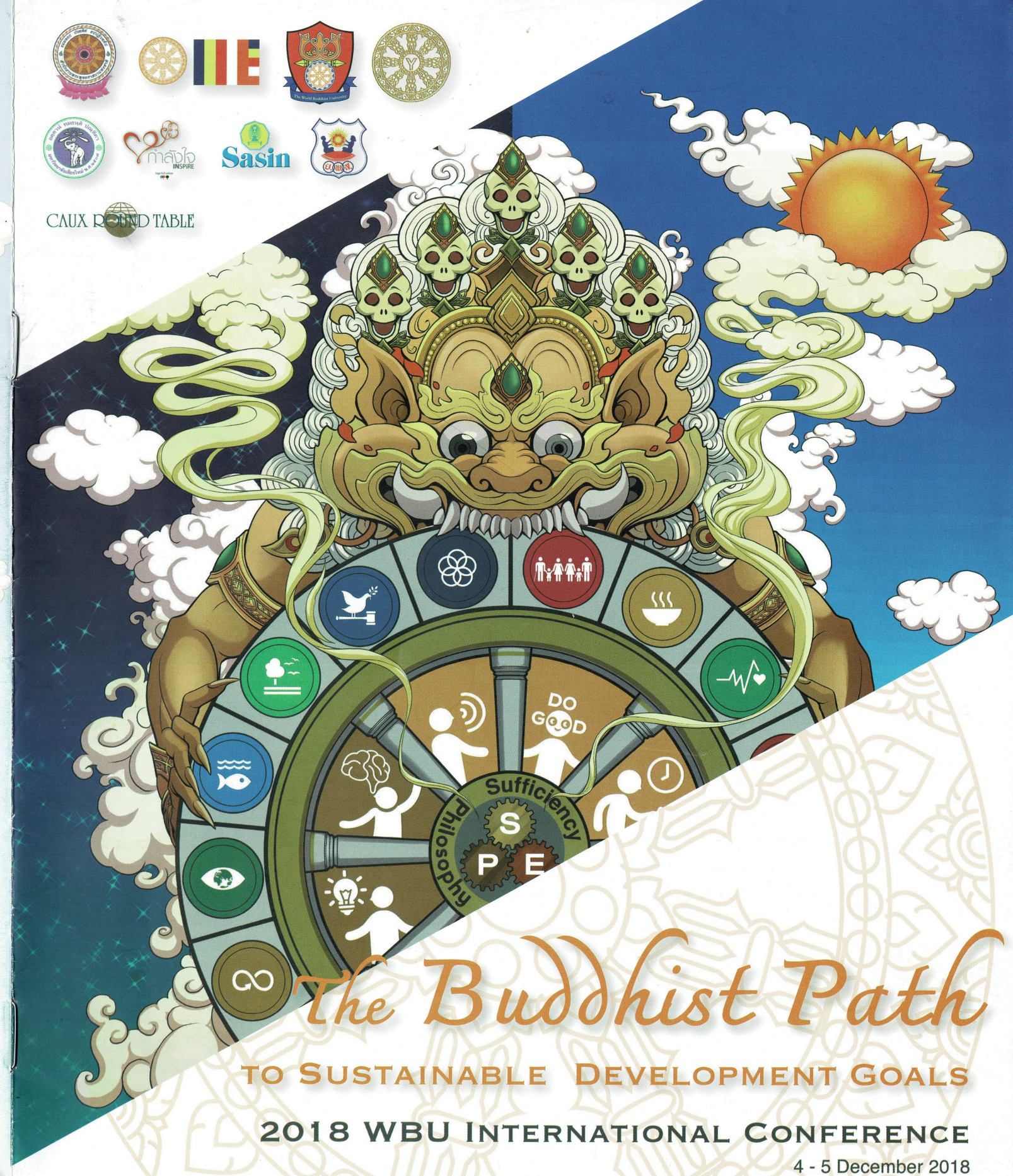
18.00 Leave Phuttamonthon

19:00 Thank you dinner at cozy Thai homey style restaurant, Chan & Yupa, at Sukhumvit 10

Pre-registration
Please register at this link
bit.ly/wbu2018v
by November 30, 2018.

