

NEWSLETTER

ASIAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK



Exploring the Buddhist Social Work

Workshop Report

Asian Research Institute for International Social Work at Shukutoku University and ISWEBM (Institute of Social Work Education for Buddhist Monks) of SUDEESA jointly organized the workshop on Buddhist social work. The workshop was held in Kandy, Sri Lanka, from February 11 to Feb 15, 2019. Researchers, scholars, and practitioners from Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Mongolia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Japan participated in the workshop.

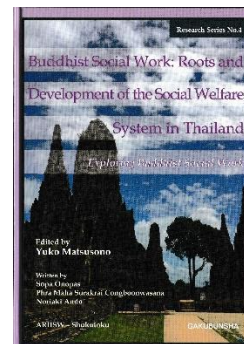


Participants of the workshop. Kandy, Sky View Hotel

During the first day of the workshop, practitioners and scholars from Sri Lanka delivered various presentations on the history and present state of Buddhist social work activities in Sri Lanka as a part of an academic session.

“We will do this” was the title of the second day of the workshop and participants from all countries shared their research and activities proposals. Discussion in small groups was implemented to set future goals and missions. Projects focused on Buddhist social work education and some practice-based research projects

targeting monastery activities seem to core parts of the further research.



Research series continues

In March 2019, another 3 books have been published. Reports on the Buddhist social work in Vietnam and Lao PDR, previously released in English, were edited and published in Japanese.

And another brand new one is here! Sopa Onopas and Pra Maha Surakrai Congboonwasana, together with Noriaki Ando wrote a book on Buddhist Social Work in Thailand. Edited by Prof. Yuko Matsusono, this book provides an overview of Buddhist practice as one of the roots of the social welfare system in Thailand.



All books will be distributed to our colleagues and research network members but let us know if you need more.

Visiting Researcher Program leading to Ph.D.

Call for applications announced

The Visiting Researcher Program leading to Ph.D. entered its 4th year. We look forward to welcoming a new visiting researcher in October 2019. Please find all the necessary information on www.ariisw.com

Please note the deadline for application is May 15, 2019.

Ms. Wanwadee Poonpoxin, the first visiting researcher who used this program, successfully submit her dissertation thesis to the Graduate School of Shukutoku University, after spending 2 years at ARIISW.

Ms. Dechen Doma from Bhutan who enrolled in October 2017 is now finalizing her Ph.D. thesis.

Find more pictures and stories at ARIISW official Facebook page at fb.me/ariisw.shukutoku_____

Brief news

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- April 1, 2019 Mr. Imina became a head of ARIISW office, replacing Mr. Aizawa who retired in March 2019.
- Buddhist platform website is available at <https://bukkyoplatform.com/> (available only in Japanese) sharing information on Buddhist social activities in Japan.

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