

Curriculum Vitae
Pathompong Bodhiprasiddhinand

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1. Postal Address:

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2. Employment:

Present	Lecturer at the Department of Humanities, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Mahidol University
2005-2015	Director of the International PhD Programme in Buddhist Studies, Department of Humanities, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Mahidol University
2004-2005	Weekly columnist (educational and religious affairs), Siamrath Newspaper, Thailand
1993-1995	Lecturer in Pāli and Sanskrit, Department of Oriental Languages, Faculty of Humanities, Mahamakut Buddhist University (subjects taught: Pāli and Sanskrit in Thai, reading certain Sanskrit texts such as Hitopadeśa)
1996	Appointed by His Holiness the Supreme Patriarch of Thailand as academic advisor to the Mahamakuta Rājavidyālaya Foundation (MRF), the oldest and best known Buddhist publishing house in Thailand under the Patronage of H.M. the King of Thailand
1996-1997	Weekly columnist (educational and religious affairs), Matichon Newspaper, Thailand

Pro Bono Publico

2014-present	**Secretary-General**, the Foundation of His Holiness Somdet Phra Ñāṇasaṃvara Centennial Commemoration, Thailand
2017-present	**Meditation Instructor** at the Will Power Institute, Wat Thammamongkon, Bangkok, Thailand

3. Research interests:

Early Buddhism, Textual Criticism and Manuscript Studies in South-east Asia, Mindfulness and Meditation

4. Relevant Skills:

AUA-QA Version 3 & 4 (sometime a lead assessor at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Mahidol University)

5. Education:

2000-2004	DPhil (Oriental Studies), Faculty of Oriental Studies, the Oriental Institute, Oxford University, United Kingdom (St Anne's College) Thesis: Word Order in Early Pali Prose Texts Supervisor: Prof Dr Richard Francis Gombrich, former president of the Pali Text Society. Examiners: Mr Lance Cousins (Wolfson College, Oxford) and Prof Cate Crosby (then SOAS, UK, now Balliol College, Oxford University)
2004	Certificate of Attendance: 'How to Spin Out University's Company', Saïd Business School, Oxford University, United Kingdom
1997-2000	MA in Oriental Religions (Merit), School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, United Kingdom Thesis: The Theory of Rebirth in the Early Upaniṣads and Early Buddhism. Supervisor: Dr.T. Skorupski
1983-1996	MA in Oriental Languages (Sanskrit, Pāli, Prākrits), Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University Thesis: An Analytical Study of Sanskrit in the Lalitavistra Chapters 1-4. Supervisor: Prof Visudh Busyakul. Examiners: Prof Dr Saksri Yaemnadda, Dr Prapod Assavavirulhakarn
1989	BA (Honours) in English from Mahamakut Buddhist University
1988	Completed the ninth standard of the Thai traditional Pāli Studies, Wat Bowornniwet Wiharn

6. Awards, Honours & Scholarships:

-Finished the 9th grade of the Thai traditional Pāli studies while still a Buddhist novice aged 20 and received higher ordination under the patronage of King Bhumipol the Great at the Emerald Buddha Temple, within the Grand Palace with His Holiness Somdet Phra Ñāṇasaṃvara, the 19th Supreme Patriarch of Thailand as preceptor
-Sankrit Prize from the Gītāśrama Association of Thailand for outstanding academic performance while reading for an MA in Oriental Languages at Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University
-Boden scholarship while reading for a DPhil degree, the Oriental Institute, Oxford University
-Research grant from St Anne's College, Oxford University to pay a research visit to Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies, Harvard University, USA
-Research grant from St Anne's College, Oxford University to pay a research visit to Collège de France, Collège de la Sorbonne, École française d'Extrême-Orient, Paris, France

7. Languages:

Classical Languages: Pāli, Sanskrit and Prākrits
Modern languages: English, German (working), French (working)

8. Publications

Published Books

2025 *The Arts of Pāli Translation*, Bangkok: Mahamakuta Rajavidyalaya Foundation (MRF). (In Thai). A revised version of 1990 publication (now in a printing house) (in Thai).
2011 *Buddhist Catechism*. Two vols. Bangkok: Think Beyond Books (in Thai).
2004 *A Guide to Buddhist Monasteries and Meditation Centres in Thailand* (assist editor). Bangkok: The World Fellowship of Buddhists.
1996 *Language and Linguistics in Pāli and Sanskrit*, Bangkok: MRF (in Thai).

