

The Curriculum of the Overseas Going Dhammaduta Training, Class 25

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Administered by the Dhammaduta College, MCU

1. The Philosophy of the curriculum

The curriculum of the Dhammaduta training has a belief in accordance with the Buddha's speech, that is:

*“Caratha, bhikkhave, cārikaṃ bahujanahitāya bahujanasukhāya lokānukampāya atthāya hitāya sukhāya devamanussānaṃ. Mā ekena dve agamittha. Desetha, bhikkhave, dhammaṃ ādikalyāṇaṃ majjhekalyāṇaṃ pariyosānakalyāṇaṃ sātthaṃ sabyañjanaṃ kevalaparipuṇṇaṃ parisuddhaṃ brahmacariyaṃ pakāsetha.”*

(Thai translation)

2. The objectives of the curriculum

1. To have knowledge and skills of propagation of Buddhism
2. To have the ability to manage organizational teams
3. To have the volunteer mind and to build relations between Buddhism and multi-cultural societies (different societies)

3. The characteristics of the curriculum

1. Public assistance

Practical training in public assistance in order to train in working as a team and making plans, decisions and in [cultivating] a volunteer mind

2. Vipassana meditation

Practice of vipassana meditation in accordance with the 4 foundations of mindfulness, under the supervision of vipassana masters, for the period of 30 days in order to develop mindfulness and to learn the way of practicing vipassana meditation systematically.

3. Skills and special experience

Training in working as a team, handling administration, solving urgent problems and skills in human relationships, and to have a volunteer mind, a public mind, and to have faith in the propagation of Buddhism

Training in the skills of practicing hospitality at degree ceremonies and abroad, for the period of 9 days

Train through a study tour on activities of overseas-going Dhammaduta in India, for 15 days

4. Academic learning

Developing knowledge and understanding of the academic foundations concerning Dhammarduta abroad, for 31 days  
(minus opening ceremony 1 day, closing ceremony 1 day, summary 1 day, mixed program 7 days, in total 10 days)

#### 4. The contents of the curriculum

Course code, course name, brief description of the course, method/activities, hours

PhoTho 1801 Principles of Dhammaduta's work

Study the history and development of the Dhammadutamaims, ideologies, principles, methods, and practice of the work of Dhammaduta in the Buddha's time up to the present; build relationships with individuals (classmates?) and groups; cultivate a 'service mind' in multicultural societies

Combined with the trip to the Buddha places, 9 hours

PhoTho 1802 Administration of the Thai Sangha

Study the history and development of the administration of the Thai Sangha in the past up to the present; analyze the tendencies of the administration of the Thai Sangha together with the current of changes in the present society

Lectures using concept mapping and knowledge-sharing learning, 9 hours

PhoTho 1803 Buddhism in contemporary societies

Study and analyze the roles, tendencies, and organizations of Buddhism both in and outside the country, in connection with economy, society, culture, and politics today, including specification of the manners of Buddhism

Combined with the trip to the Buddha places, and summary using concept mapping at MCU, 9 hours

PhoTho 1804 Principles of religious relations

Study and analyze the characteristics of universal ethics, notable similarities and differences of Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity and Islam; compare methods of propagation and cooperation between religions

Lecture, discussion, knowledge-sharing learning at MCU, 9 hours

PhoTho 1805 Right conduct in multi-cultural societies

Principles of beliefs, values, tradition, local cultures, organizational cultures, building of relationships, and rules that conform to multicultural societies

Lectures at MCU, combined with the Buddha places, and knowledge-sharing learning, 9 hours

PhoTho 1806 Basic English for Dhammadutas

Training in listening comprehension, speaking, reading, writing, leaning vocabulary of Buddhism; English for communication that is appropriate to the culture; usage of the language in various situations

Lectures and practical tradition at MCU, 27 hours

PhoTho 1807 Dhamma in English for Dhammadutas

Study and practice using English, important dhamma principles; practice giving precepts, anumothana (expressing gratitude), speeches, discussions, Dhamma lectures and conversations on the Dhamma on various occasions