If you have any questions,
Please send your email to
contact@wbu.world

Scan to Register



The Buddhist Path

TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

2018 WBU INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

4 - 5 December 2018

at The World Fellowship of Buddhists, Sukhumvit 24, Bangkok and

Maha Sirinath International Buddhist Library, Phutthamonthon, Nakhon Pathom

Hosted by

National Office of Buddhism
World Fellowship of Buddhists
World Buddhist University



The National Office of Buddhism of Thailand (ONaB), the World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB), World Fellowship of Buddhist Youth (WFBY) and World Buddhist University (WBU) in coopera-tion with The Kamlangjai Project under the Royal Initiative of Her Royal Highness Princess Bajarakitiyabha, Young Buddhist Association of Thailand, The Caux Round Table, Sasin Centre for Sustainability Management and Faculty of Medicine Chiang Mai University are organizing the two-day international conference on **'The Buddhist Path to Sustainable Development Goals'** at the WFB headquarters in Bangkok and Maha Sirinath International Buddhist Library, Phuttamonthon, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand on 4-5 December 2018.

The conference is organized as an honour of two important birthday occasions of Thailand. Firstly, remembering the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej's birthday, 5 December 1927 which is also the Father Day and National Day of Thailand and the late 19th Supreme Patriarch, Somdet Phra Nyansamvara who was born on 3rd October 1913, the founding date of the NoB and WBU.

The Late King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand presented a holistic human development model popularly known as **'Sufficiency Economy.'** In this regard, Madam Irina Bokova, a former Director-General of UNESCO once states: *"His Majesty marked the history of the twentieth century – but this vision – and I would say wisdom – will mark the 21st century as well. He advocated a holistic vision of human development to empower the most disadvantaged, to achieve greater social equity by challenging classic growth patterns. This philosophical guidance resonates deeply with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations in 2015, which sets an ambitious and bold blueprint to advance human dignity and protect our planet."*

Similarly, the late Patriarch Somdet Phra Nyana-samvara, the 19th Supreme Patriarch of Thailand was the head of the Sangha patronage of the World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB) for over 25 years. It was on 1997 that the WFB honoured His Holiness by founding the WBU as a tribute to his 84th birthday.



The Late His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand and the Late Supreme Patriarch Somdet Phra Nyanasamvara

The two-days international conference on **'The Buddhist Path to Sustainable Development Goals'** designed in a way that the proceedings of the conference could be an alternative reference book for the field of SDGs and Buddhism.

The first day and morning session of the second day of the conference are dedicated to a scholarly workshop and discussion.

The afternoon session of the second day of the conference is dedicated for a public and media with a formal inagural ceremony and panel discussion. At the panel discussion, delegates and participants are encouraged to ask questions to panellist after their brief presentations. With a live Q&A session with scholars, public will get a chance to learn about the UN's SDGs, the Buddhist path to SDGs and importantly how one can help to achieve the global agenda by 2030.

VENUE INFORMATION

4 Dec 2018:

The first day of the conference (academic workshop) will be held at the World Buddhist University headquarter at Benjasiri Park in Sukhumvit 24, Bangkok.



The World Fellowship of Buddhists Headquarters, Benjasiri Park, Sukumvit 24

5 Dec 2018

The second day of the conference (opening and panel presentation) will be held at the Maha Sirinath International Buddhist Library, Phutthamonthon, Nakhon Pathom.



Maha Sirinath International Buddhist Library, Phutthamonthon, Nakhon Pathom

The Buddhist Path to Sustainable Development Goals

The Buddha says, *'Times devours every being and even itself.'* Accordingly, ancient Buddhist art had developed the figure of the Kāla or Time as a giant monster who keeps eating the world. The world is impermanent because of the Time (Kāla). Kāla indicates development. No time, no development.



The SEP (central circle)
The SEP or Sufficiency Economy Philosophy is the legacy of the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand. It is an alternative way to achieve a happiness with a life of a balance. The King's SEP was founded on the heart of Buddhist teachings i.e. Sīla (a well-balanced life = sufficiency), Samādhi (exquisite activities = economy (ety. household management) = mind management), and Paññā (Philosophy = love of reasoning = wisdom).
The SEP is the Threefold Training of the Buddha which is the short form of the Noble Eightfold Path.

The Noble Eightfold Path
(2nd layers of the circle) with 8 spokes
When the ideology of the Threefold Training is explained by the Noble Eightfold Path. The Noble Eightfold Path is a list of actions for people to cultivate in order to achieve ultimate peace (Nibbana) i.e. Sustainable World.

The Moon and The Sun
The sun and moon represent day and night of the happy and sustainable world.

The Giant
The giant represents the Kāla or time i.e. development.

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (outer circle)
The UN sets 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. The Goals interconnect and in order to leave no one behind, it is important that we achieve each Goal and target by 2030.

