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The purpose of this study is to propose a model for an International Buddhist Monk University in Thailand by using Future Scanning Research Method. It is also basic naturalistic inquiry, encompassing documentary search, observation, seminars, interviews, forums, data analysis, synthesis of results and feasibility studies as attested by the connoisseurship model. The results revealed a model of IBMU with the following characteristics.

1. LEADERSHIP : The IBMU is to have a Board of Trustees as the highest executive entity, served by both monk and lay members; a faculty senate to protect the rights and benefits of faculty members from various nations; an Academic Council to support academic endeavors of the university; a monk rector to administer the institution according to university policies.

2. DOCTRINE : The IBMU is to uphold a philosophy reflecting internationalization "Wisdom is the Global Light". Its purpose and mission are to conduct inquiries, disseminate Buddhism on a global scale, train Buddhist legacies, teach and exchange academic ideas for society and the world, maintain, transmit and cultivate world civilization and support world peace efforts. The university is to posses its own founding legislation and ownership is to be in form of a foundation.

3. PROGRAM : Initially only undergraduate programs would be offered, with Buddhist studies as the core curriculum, which is to be applied as the basis for the expansion of knowledge in other subject matter. English is the medium of instruction, with self-directed learning methodology inherent in monkshood. Social altruism is to be the motto and a special international student service center is to be established.

4. RESOURCES : Faculty are to be both monks and laypeople from various countries working in union, with the requirements of basic knowledge and beliefs in the religion, coupled with international experiences. Budgets are to be derived from both government and the foundation.

5. INTERNAL STRUCTURE : The internal governance is to compose of various faculty boards, taking charge of various university operations with its own internal rules and regulations.

The feasibility study was positive in putting the model to reality by internationalization through improvement and development of the existing monk universities. Discussions were delineated and recommendations were duly offered.

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