

**Conference and Seminar on  
“Embracing Society with Love and Compassion”  
Room 105 Mahachulalongkorn Building  
Chulalongkorn University  
8-9 August 2009**

**Organized by the Thousand Stars Foundation and Center for Ethics of Science and  
Technology, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University**

The Thousand Stars Foundation has organized several conferences and seminars on Buddhism, spirituality, science and Tibetan/Himalayan studies since 2004. The purpose of such conferences is to enhance dialogues among academics, writers, thinkers, practitioners and general public. This year the Foundation is pleased to organize a conference “Embracing Society with Love and Compassion” to urge society to realize the importance of cultivating love and compassion, which will lead to inner peace, world peace and ultimate happiness.

**Program**

**Saturday 8 August 2009**

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| 8.15  | Registration  |
| 9.00  | Opening ceremony<br><i>Dr. Prapod Assavavirulhakarn</i> , Dean, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University   |
| 9.15  | Candle lighting and prayers for peace, love and compassion  |
| 9.30  | Keynote address “Embracing Society with Love and Compassion”<br><i>Venerable Dr. Anil Shakya</i> (Assistant to Secretary of His Holiness the Supreme Patriarch, Wat Bovornnives)  |
| 10.45 | Tea break   |
| 11.00 | Panel on “Teaching Love and Compassion to the Youth”<br><i>Dr. Sorrayut Ratanapojanart</i> (Contemplative Education Center, Mahidol University)<br><i>Dr. Soraj Hongladarom</i> (Center for Ethics of Science and Technology/Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University) |
| 12.30 | Lunch   |
| 13.30 | Tara Great Stupa...The Star of Peace Journey, Year 3  |
| 14.00 | Special talk on the work for love and compassion<br><i>Atcharaphan Phaiboonsuwan</i> (actress)  |

Moderator: *Dr. Siriporn Phakdeephasuk* (Department of Thai, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University) ]

15.15 Refreshments and snacks

15.45-17.00 Buddhism and Science  
*Dr. Wutthipong Priebchariyawat* (Millennium Institute)

### **Sunday 9 August 2009**

9.00 Candle lighting and prayers for peace, love and compassion  
Everyone is invited to recite “Tara mantra” for love and happiness together.

9.30 Panel on “Creative media and the cultivation of love and compassion”  
*Dr. Duangkamol Chartprasert* (Faculty of Communication Arts, Chulalongkorn University)  
*Kanjariya Sukrung* (Bangkok Post)  
*Somrit Luechai* (Dharma in Your Heart, Channel 3)

11.00 Tea break

11.15 Food and love  
*Somma Jaijong* (Maikhaidee Restaurant)

12.00 Lunch

13.00 Tibetan medicine  
*Dr. Tsedor Nyarongsha* (Nyarongsha Medical Institute, Lhasa)

14.30 Mantra, winds and love  
*Saran Suebsantiwong* (Silpakorn University/opera singer/founder of NUNI Productions)

15.15 Refreshments and snacks

15.45-17.00 Panel "Spirituality in Modern World"  
*Jitt Tanthasathian* (Plum Village, Thailand)  
*Dr. Krisadawan Hongladarom* (Thousand Stars Foundation),  
*Kanokwan Kanokwanawong* (Waves of Thoughts, FM 96.5)

*Moderator: Dr. Thatri Taiwapool* (Faculty of Journalism, Thammasat University)

### **Conference Language**

Thai

## **Registration**

No registration fees. Please make a reservation by 25 July 2009. Email [1000tara@gmail.com](mailto:1000tara@gmail.com)  
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## **Conference Fair**

We will have food, books, CDs, Tibetan/Himalayan goods and creative products inspired by Tibetan Buddhist arts on sale. The proceeds after costs support the Foundation's activities.

## **Requests for Contributions and Volunteers:**

1. As there are no registration fees, any supports for refreshments and snacks will be appreciated.
2. Simultaneous translators are welcome so that our international friends can also participate actively in the conference.
3. Anyone would like to have an experience of working with Thousand Stars staff can volunteer to be part of the organizing team - helping with time keeping, preparing hand outs, receiving guests, registering, giving technical supports and taking care of everyone at the conference.