

泰國前大學校長訪問法界佛教大學

Former President of Mahidol University Visits Dharma Realm Buddhist University



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泰國馬希度大學前校長彭柴·馬堂卡松巴特，由老友柏克萊神學聯合研究所退休教授郎諾·中曾根陪同，於2016年6月17日訪問法界佛教大學。他們首先前往萬佛殿，向千手千眼觀世音菩薩像頂禮，也到祖師殿向宣公上人法相頂禮。接著參觀法界佛教大學、圖書館。

彭柴·馬堂卡松巴特自1979年起，任教於馬希度大學，1991至1997年任該校理學院院長，並於1999年至2007年擔任校長。雖已自校長職務退休，仍為該校終身榮譽教授，並在泰國高等教育界擁有豐富人脈。彭柴·馬堂卡松巴特與法大人員會談時，討論法大與泰國的大學之間未來合作的可能、以及派遣泰國訪問學生前來法大學習事宜。

郎諾·中曾根教授曾在柏克萊神學聯合研究所教授佛教藝術與文化課程，彭柴·馬堂卡松巴特則來自佛教國家，兩人都對法界佛教總會出版的書籍深感興趣，離去前請了好幾本書，包括英文素菜食譜在內。✿

Pornchai Matangkasombut, former president of Mahidol University, along with his long-time friend Professor Ronald Y. Nakasone, who retired from Graduate Union of Theology, visited Dharma Realm Buddhist University on June 17, 2016. They first went to the Buddha Hall and bowed to the thousand-hand and thousand-eye Guan Yin Bodhisattva statue and then to the statue of Venerable Hua in the Patriarch Hall. Later they were given a tour of Dharma Realm Buddhist University and the library.

Pornchai Matangkasombut was a professor since 1979, the Dean of Sciences from 1991 to 1999, and later, President of Mahidol University from 1999 to 2007. He is now Emeritus Professor and has many connections in the higher education fields of Thailand. During Emeritus Matangkasombut's visit, DRBU faculty members discussed the possible collaboration between Dharma Realm Buddhist University and Thailand universities, as well as having prospective visiting students from Thailand.

Professor Ronald Y. Nakasone who taught Buddhist Art and Culture at Graduate Union of Theology also visited DRBU. Both he and Emeritus Matangkasombut are very interested in Dharma Realm Buddhist Association publications and brought back several books, including the new cook book *Wok Wisely*. ✿