The Meaning of the Whole Picture
The SEP triggers the Noble Eightfold Path in action through which the UN global goals are gradually achieved. The world will be transformed to be the Sustainable World i.e. the World of Happiness.

Remark: Etymologically, *'sustain'* means 'holding all activities with firm foundation from below.' The term sustainable is derived from a Latin word *sus* as a prefix which means *'from below'* and the root *tenere* which mean to *'hold.'* Therefore, *sustinere* in Latin means *"hold up, hold upright; furnish with means of support; bear, undergo, endure"* etc. Fundamentally, sustainable development is any development which has a balance as its foundation and has no negative results on society, economics and environments as we have been facing with most development models.

The Latin root of sustain i.e. *tenere* and Sanskrit root of Dharma i.e. *dhr* are in fact the same root and have same meaning, that is, *'to uphold.'* In other word, Buddhism is all about guidance on sustainable development. The Buddha's first sermon, *Dhamma-cakka-pavattana*, literally can be translated as a discourse on *'the application of sustainable development in practice.'* In elaboration, *dhamma* means sustainable, *cakka* means moving forward with firm grounding, and *pavattana* means to put in action. Therefore, *Dhamma-cakka-pavattana*, can be translated as a discourse *'on sustainable development in action.'*

Speakers



Fra Anil Sakya, PhD.

Honorary Rector of World Buddhist University, THAILAND

Inaugural Speech: Retheorizing SEP to SDGs



Dr. Isabella Bunn

Senior Associate, Regent's Park College, University of Oxford, UK

Contextualizing Sustainable Development Goals

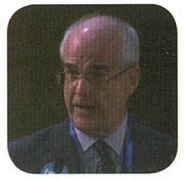


Dr. Patrick O'Sullivan

Grenoble Ecole de Management, Grenoble, FRANCE

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Utopia, Propaganda or Pragmatic Reality

Dr. Stephen B. Young



Executive Director, Caux Roundtable for Moral Capitalism, USA

Sustainable Development Goals as Moral Government: the UN SDGs as a Means of Moral Government



Dr. Poomjai Nacaskul

FSVP, Quantitative Models and Enterprise Analytics at Siam Commercial Bank PCL., THAILAND

Risk Management and Sustainable Value for Companies'

Dr. Joel Magnuson



Economist based in Portland, Oregon, USA

Changing Our Approach to Economic Change: A Buddhist-Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development





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Sasin Centre for Sustainability Management, THAILAND

Dharmic Sustainability at Work in Thai Companies – Case Studies

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Professor of Religion and Public Life, University of Leeds, UK

Buddhism and SDG 5 (Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All women and Girls)**: Barriers and Drivers for Change**



Dr. Patrick Mendis

Associate-in-Research, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA., USA.

What the Buddha Taught on Sustainable Development

Indira P Baheramsyah



CEO, The United in Diversity Foundation, INDONESIA

SDG Pyramid Happiness: An Indonesian Case Study



Nina Sardjunani *Team Leader SDGs, National Secretariate Ministry of National Development Planning, INDONESIA*

'How SDGs have been Implemented in Indonesia'



Since in our time, the sustainability of our planet with social and economic justice for all peoples is at issue, Buddhism can helpfully prepare us for ethical decision-making on promoting sustainable development.



The immediate objectives of the Conference is to bring together leading academics, academia, government policy makers, Buddhist leaders as well as relevant stakeholders in an open dialogue to discuss the issues and set directions for a publication of the Buddhist Path of Sustainable Development Goals. Specifically, the Conference is intended to:

1. To celebrate would be the 91st birthday of the Late King Bhumibol Adulyadej
2. To celebrate would be the 105th birthday anniversary of the late Patriarch Somdet Phra Nyanasamvara, the 19th Supreme Patriarch of Thailand.
3. To find a new understating on a Buddhist Path to Sustainable Development Goals.
4. To urge Buddhist institutions, organizations and networks to brainstorm on the subject as a Buddhist contribution to the world.
5. To develop scholarly knowledge of Buddhism to apply to the world.
6. To implement the policies of WBU and the WFB regarding to the exchange of knowledge and information with learned institutions.
7. To broaden academic network of WBU to many different countries.
8. To exchange ideas and experiences among fellows of both within and outside members of WBU.



1. The conference should lead to publication of a reference book on 'the Buddhist Path to SDGs'
2. Collaboration and cooperation between Buddhists and shoclars of sustainability.
3. Materializing an 'how to' book in achieving the global goals of the UN.