Lectures and practical training at MCU, practice memorizing in sets, 9 hours

PhoTho 1808 Method of teaching vipassana meditation

Study the definition, meaning, basic knowledge, teaching method; practical training in teaching vipassana meditation in accordance with the 4 foundations of mindfulness

Combined with the morning and evening services, 30 hours

PhoTho 1809 Technique in examining experiences of meditation

Study the path, method, and technique in examining experiences of meditation; introduction to the practice of meditation, and expressing and examining experiences of meditation

Integral to the morning and evening services, 30 hours

PhoTho 1810 Basic vipassana meditation in English

Study the definition, meaning, basic knowledge, teaching method; practical training in teaching vipassana meditation according to the 4 foundations of mindfulness in English

Integral to the morning and evening services, 9 hours

PhoTho 1811 Basic computing for Dhamma propagation

Study the principles of the workings of computers; practice using a set of basic programs, such as Word, Excel, Powerpoint, managing files, using basic graphic programs

Practical training in computer rooms at MCU, 9 hours

PhoTho 1812 Basic technology for Dhamma propagation

Study the meaning, importance, types and usefulness of using basic technology of propagation; training in using technological communication, creating electronic presentations, websites, using Facebook, tablet computers, information search on the internet

Practical training in computer rooms at MCU, 9 hours

PhoTho 1813 Tipitaka studies

Study the history, meaning, structure, division and classification of the Tipitaka; analysis and application of Dhammic principles in problem solving, development of oneself and society

Lectures using concept mapping, and knowledge-sharing learning

PhoTho 1814 Practical religious rituals

Principles and importance of religious rituals in Buddhism; apply and determine the roles of the Sangha in religious rituals and official rituals that are appropriate to multi-cultural societies

Lectures and practical training at MCU, combined with the Buddha places, 9 hours

PhoTho 1815 Principles of Dhammar advising for Dhammaduta

Study and analyze Buddhist ways of teaching, managing learning, according to the Three-fold training (of body mind and speech); analysis of target groups, temperaments of learners in accordance with the cultures; communication in order to create faith and wisdom according to the Buddhist way

Lectures and knowledge-sharing learning at MCU

PhoTho 1816 Skills in human relationships and giving advice

Train in skills of human relationships in accordance with Buddhism; building relationships with individuals and groups that are appropriate to multi-cultural societies; determine the activities and application of Buddhist psychology for the purpose of giving advice

Lectures and practical training at MCU, 9 hours

PhoTho 1817 Developing personality (character?) for Dhamma propagation

Principles and development of personality; determine the roles and attitudes; negotiation (small talk), using speech appropriate for ambassadors for propagation of Buddhism in the public sphere; practical training in social manners

Lectures and practical training at MCU, combined with the Buddha places, 14 hours

PhoTho 1819 Strategies for the propagation of Buddhism that are modernized/up-to-date  
Study and analyze the situations of Buddhist propagation in the present world; synthesize the main issues for the determination of strategies and make plans of Buddhist propagation that is modern/up-to-date; and follow (what?) to evaluate

Lectures, discussions and knowledge-sharing learning at MCU

PhoTho 1820 Experience in propagating Buddhism abroad

Training experience in propagating Buddhism abroad; study laws that concern temples; analyze major characteristics of Thai communities and Thai temples abroad; problems and their solutions

Lectures, discussions and knowledge-sharing learning at MCU, 66 hours

PhoTho 1821 Secretarial work and accountancy

Study and train in skills of secretarial work, paperwork, accountancy of incomings and outgoings of temples, library work, administrative and office work, ritual and meeting-related work, preparation of meeting, minute-taking at meetings and making summary reports of meetings efficiently

Lectures, discussions, knowledge-sharing learning at MCU, 14 hours

Total number of hours of lecture and practical training - 330 hours

Note: 11 hours per day – lectures in the morning, afternoon and evening all together 9 hours; lectures during the morning and evening services, all together 2 hours

5. Training activities have the characteristic of integrating theory and practice, study trip to the Buddha places, lectures, discussion, asking questions, meetings in small groups, knowledge-sharing learning, assignments in order to learn, and practical training and evaluation according to actual situations

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