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The objectives of the study were 1) to collect questions about Buddhism of students at the grade ranges 2-4 in schools in Nakhon Phanom Province; 2) to synthesize the knowledge on Buddhism issues for students at the grade ranges 2-4.

The study was a descriptive research consisting three steps 1) an identification of topics and issues 2) an interview with experts on Buddhism and 3) a collection and synthesis of questions and answers

The samples used were 1174 students from grade ranges 2-4 from six schools in Nakae and Thatphanom District. The instruments used in collecting data were questionnaire and interview form, Frequency was used for data analysis.

The findings were as follows : 1) The students at the grade range 2 posted the question on ceremony and beliefs the most; the students at the grade range 3 posted the question on merits and sin the most and the students at the grade range 4 posted the question on Buddhism the most. 2) There were 111 questions arranged 7 groups in 1) Buddhism 2) Lord Buddha 3) Monks 4) Merits and Sins 5) Hell and Heaven 6) Ghost ,Mind and Spirits 7) Ceremony and Beliefs.

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