



Mae Fah Luang University

Conferment Ceremony

*for the Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy
in Social Sciences to*

***His Majesty King
Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck***

King of Bhutan

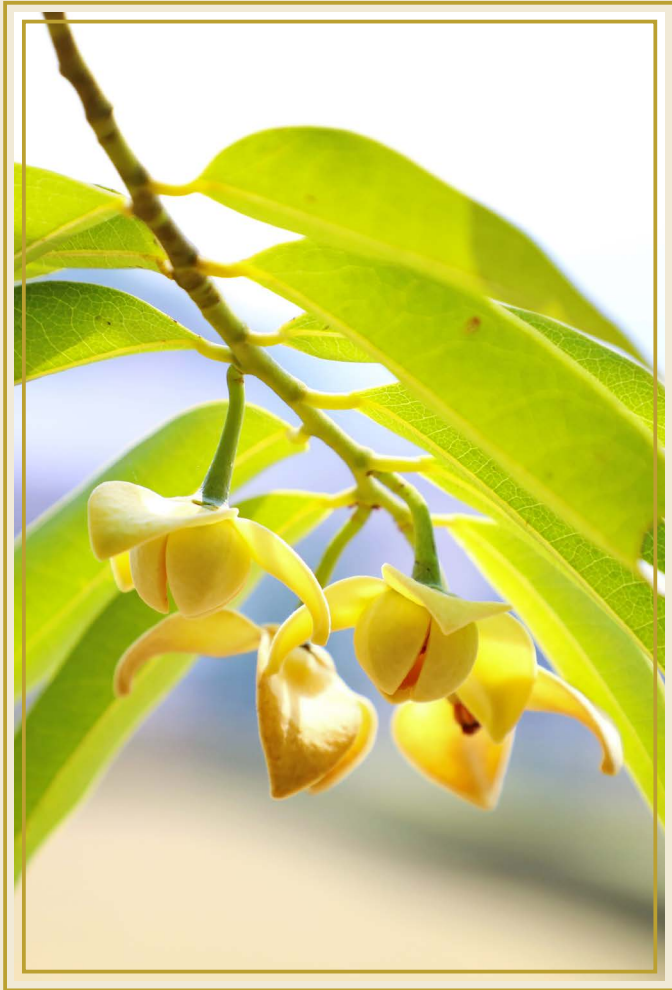
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Mae Fah Luang University

Mae Fah Luang University, founded in 1998 as a public autonomous institution, commemorates the enduring legacy of Her Royal Highness Princess Srinagarindara, renowned for her boundless compassion. Guided by the Princess Mother's vision of "Restoring Forests, Cultivating People," the university is dedicated to enriching livelihoods, fostering academic excellence to address regional challenges, preserving the environment for a sustainable future, and upholding the vibrant customs, arts, and cultures of Northern Thailand, the Greater Mekong Subregion, and beyond.



Lamduan, the Symbolic Flower of Mae Fah Luang University

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His Majesty King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
King of Bhutan



**Proclamation of Honour and Conferment of
an Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy
in Social Sciences
Upon His Majesty King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck**



On 16 January 2019, the Mae Fah Luang University Council, with unanimous consent, approved to confer His Majesty King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck of Bhutan with Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy in Social Sciences. This momentous decision stands as a tribute to His Majesty's remarkable academic prowess and his steadfast commitment to a lifetime of learning with sustainability, serving as a beacon of inspiration for his people and beyond.

His Majesty King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck earned his bachelor's degree from Wheaton College, Massachusetts, USA, and pursued his master's studies in Diplomacy and Politics at Magdalen College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom. His coronation ceremony on 6 November 2008, marked the dawn of a new era in Bhutan. In embracing his royal responsibilities, he pledged to lead his nation in the visionary footsteps of his revered father, His Majesty The Fourth King Jigme Singye Wangchuck and also echoed the noble ethos of

His Majesty King Bhumibol the Great, the Ninth Monarch of the Chakri Dynasty of the Kingdom of Thailand.

A trailblazer in fostering development with creativity and enhancing the welfare of the Bhutanese populace, His Majesty advocates for a developmental paradigm centered not on material wealth, but on the profound concept of “Gross National Happiness” (GNH). This holistic approach prioritizes the spiritual and emotional well-being of his people, emphasizing sufficiency development, environmental conservation, and the preservation of national identity.

Moreover, His Majesty King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck has played a pivotal role in nurturing robust international relations, fervently endorsing Bhutan’s ethos of fostering amicable engagement with both neighboring and global partners. The enduring diplomatic bonds between Bhutan and Thailand serves as a testament to this unwavering commitment, transcending mere government-to-government relations to encompass a deep-rooted connection between the two monarchs and enduring people-to-people connectivity.

His Majesty’s passionate advocacy for education serves as a shining example of his visionary leadership. By encouraging Bhutanese scholars to pursue higher education opportunities worldwide, he is nurturing

a cadre of enlightened minds poised to make meaningful contributions to their homeland's sustainable development. This commitment underscores His Majesty's dedication to empowering the next generation and fostering a brighter future for Bhutan and beyond.

