

ANCIENT BUDDHIST TEMPLE RUINS IN MARKETS-HERITAGE MANAGEMENT, CONSERVATION OR DESTRUCTION?

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ABSTRACT

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KEYWORDS: Market, Temple Ruin, Conservation, Destruction.

INTRODUCTIO

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CASE STUDIES

WAT KWIT, UTHAITHANI PROVINCE

This is a temple ruins located in the center of the local market in Uthaithani province. The structure of the temple is still good preserved. However,

the evidence of invasion by local sellers in the market to the wall of the temple ruins can be seen.

WAT THAPIKUL, SINGBURI PROVINCE

This is a temple ruins located in the center of the local market in Singburi province. The structure of the temple is still good preserved.

DISCUSSION

The existence of the temple ruins in strange is usually a challenge. The existence of temple ruins in zoo or hospitals are the good examples [1 - 2]. In fact, the location is the old one but the coming of the community invades to the old temple area. The combining of the old temple area into the new complex is common. However, in case that the combination occurs at the public places such as market, it should be discussed.

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On the pro- or optimistic view, the easily public access is a way that the community can easily view and see the old temple. The conservation by the local people can be expected. On the other hand, con- or pessimistic view, some local seller

in the market who has no responsible mind might invade and destroy the ancient heritage. In some case, they might construct their shops directly invade to the ancient temple ruins.



Figure 1. Wat Kwit, Uthaitхани Province



Figure 2. Wat thapikul, Singburi province

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

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