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## Preamble

Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University has the project to produce and develop the information technology for learning Buddhism. The objective is to develop the content of subjects in the general subjects and core subjects in Buddhism to be accepted and used together in order to develop the pattern of book and textbook to have the mutual identity on both durability and beauty which are interesting for study and research as well as to have the content to develop the study aid and to propagate in different pattern of both printing media and electronic media, examination bank system, to develop personnel and academic work of the University to be widespread and to be the stage of presenting the academic work of the University's faculty of lecturers.

This project has come into existence because of the cooperation of the University's faculty of lecturers from every part, consisting of Main Campus, Campuses, Sangha Colleges, Academic Service Units and Extended Classrooms in cooperating to develop the texts and supplementary materials or the textbook of general subjects and core subjects in Buddhism with their strong effort in developing the work in order to have the right content which is full of meanings and characteristics accepted by the society.

This Thai Culture has the content which is divided into 11 chapters, focusing on studying the fundamental of Thai Culture, development of Thai Culture, content of Thai Culture, dissemination and exchanging of Thai Culture, local culture, cultural capital, Buddhism and Thai Culture, preservation and support of Thai Culture, creation and dissemination of Thai Culture, Thai Culture and development, effect from the foreign culture towards Thai Culture.

I wish to express my gratitude to the committee of the project to produce and develop the information technology for learning Buddhism, every faculty of the lecturers and staff of the University for devoting their time in developing the subjects' content

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of this book which will be further the property of the University. I hope that this book will be beneficial in regard to the academic matter on Buddhism, art and culture for the faculty of lecturers, students and the people who are interested.

Prof.Dr.Phra Thepvajarabundit  
Rector of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University

## Preface

This book has been developed according to the project to produce and develop the information technology for learning Buddhism of the fiscal year 2006 of the Office of the Library and Technology Information together with the Academic Affairs Division, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University. The objective is (1) to develop the content of subject in the general subjects and core subjects in Buddhism, Bachelor of Arts Programme to be accepted and used together by every Faculty, Campus, Sangha College, Extended Classroom, Academic Service Unit and Affiliated Institute, (2) to develop the pattern of text and supplementary material, book, textbook to have the mutual identity on both durability and beauty which are interesting for study and research, (3) to bring this content for developing the study aid and propagating in different patterns of both printing media and electronic media, examination bank system, (4) to enhance the skills of the faculty of lecturers in making the academic work effectively for supporting an educational quality assurance of the University and for being generally accepted at national and international level.

Thai Culture is a subject in the general subjects which is designated to study the meaning and content of the culture, development of Thai culture, type of culture, Buddhism and culture, preservation, dissemination and creation of Thai culture, Thai culture and development, effect from the foreign culture towards Thai culture which its detail has been presented in different chapters.

All of the writers hope that this book will bring about the benefits to the faculty of lecturers, students and the persons concerned according to the objective of this project. We wish to thank the executives, lecturers, officers of the Academic Affairs Division and every resource person from Sukhothai Thammathirat University who has participated in developing the content of this book with their strong effort and mobilized their physical, mental and intellectual power to develop

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the academic work until it has been completed and achieved the objective as set by the University.

The Committee for Developing  
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