

WORKSHOP:

“TOWARDS A BUDDHIST UNDERSTANDING OF RELIGIOUS MINORITY RIGHTS”

4 – 5 OCTOBER 2014
«INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE STUDIES»
MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY
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PROGRAM:

	Friday 3 October
19:00-20:00	<i>Evening reception</i>
	Saturday 4 October
07:30-08:30	<i>Breakfast</i>
09:00-09:15	Opening ceremony
09:15-09:30	Greeting from Mahasangha by Ven. Phra Phrommethee
09:30-09:45	Welcome speech by Assistant Prof. Dr. Parichart Suwanbubbha, Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University
09:45-10:15	Opening speech by Mr. Egil Lothe, President of Buddhist Federation of Norway
10:15-10:45	Opening speech by Associate Professor Dr. Gothom Arya, Director Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University
10:45-11:15	Dr. Premasiri Pahalawattage "Buddhist Ethical Principles for the Promotion of Interreligious Harmony".
11:15-12:30	Lunch
12:30-13:00	Assoc. Prof. Suwanna Satha-Anand: "On Buddhist Tolerance: canonical aspects of the Buddhist position on tolerance"
13:00-14:00	Round table discussion: "What are the Buddhist Values Regarding Tolerance & Freedom of Religion?"
14:00-14:30	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
14:30-14:45	Mr. Manohara De Silva: "Buddhism & the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – Convergence of Values?"
14:45-15:30	Round table discussion: "Freedom of Religion or Belief – The United Nations and Buddhism in harmony?"
15:30-15:45	<i>Tea / coffee</i>
15:45-16:30	Prof. Anura K. Manatunga: "Religious minorities among Sinhalese Buddhists in Sri Lanka" and Prof. G. Somaratne: "Reflections on interreligious relations in contemporary Sri Lanka"
16:30-16:45	Dr. Khin Zaw Win: "Towards a Buddhist understanding of religious minority rights"
16:45-17:30	"Challenges to Interreligious Harmony in Contemporary Myanmar": Ven. Seindida, Ven. Tay Zardipati, Ven. Uttamasara, Ven. Dayweinda
19:00-20:00	Dinner for non-monastic participants
	Sunday 5 October
07:30-08:30	<i>Breakfast</i>
09:00-09:30	Challenges in Bangladesh: "Being Buddhist in the Muslim Majority State of Bangladesh" Ven. Sradhananda, Prof. Dr. Suman Kanti Barua and Mr. Prakrits Ranjan Barua
09:30-10:00	"Majority as Minority. On Relations between Buddhist and Muslims in Southern

	Thailand”: Phra Tinnawat Chandapanyo and Phrakru Vicheankittikhun
10:00-10:15	Dr. Mano Mettanando Laohavanich: “Interreligious harmony, The Thai Experience”
10:15-10:30	Assist. Prof. Dr. Parichart Suwanbubbha: “Dialogue to Promote Peace Between Religions”
10:30-10:45	<i>Coffee/tea</i>
10:45-11:00	Ven. Phra Tep Visutikavee: “The situation of religious rights in Thailand”
11:00-11:15	Mr. Manohara de Silva: “Justice between Religions. Legislation a Means to Religious Harmony?”
11:15-12:30	<i>Lunch</i>
12:30-14:00	Round table discussion: “Dealing Justly with Issues of Relevance to the Relations between Buddhists and Followers of other Religions” a) Proselytism and conversion b) Interreligious mariages c) Food and animal welfare d) Use of public space e) Religious instruction in public education
14:00-14:15	<i>Tea / coffee</i>
14:15-14:45	Round table discussion: “Towards a Buddhist Understanding of Religious Minority Rights”
14:45-15:00	Reflections from all participants and concluding session

Workshop: “Towards a Buddhist understanding of religious minority rights”

Time: 4 - 5 October 2014 / 09:00 am – 5:00 pm / 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

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