Published Research Articles (Selected)

2025 *How Buddhism explains the Change of Cremated Relics of Deceased Noble Disciples in Buddhism to become Crystal-Like Objects* **(in progress).**
2025 *Buddhist Banks Can Strengthen Buddhist Communities at their Grassroots* **(in progresss).**
2024 *Preliminary Remarks on the New Edition and Translation of the Rasavāhinī* (With Dr Junko Matsumura) **(in progress).**
2024 *Problems of Web-based Teaching at Mahidol University in the Academic Year 2027: An Overview* **(in progress).**
2024 *The Effectiveness of Mindfulness Practice among the Students Who Enrolled upon the Course 'Meditation for Life Development' at Mahidol University in the Academic Year 2024* **(in progress).**
2023 Buddhist Ethics for Improving Health and Well-Being during Pandemics like COVID-19: With Special References to Modern Scientific Experiments, *Religions* **2024**, *15*(4), 511; https://doi.org/10.3390/rel15040511
2022 The Evolution of the Belief in Creationism During the Vedic Period before the Rise of Buddhism. *Academic Journal of Mahachulalongkorn Buddhist University*. In the Thai-Journal Citation Index (TCI) Database. Issue 1 (2565): January-June. (in Thai).
2021 The Monastic Rules Often Violated by Modern Thai Monks, *Journal of Buddhist Studies of Mahachulalongkorn Buddhist University*, Chiang Mai Campus. In the Thai-Journal Citation Index (TCI) Database. Issue 2 (July-December 2021). (in Thai).
2019 A Brief Note on the Restoration of the Forest-Monk Tradition in 19th Century Thailand, *IBC Journal of Buddhist Studies (IBCJBS),* vol.1, 37-54.
2017 Analytical Study of the Concept of the Bank for Buddhist Affairs in Thailand, *Proceeding of the Annual Conference of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities,* Mahidol University 2017, 166-172. (in Thai)
2005 *Life and Work of Sujib Punyanubhab* (1917-2000): The Father of Modern Buddhist University in Thailand. In *Buddhist Unity in the Globalisation Age* (eds. Pathompong Bodhiprasiddhinand & Suchin Thongyuak). Bangkok: Mahamakut Buddhist University for the Fourth World Buddhist Summit, under the Patronage of H.H.Supreme Patriarch and with an Approval of the Thai Sangha Supreme Council in Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of His Majesty the King's Accession to the Throne at H.R.H.Prince Chumpon Khet Udomsak Hall, during 1-5 November 2548 (2005), 116-137.
2005 *How Can Buddhism Solve the Problems in the South*?. Edited by Wareeya Bhavabhutanon Na Mahasarakam. Nakhonpathom: Department of Humanities, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Mahidol University. (in Thai).

2003 *Somdet Phra Nyanasamvara: The Supreme Patriarch of Thailand*. In The WFB Review: A Special Volume in Honour of His Holiness the Supreme Patriarch of Thailand on the Auspicious Occasion of his 90th Birthday Anniversary. Vol. XL, No.4: October-December 2546 (2003): 19-29.

2002 '*Bhikkhuṇī* and *Sāmaṇerī* in Thailand: Problem and Solution,' *Dharmacakṣu Magazine,* Part One: November 2002: 49-58; Part Two: December 2002: 57-66. (in Thai).

