RUIN TEMPLES IN ARMED FORCE AND POLICE AREAS: ROLES OF 4 ARMED FORCES IN HERITAGE PROTECTION IN THAILAND

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ABSTRACT

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KEYWORDS: Armed Force, Ruin Temple, Thailand.

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CASE STUDIES

RUIN TEMPLE IN ARMY CAMP

Several army camps in Thailand locate at the ancient city areas and there are some ruin temples inside those camps. The good example is the new discovery of old ruin temple at the army camp in Chiangrai province.

RUIN TEMPLE IN NAVY CAMP

The most important ruin temple in Thai navy camp is in Bangkok. The ruin temple is namely Wat Wongmoonworawiharn. It is well preserved in the complex of Thai Naval Dockyard Department, Bangkok.

RUIN TEMPLE IN ARM FORCE CAMP

The most famous case is the Wat Sangwej ruin temple in an arm force camp in Chiangmai province. At present, this ruin temple is already renovated and well preserved.

RUIN TEMPLE IN POLICE STATION

The most famous police station in Thailand that has the ruin temple in its complex is at Nonthaburi province. The ruin temple is namely Wat Manao.

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A. Wat Wongmoonworawihan

B. Wat Sangwej
DISCUSSION

Ruin temple is an interesting architecture seen in many Buddhist countries in Indochina. Due to the long history, there are many abandoned temples in this area and the ruin temples are the good evidences. The existence of ruin temple is usually considered important historical evidence and needs the good conservation of the architecture. The existence of the ruin temples in the public place such as hospital or zoo is a way that allow the protection from the public [1 - 2].

In this article, the authors discuss on a more interesting situation showing the role of the armed force and police in heritage site protection. The existence of the ruin temples in armed forces camps or police station is usually interesting. The site is usually important historical site and religious holy place for the local armed force personnel, police and local people. The good conservation is usually seen and it is the very good way for conservation of the valuable ancient architecture.

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