In heartfelt recognition of His Majesty King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck's ingenuity, unwavering devotion, and tireless dedication to the principles of righteousness for the well-being of the Bhutanese populace, Mae Fah Luang University is honored to present His Majesty with the prestigious Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy in Social Sciences. This gesture epitomizes the university's profound admiration and gratitude for His Majesty's legacy of benevolence and enlightened leadership, which continues to enrich the lives of the people of the Kingdom of Bhutan. The auspiciousness of this momentous occasion shall be enshrined in the lasting memory of Mae Fah Luang University for generations to come.



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MAE FAH LUANG UNIVERSITY

By virtue of the authority vested in the University Council hereby confers

*The Honorary Doctoral Degree of Philosophy in
Social Sciences*

upon

His Majesty King Fugme Khiesar Namgyel Wangchuck

With all right, privileges and honors appertaining

Given on the sixteen day of January, the Buddhist Era thousand five hundred and sixty two

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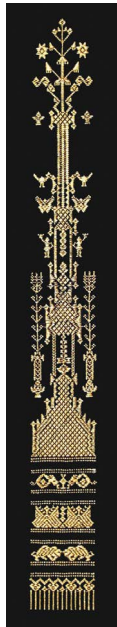
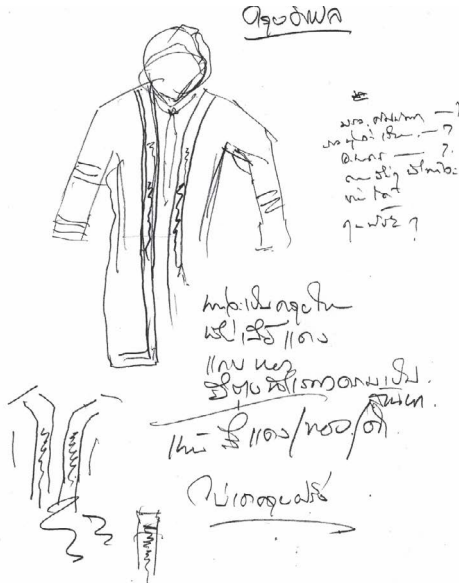
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Mae Fah Luang University Graduation Regalia



The graduation regalia, designed by the University's Founding President and Chairman of the University Council, draw inspiration from traditional northern Thai-style pennants symbolic victory and auspiciousness.

The pennant design consist of:

A palatial profile,
signifying the Tavatimsa Heaven;

A mouse,
signifying the birth year of Her Royal Highness Princess Srinagarindra;

A naga,
signifying a high-order legendary animal in the traditional Lanna belief;

A tiger,
signifying the year of the founding of the university, 1998.

Mae Fah Luang University Graduation Regalia



Doctor of Philosophy Regalia at Mae Fah Luang University are traditionally crafted from a vibrant red fabric, reaching knee length on the wearer. The front remains open, revealing a striking golden Tung pattern, ten centimeters in width.

Running down the frontal opening on both sides are one-centimeter wide gold stripes. The hems of the regalia are adorned with ten-centimeter wide black stripes, edged with a one-centimeter wide gold border.

The sleeves of the regalia reach wrist length and possess wide openings. The upper portion of each sleeve showcases a ten-centimeter wide black stripe accented with one-centimeter wide gold borders on both sides. Three, one-centimeter wide school bands in gray (representing the School of Liberal Arts) are situated between the gold borders. The sleeve edges mirror the lower extremities of the regalia with a ten-centimeter wide black stripe and a one-centimeter wide gold border on both sides.

Academic pins, typically six centimeters in size, are affixed at breast level on the frontal opening of both sides. These pins depict the university symbol, commonly used for auspicious ceremonies.



The Hanuman Khon Head Mask

Humbly presented by Mae Fah Luang University to
His Majesty King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck,
on the auspicious occasion of his Honorary Doctorate Degree Conferral

Crafted by Ms. Panisa Yupanan
The Alumna of the esteemed Royal Craftsmen School

The Hanuman Khon Head Mask



“Hanuman”, or Vanara Deity, is a main character from the tales of Ramayana, an epic literary work of South and Southeast Asia.

Hanuman a white bodied, gallant warrior gained his position as the most trusted companion of Rama through his intelligence and boundless loyalty.

There are clear parallels from the late Princess Mother’s aspiration to “Restore Forests and Cultivate People”, using Mae Fah Luang University as a tool to lift Thai citizen’s standard of living through education and Your Majesty’s own goal in the Kingdom of Bhutan.

We, as an organization, would like to be “Hanuman” to your Majesty’s “Rama”. A warrior to a Just King. Hence on this auspicious occasion, Mae Fah Luang University most humbly presents an image of Hanuman to Your Majesty King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, as a declaration of our boundless support to Your Majesty’s wish of cultivating true happiness to the people of Bhutan through means of education.



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