2001 'The Original Meaning of *Ātman* (*Attā*) in India,' *Dharmacakṣu Magazine,* 84th year, Issue 5 (February): 64-71. (in Thai)

1993 'Buddhist Monastic Education in the Past: from the Buddha's times up to the 19th Century Thailand (King Rama IV or King Mongkut)', in *Mahāmaku†a Rājavidyālaya (King Mongkut Royal Academy) in 100 Years (1893-1993)*. Bangkok: MRF, 409-425 (in Thai).

9. Edited Publications:

Edited Books

2008 *How to Make Our Physical Body and Mentality Free from Suffering* by Phra Promgunaporn. Bangkok: MRF (in Thai)

2006 *Dhammosatha: A Collection of Buddhist Articles on How Buddhist Teaching Can Improve One's Mental and Physical Health*. Bangkok: MRF (in Thai)

2005 *Pāli Chanting, Buddhist Concentration and Insight Can Cure Various Diseases* by Dr Pinit Ratanakul. Bangkok: MRF (in Thai)

1994 *Nine Lectures on Buddhism* (editor), a collection of papers by leading Buddhist scholars from many countries presented in a conference organised in honour of His Majesty the King of Thailand on his 60th birthday anniversary, published by the Headquarter of the World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB), Bangkok, (In English)

1993 *Pāli and Sanskrit Studies (Balee-Sansakarit Wichakarn): A Collection of Articles on Pāli and Sanskrit by leading Pāli and Sanskrit Scholars*. Published in Honour of His Holiness the Supreme Patriarch on his 60th Birthday Anniversary. Bangkok: MRF (in Thai)

Edited Journals

Founding Editor and Editor in Chief: *Thai International Journal of Buddhist Studies* (TIJBS), Vols I-IV. Renamed *Ñāṇasaṃvara Journal of Buddhist Studies* (NJBS), Vols I & II.

10. Paper Presentations (on invitation):

2023 *Buddhism and Covid-19: How Can Buddhist Ethics Offer to Improve Health during the Covid-19 Pandemic?* The Hamburger Gesellschaft für Thaiistik e.V., Universität Hamburg, Germany, 5 May 2023 (Online)

2022 *Influences of the US Government on Thai Politics*. Delivered at the Faculty of Political Science's Building of Ramkhamhaeng University. Jointly organised by the Association of Social Sciences of Thailand in collaboration with Faculty of Political Science of Ramkhamhaeng University, Nation Building Institute and Ramkhamhaeng University. (in Thai).

2022 *The Importance of 'Buddhist Bank' in the Buddhist World: With Special Reference to the Concept of Bhogavibhāga in the Dīghanikāya*. Organised by Numata Zentrum für

Buddhismuskunde, Universität Hamburg, Germany, 5 Jan 2022 (Online).

2021 *How to Interpret the Buddha's Teaching according to the Pāli Canon and Its Commentaries*. Mahachulalongkorn Buddhist University Buriam Campus. 29 August 2021 (in Thai).

2021 *How to do A Critical Edition of Palm Leaf Manuscripts according to the International Standards*. A Seminar on the Palm Leaf Manuscripts (MSS) Studies in in honour of His Holiness Somdet Phra Ñāṇasaṃvara, the 19th Supreme Patriarch of Thailand. Ñāṇasaṃvara Centre for Buddhist Studies, Thailand. 2 October 2021 (in Thai).

2021 *How Can Ancient Manuscripts Strengthen the National Security?* Organised by Department of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicines. 15 November 2021. (in Thai).

2017 *The Concept of Buddhist Bank in Thailand: A Preliminary Paper*. The International PhD Programme in Buddhist Studies, Mahidol University (in Thai).

2011 *The Concept of Ātman in the Ṛgveda*. Organised and funded by High Commission of India in collaboration with the Government of Sri Lanka and Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy (SIBA), Sri Lanka.

