

ANNEX II

Form for the submission of an anniversary proposal

A. Information concerning the personality/event to be commemorated

1. Family name and first name of the personality/Title of the event

Title of the event: 150th anniversary of the birth of the Venerable Ajaan Mun Bhuridatta Thera (1870-1949)

2. Born 20 January 1870 **Died** 11 November 1949

3. Date(s) chosen for the celebration: 19 – 20 January 2020

4. Field of activity: Culture, Peace, and Sustainability

5. Brief description of the personality listing his or her major works/of the event

5.1. Short description

Venerable Phra Ajaan Mun Bhuridatta Mahathera (1870-1949), his priest name means the one who outspreads the great wisdom, was born in a farmer family, Ubon Ratchathani Province, Thailand. He was a Thai Bhikkhu (monk) of the Theravada Sect, Dhammayut Order, who together with his teacher – Venerable Phra Ajaan Sao Kantasila Mahathera (1861-1941) was responsible for the revival and propagation of the forest ascetic tradition or “Kammatthana tradition” (13 Dhutangas and 14 Khandha-Vatta) that has now spread throughout Thailand and to several countries abroad.

During his 57 years of monkhood, he mainly devoted himself to learning and practicing meditation in solitude, wandering into deep forests and remote mountains and caves in many parts of Thailand and in the neighboring countries, seeking peace isolation and harmony with nature conducive to constant mindfulness and mind development.

His practice, closely following in the Buddha's footsteps and representing the essence of the strict classic "Dhutangas" practices:-- simplicity, humility, and austerity, was exemplary and inspiring to all who had an encounter with him. The impact of his teaching based on his practices was so great that many generations of his students and disciples have continued until today to uphold the tradition and spread it throughout the world. (See long description in Annex I)

5.2. His major works

His major work was mainly his teaching on the practice of wandering and meditation in peace and sustainability delivered to gatherings of students during the Rains Retreats especially in the last decade of his life (1939-1949). These teachings were mostly in the form of oral traditions.

There remain however two manuscripts in his own handwriting of his Dhamma teaching, one was written in Thai scripts, the other was in ancient Thai-Lao scripts, as well as two sets of transcriptions of his lectures prepared by some of his master students which were published and distributed at his cremation ceremony.

More importantly, the impact of his practice and teaching was described in both verbal and written forms by many master disciples as being immensely influential and life-changing in developing the minds and hearts of the people, leading them towards the path of hope, peace and liberation from unhappiness.

His legacy is the lineage of master students, trained directly under him during his lifetime, numbering about 91 master monks/ nuns. (See list in Annex II)

Each monk subsequently founded his and her own forest monastery/ nunnery in Thailand which later expanded into numerous branches within the country and abroad, now totaling 3,300 forest temples in Thailand and 149 around the world, all giving due credit and honour to Phra Ajaan Mun's forest meditative tradition. (See Annex III)

Today this tradition is still living.

6. Describe the way(s) in which this personality/event has had a genuine regional and/or worldwide impact

The demeanor and teachings of the great personality of Ven. Phra Ajaan Mun have made a great impression and have had a great impact on countless remote communities in the Northeastern region of Thailand and in Laos along the Mekong River, and also in the mountainous communities around Chiang Mai & Chiang Rai, as well as in the mountainous terrains of Myanmar. His unconditional kindness and goodwill as well as his great compassion to all human beings and nonhuman beings have won him wide acceptance and support in the remote and hill tribe communities as well as in the cruel wilderness. After his death, a number of his students have taken on the new leadership in spreading the Dhamma and the practices in forest tradition of Buddhism to many countries in the West. More than 3,300 forest temples in Thailand and 160 temples in abroad were built by his honour.

Every year since his passing, all the temples has celebrated the anniversary of his birth on a regular basis. On the occasion of the centenary of his birth, special and more celebration including the participation schools and communities will be highlighted on Meditations and education for peace and sustainable living.

7. Website(s) (including the website established/designed for the anniversary celebration

7.a. Websites for references and information concerning Phra Ajaan Mun

Selected Thai websites:

- [www. Faiththaihistory.com](http://www.Faiththaihistory.com)>วัดสุทธาวาส
- <https://watconcord.org>> masters หลวงปู่มั่น ฐริทัตโต
- [th-th.facebook.com.community](https://th-th.facebook.com/community) หลวงปู่มั่น ฐริทัตโต วัดป่าสุทธาวาส
- luangpumun.org> wara>sutta
- www.84000.org> supatipanno> pachum

Selected English websites

- Ven. Acariya Mun Bhuridatta Thera – BuddhaNetPDF
- <https://www.buddhanet.net> › pdf_file › a...
- <http://vimutti.org.nz/vimutti/forest-tradition/>
- www.luangta.eu › site › books
- <https://www.holybooks.com/phra-acharn-mun-bhuridatta-thera-meditation-master/>.
- <https://en.wikipedia.org> › wiki › Mun_B...
- luangpumun.org › main_e
- <https://www.accesstoinight.org/lib/thai/mun/released.html>
- www.LUANGTA.COM
- WWW.ForestDhammaBooks.com

