

Thesis Title	<b>The Buddha Vehicle at Wat Yannawa : A Study on Symbolic Implication in Buddhist Beliefs</b>
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### **ABSTRACT**

Chapter 1 introduces the background and the significance of the study, hypothesis, research methodology including sources of data collected.

Chapter 2 discusses the belief of the Buddha's vehicle during the periods of late Ayutthaya and early Ratanakosin.

Chapter 3 traces the history of constructing the Buddha's vehicle at Wat Yannawa. A study on its architectural feature is also give including its form, style, size, materials as well as the arrangements of other decoration such as stupas with indented corners .

In addition, this chapter analyzes and compares the architectural features of the Buddha's vehicle with those of Chinese junks used in the late of Ayutthaya and Ratanakosin period and also with the similar curved base line found in many buildings. The findings indicate certain relations in terms of location and functional use.

Chapter 4 concludes the importance of the Chinese junk during the Ayutthaya period which is developed into a symbolic system and then reflected in arts . The study finally concludes that the Buddha's vehicle at Wat Yannawa reveals the development of symbolic implications in architecture at the highest stage in the reign of King Rama III.