2006 *Mind and Body Medicine: How to Improve Physical and Mental Health Based on Buddhist Teachings*. Delivered on various occasions both within and outside Mahidol University.

2005 *Problems which Hinder the Development of Buddhist Studies in Thailand*. Delivered at An International Buddhist Academic Conference for the 30th Anniversary of the Post Graduate Institute of Pāli and Buddhist Studies, Kelaniya University, Columbo, Sri Lanka, during 10-11 December 2005.

2003 *The Development of Buddhism in Great Britain: Past, Present and Prospects for the Future*. Delivered at the Headquarters of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, Bangkok, Thailand.

11. Organisation and Administration

1995-1996 Director of the Text and Academic Office, Mahamakuṭa Rajavidyalaya Foundation Under Royal Patronage (typically overseeing and managing the entire process of producing various books on Buddhism)

1994-6 Acting editor, the WFB Review of the World Fellowship of Buddhists, Bangkok Thailand

1993 President of the Students' English Club, Mahamakut Buddhist University

12. Books in Preparation

2023-2025 *Buddhism and Healing*, developed from teaching material of a GE course 'Buddhism and Healing' (SHHU 160) for undergraduates, Mahidol University.

2023-2025 *History of Buddhism in Thailand: from the Sukhothai Period until the Time of King Rama V*. Expanded from my previous research project funded by College of Religious Studies, Mahidol University

2023-2026 Book in Thai: *'Buddhist Disciplines for Forest Monks' (*พระวินัยสำหรับพระป่า*)*

2022-2026 Book in Thai: '*Vithee Truad Chamra Khamphee Phāsā Bali Tām Lhak Māttrathān Sākon*' (How to do a critical edition of Pali Palm-leaf Manuscripts following the International Standards)' based on my papers delivered at conferences on many occasions.

13. Completed Research Projects (Selected)

2023 *The Creation of the Database of Cannabis-Based Medicine in the Ancient Documents in the Southern Part of Thailand* (with Dr Rajan Nilwannapha, Mahasarakham University and Lec.Witthaya Busbong, Thaksin University). Funded by Department of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicine, Ministry of Public Health. (in Thai).

2021 The Evolution of the Belief in Creationism During the Vedic Period before the Rise of Buddhism. *Academic Journal of Mahachulalongkorn Buddhist University*. In the Thai-Journal Citation Index (TCI) Database. Issue 1 (2565): January-June. (in Thai).

2020 The Management of One's Mental and Physical Health for the Prevention and Curation of Various Diseases such as Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) according to a Buddhist Approach. Funded by Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Mahidol University. (in Thai)

2010 The Concepts of *Ātman* in the Ṛgveda and Anman in the Avestan Texts. Funded by Mahidol University.

2006 *History of Buddhism in Thailand: From the Sukhothai period up until the Time of King Rama V*. Funded by College of Religious Studies, Mahidol University. (in Thai).

14. Current Research Projects:

Leader of Research Projects

-*A Critical Edition and Translation of the Rasavāhinī Manuscripts* (with Dr Junko Matsumura, Japan). This project involves the study of more than 90 versions of the Ras manuscripts in Khom, Tham Lanna and Sinhalese scripts.

Individual Research Projects

-An Analytical Study of the Development of Buddhist Banks in Thailand: Problems and Prospects for the Future

-Mindfulness, Stress and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD): A Survey among Students who Enrolled upon the Course 'Meditation for Life Development' at Mahidol University in the Academic Year 2024

- Problems of Web-based Teaching at Mahidol University in the Academic Year 2027: An Overview

- How Buddhism explains the Change of Cremated Relics of Deceased Noble Disciples in Buddhism to become Crystal-Like Objects

Co-working with others

-*A New English translation of the Kathāvatthu Treatise*. A project initiated by the Sangha Supreme Council of Thailand to honour His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn (King Rama X) of the present Chakri Dynasty of Thailand on his 75th birthday Anniversary.

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