



Condolence Message from H.E. Phan Wannamethee
President of The World Fellowship of Buddhists
in Memory of
Most Venerable Phra Sudhammadhipati (Kittisara Mahathera)
Assistant Abbot of Bavornnives Vihara Temple and
Honorary President of Sirindhorn Rajavithayalai Foundation



Most Venerable Phra Sudhammadhipati (Kittisara Mahathera) passed away peacefully on 15 August B.E. 2563 (2020) at the age of 92 years old. His passing away has brought about a great sadness to Sangha and laities in Thailand and to all his disciples in foreign countries.

Most Venerable Phra Sudhammadhipati was ordained at the age of twenty years and became a revered monk until the last breath of his life. He had finished Phrapariyattidhamma at Bavornnives Vihara Temple and received Bachelor Degree in Theology from Mahamakut Buddhist University. All through his monkhood, he was very active in social welfare, educational support, and building temples. He used to be Deputy Rector of Administration at Mahamakut Buddhist University, Supervisory Director of Dhammaduta in Indonesia and Malaysia, including currently as Honorary President of Sirindhornrajavithayalai Foundation under Royal Patronage. His devotion for educational support and social welfare was evidently be witnessed from his devotion in building Sirindhrontheeparatanaram temple, which the late His Holiness Somdet Phra Sangharaja Chao Krommaluang Vajirañāṇasaṃvara (the 19th Supreme Patriarch of Thailand), granted the 24.5 acre for building it and was under the Royal Patronage of Her Royal Highness Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, the Princess Debaratanarajasuda. This temple was functioned as Buddhist studying college, the 2nd campus of Mahamakut Buddhist University, and childcare center that provides education for all children regardless of religion, race and nations.

In his perspective, education for children should be the foundation of decent adult that can cultivate person to be valuable assets of the nation. The childcare center in Samutsakorn Province is his vigorous commitment of education for the better of society as the whole. He used to represent Sirindhornrajvithayalai Foundation under Royal Patronage, The WFB Regional Centre in Thailand, attended the General Conference of The WFB for many times. He received The WFB Medal Award of Culture at the 25th General Conference of The WFB in Sri Lanka B.E. 2553 (2010).

His demise certainly brings about a deep sense of grief and loss not only among Sangha but it is also to all friends in the Buddhist world. On behalf of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, may I convey my sincere condolence to Sangha and laities in remembrance of Most Venerable Phra Sudhammadhipati

May the merit of the Triple Gem and good karma lead Most Venerable Phra Sudhammadhipati to attain the bliss of Nirvana.

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