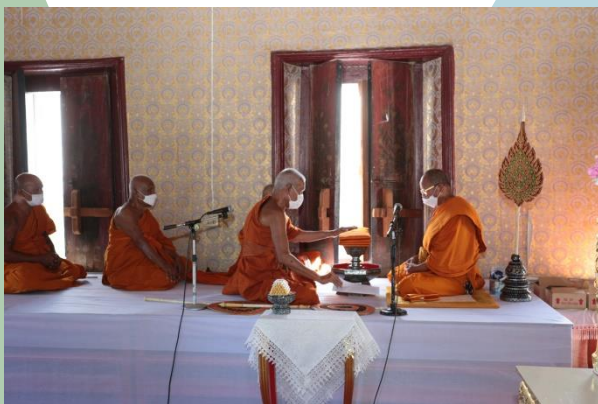




His Majesty graciously delivered the royal kathin robe for the year 2022 to the Office of the Royal Society to be offered to the monks at Woranayok Rangsan Chetiyanphataram Temple, Bang Pahan District, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya Province.



On November 4, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., His Majesty the King, graciously instructed the Office of the Royal Society to bring the royal Kathin robe to the monks at Wat Woranayok Rangsan Chetiyanphataram, Bang Pa-han Sub-district, Bang Pa-han District, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya Province. Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapone Virulrak, President of the Royal Society (RS) of Thailand, presided over the ceremony, which was attended by the RS fellows and associate fellows, and the executives, civil servants, and staff of the RS Office, as well as Buddhists with faith in attending the ceremony. On this occasion, the total amount of the money gathered for royal merit was 1,002,049 baht.



The work of the Office of the Royal Society of Thailand, "Tai Rom Phra Barami Chakri Naruebodin Sayamintharathirat Buraphakasat Haeng Maha Chakri Borommaratchawong," was honored with the TTF AWARD of honor for the year 2021-2022.

Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapone Virulrak, President of the Royal Society of Thailand, was honored to represent the Royal Society of Thailand in accepting the award and plaque of honor for exceptional academic performance TTF AWARD for the year 2021-2022 on November 25, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. In collaboration with the Toyota Thailand Foundation, Thammasat University has considered awarding the TTF AWARD of honor to the book "Tai Rom Phra Barami Chakri Naruebodin Sayamintharathirat Buraphakasat Haeng Maha Chakri Borommaratchawong," the work of the RS' Thai History Encyclopaedia Editorial Committee. The award ceremony was held on the 9th floor of the Novotel Bangkok Ploenchit Sukhumvit in the Grand Ballroom. Mr. Santi Pakdeekam, Deputy Secretary General and Acting Secretary of the Royal Society, was also invited to introduce the book "Tai Rom Phra Barami Chakri Naruebodin Sayamintharathirat Buraphakasat Haeng Maha Chakri."





RST president and fellow were bestowed honorary doctorate degrees for the 2021 and 2022 academic years from Mahamakut Buddhist University



On Saturday, December 17, 2022, His Holiness Somdet Phra Sangharaja Sakalamaha Sanghaparinayaka, Supreme Patriarch of Thailand attended the commencement ceremony of Mahamakut Buddhist University, Phutthamonthon District, Nakhon Pathom Province for the 2021 and 2022 academic years at Mahamakut Buddhist University in Phutthamonthon District, Nakhon Pathom Province. In this regard, Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapone Virulrak, the RST President was awarded an honorary doctorate degree in Education for the 2022 academic year, and Brahma Wachirapanyachan (Thongdee Suratecho), a RST fellow in the Academy of Arts, was awarded an honorary doctorate degree in Buddhism for the 2021 academic year.





Knowledge exchange and academic coordination project in collaboration with the International Union of Academies (IUA)



According to the Royal Society Act B.E. 2558, the Office of the Royal Society of Thailand (RST) is an agency that has one responsibility “To connect, exchange knowledge, and cooperate academically with other philosophical organizations and academic institutions both nationally and internationally.” The RST president is recognized as “the RST representative in communicating, exchanging knowledge, and coordinating with other philosophical organizations and academic institutions both in the nation and abroad.” The RST Office has operated “The Knowledge Exchange and Coordination Program in Science and Technology, Social Sciences, and Arts and Culture with international philosophical organizations” in nine countries: the People’s Republic of China (2012 and 2018), the Kingdom of Cambodia (2012), the Republic of the Philippines (2013), the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (2013), the Republic of Korea (2014), the Commonwealth of Australia (2014), the Republic of India (2015), the Republic of Indonesia (2017), and Japan (2017). The RST President, as the group’s leader, together with RST fellows and associate fellows, as well as



RST Office executives and personnel traveled to exchange expertise and coordinate academic affairs with the countries mentioned above. The RST President, as a representative of the RST, also attended the General Assembly of the International Union of Academies (IUA), a global network of national educational institutions focusing on humanities and social sciences research projects. The IUA with members from 63 countries around the world holds meetings every two years. Thailand, as a member nation, participated in a meeting in 2017 in Japan, in 2019 in France, and an online meeting in 2021, which the IUA hosted and the RST President attended. As a consequence of the ongoing knowledge exchange and academic coordination with the IUA, the IUA, led by Prof. Dr. Klaus Herbers, Chairman of the IUA's Board of Directors, and the group, would like to visit Thailand to exchange knowledge and coordinate academic work with the RST.



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The RST Office viewed this IUA visit as an excellent opportunity for academic collaboration, including the dissemination of distinctive Thai arts and culture and the establishment of positive relations at both the organizational and national levels. As a result, the RST operated “The Knowledge Exchange and Academic Coordination Project between the RST Office and the International Union of Academies” from January 23 to 27, 2023. This initiative offered a channel for exchanging novel knowledge, leading to future collaboration, enhancing the capacity of academic work, as well as propagating and publicizing Thai arts and culture. The IUA’s delegates visited various cultural learning sites including royal palaces, temples, and ancient sites in Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya Province, Samut Prakan Province, and Bangkok between January 23-25, 2023. In addition, a joint academic symposium on eastern philosophy and Buddhism was convened in the afternoon of January 26, 2023, at Nai Lert Park Heritage Home.

On the morning of January 26, 2023, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Mr. Wissanu Krea-ngam, Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Anucha Nakasai, Minister Attached to the Prime Minister's Office, Prof. Emeritus Dr. Surapone Virulrak, RST President, and the RST Executive Board led the IUA delegation to an audience with HRH Princess Kanitthathiraj Maha Chakri Sirindhorn at Sa Pathum Palace from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Furthermore, the IUA delegation also paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister at the Government House.

