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AND MANAGEMENT OF TEMPLES IN PHATTHALUNG PROVINCE. THESIS ADVISORS  
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This research focuses on the financial management of monasteries in Phatthalung Province. Its purpose is to study the monasteries' sources of income and expenditures, their financial management and the public participation in the monasteries' financial management for the benefit of religious development. This is a qualitative study, which covers 21 monasteries. In addition to a special case study of Wat Khuhasavan.

The researcher found that the sources of income are of two kinds: (1) income from the monasteries' properties and (2) income from the monasteries' activities. Each monastery, depending upon appropriateness and convenience, uses different systems of financial management i.e. (1) Debit-Credit accounting and commercial bank depositing (2) establishment of Foundations (3) Fund setting. Each monastery spends the money to promote development activities of construction and reconstruction, administration and control, training and public welfare. All of the monasteries' activities are open to public participation.

It can be said that the monasteries' financial management follows the norms of Buddhist Discipline, the Monk Act, the Civil Laws and also the will of the faithful.