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Abstract

The purposes of the study were to study the Buddhist Monks' role in social change and to identify the conditions and causes that impact the monks' role changing from the Buddhism principle to the role in social institution in a suburb area.

The qualitativ methodology : non - structured interviews, observation, focus group discussion, as well as document analysis were administered to collect data.

The findings revealed that

1) Monks' roles in social changing are still concerning self governing, religion dissemination, educating other monks, novices, villagers, infrastructure service as well as in social welfare in the form of material and moral supports.

2) The said roles can be classified into 3 catagories, i.e. the role on Buddhism principle, the role on social institution as a state tool and the role on community needs. The benefit of the monks' role, thus, impacts the positions and some material benefits.

3) Factors that cause changing on monks' role are 2 folds :

- External factors based on the change of education, economic, social relationship, mass media, values, beliefs, as well as government intervention, politician and businessmen.

- Internal factors based on the change of monks' education, monastic regulation, attitudes of monastic authorities, as well as the process of socialization.