7.b. websites established for the ceremony

www.luangpumun.dra.go.th

B. Co-sponsors (two Member States or regional group)

Korea, China and Vietnam

C. Anniversary to be celebrated

Multiple thereof

D. Information on the activities held on the occasion by the country or countries concerned

Place	Type of activity	Institution responsible	Time frame (start and end dates for the celebration)	Estimated cost (US \$)	Funds earmarked/ requested (under the Participation Programme)
Thailand	1. A forest Traditional Buddhist Merit-Making ceremony	Governmental Agencies/ Public and Private sectors/Forest temples founded by Ajaan Mun/	19 – 20 January 2020	1,500	
	2. To publish a book to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Birth of Venerable Phra Ajaan Mun Bhuridatta Mahathera (complimentary)	Complimentary of the Ministry of Culture	January 2020	30,000	
	3. To reprint the book: 3.1 PATIPADA, Thai Version (written by Luangta Maha Bua) 3.2 PATIPADA, English Version (translated by Phra Ajaan Pannavaddho) 3.3 A Spiritual Biography of Ajaan Mun, Thai Version (written by Luangta Maha Bua) 3.4 A spiritual Biography of Ajaan Mun, English Version (translated by Phra Ajaan Dick) 3.5 The Dhamma in Sila Jareuk by Wat Darn Wiwek (Thai Version, collected by Phra Ajaan Preeda Chandhakaro)	Governmental Agencies/ Private sector	19 January 2020 – 19 January 2021	40,000	
	4. Produce an episode of documentary, titled “Following the Footsteps of Venerable Ajaan Mun Bhuridatta Thera”, in collaboration with a popular television program “KhonKhonKhon”, which will be broadcasted on television and distributed through DVD	Private sector	19 January 2020 – 19 January 2021	37,500	

	<p>5. 150th Anniversary of Phra Ajaan Mun Bhuridhatto</p> <p>5.1 Commemorative ceremonies</p> <p>5.2 Exhibition showcasing the principles, practices, and contribution of Venerable Ajaan Mun Bhuridatta Thera's disciple training method at national and international levels.</p> <p>5.3 Student Activities: meditation and practices that relate to nature and peace</p> <p>5.4 Meditation Retreat, Chanting Conference/ Seminar: International Conference on Meditation for Peace and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>Governmental agencies/ public and private sectors/Forest Temples founded by Phra Ajaan Mun/ /and other countries</p>	<p>19 January 2020 – 19 January 2021</p>	<p>90,000</p>	
	<p>6. Campaign for introduction of the following subjects into standard curriculum</p> <p>6.1 Ethics and Morality, peace and sustainable development subject for grade 4-5-6</p> <p>6.2 Civics, peace and sustainable development subject for lower secondary curriculum, or grades 7-8-9</p> <p>6.3 Inclusion of Patipada or the mode of Practice of Venerable Ajaan Mun as required reading for upper secondary curriculum, or grade 10-11-12</p>	<p>Government agencies</p>	<p>19 January 2021</p>	<p>1,000</p>	
	<p>7. Reproduce an episode of documentary, titled "Forest Monk's Life at Wat Pa Baan Taad", English Version onto DVD</p>	<p>Private sector</p>	<p>19 January 2020 – 19 January 2021</p>	<p>1,500</p>	

England and other country	1. A Forest Traditional Buddhist merit-making ceremony	Wat Sri Intra Atula, Lovell Dene, Copthorne Bank, Copthorne,	19 – 20 January 2020	1,500	
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E. Links to UNESCO

1. Please indicate the UNESCO field(s) of competence to which the celebration is linked

Education

Peace, Sustainable Development

2. Explain the contribution that such an anniversary celebration can effectively make to the attainment of Member States’ goals in UNESCO’s fields of competence and in regard to the major priorities set in the Medium-Term Strategy (C/4) and Programme and Budget (C/5) approved by the General Conference

The Anniversary will support inclusive social development, fostering intercultural dialogue for the rapprochement of cultures and promoting ethical principles in Thailand and Asian Countries as well as to promote the role of shared or cross-border cultural heritage and initiatives to build bridges among nations and communities.

3. Form of participation requested from UNESCO

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4. Describe the way(s) in which this commemoration is consistent with and enhances UNESCO’s goals and mission

The Commemoration will contribute to the interdisciplinary and intersectoral Plan of Action for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence, as well as the Action Plan of the International Decade for Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022)

F. Other information

The works initiated and administered by the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Education are wide-ranged and had many influences on various aspects of development in Thailand and in Asia especially can promote in the monk practitioners way or meditation or disciples training method (Dhutanga-Kammatthana). The celebration of commemoration of the 150 Anniversary of Birth of Venerable Ajaan Mun Bhuridatta Thera, to be held from January 2020 to January 2021 (exhibitions), therefore will be participated by many organizations in Thailand which have indicated their readiness to organize activities during the celebration year, especially:

1. All the forest temples in Thailand and other countries as well as temples established by honour of his way.
2. Participated schools, universities and private sectors.
3. Religions grand ceremonies on 19-20 January 2020

Please see the attachment for the additional information in Annexure.
