

Two Day International Conference on
**“Influence of Swami Vivekananda and Goutam Buddha in
Culture and Civilization of South East Asia”**

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ABOUT THE SEMINAR “Influence of Swami Vivekananda and Gautam Buddha in Culture and Civilization of South East Asia”

Gautama Buddha (c. 563/480 – c. 483/400 BCE), also known as Siddhārtha Gautama (सिद्धार्थ गौतम) in Sanskrit or Siddhāttha Gotama (शिद्धत्थ गोतम) in Pali, Shakyamuni (i.e. "Sage of the Shakyas") Buddha, or simply the Buddha. Gautama is the primary figure in Buddhism. He is believed by Buddhists to be an enlightened teacher who attained full Buddhahood and shared his insights to help sentient beings end rebirth and suffering. Accounts of his life, discourses and monastic rules are believed by Buddhists to have been summarised after his death and memorized by his followers.

Buddhism is thought to have entered Southeast Asia from trade with India, China and Sri Lanka during the 1st, 2nd and 3rd centuries. One of the earliest accounts of Buddhism in Southeast Asia was of a Theravada Buddhist mission sent by the Indian emperor Ashoka to modern-day Burma in 250 BCE. Due to the continuous regional trade between Southeast Asia, China and South Asia, Buddhism spread throughout Southeast Asia. After the initial arrival in modern-day Burma, Buddhism spread throughout mainland Southeast Asia and into the islands of modern-day Malaysia and Indonesia. There are two primary forms of Buddhism found in Southeast Asia, Theravada and Mahayana. Theravada Buddhism spread from India to Sri Lanka then into the region as outlined above, and primarily took hold in the modern states of Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and southern Vietnam. Mahayana Buddhism is thought to have spread from both China and India during the first and second century into Southeast Asia.

Swami Vivekananda (12 January 1863 – 4 July 1902), born Narendranath Datta, was an Indian Hindu monk, a chief disciple of the 19th-century Indian mystic Ramakrishna. He was a key figure in the introduction of the Indian philosophies of Vedanta and Yoga to the Western world and is credited with raising interfaith awareness, bringing Hinduism to the status of a major world religion during the late 19th century. He was a major force in the revival of Hinduism in India, and contributed to the concept of nationalism in colonial India. Vivekananda founded the Ramakrishna Math and the Ramakrishna Mission.

In September 1893, Swami Vivekananda delivered a series of speeches on 'India and Hinduism' in "the Parliament of the World's Religions" in Chicago. This event also marked the first world conference of the representatives of Eastern and Western religions. In his introductory speech of the conference on 11 September 1893, he eloquently stated that, 'no religion was superior or inferior to the other'. On 26 September a lecture on "Buddhism, the Fulfillment of Hinduism", Swami Vivekananda highlighted the fact that the Buddha is worshipped as one of the incarnations of God. Incorporating China, Japan and Ceylon (Sri Lanka), where Buddhism is a predominant religious practice, Vivekananda emphasised that Buddha's teachings were a "Gift to the World" and it could be traced to Christianity. He stated that the two religious practices — Hinduism, (a Vedic religion), and Buddhism (of the Shakyamuni), are mutually inclusive. The teachings of Buddha are inherently were rooted in Vedic scriptures. However, one distinction he pointed out that, a comparison with other religions of the world such as Christianity in which Jews who opposed Jesus Christ crucified him. While in India in contrast, Buddha was worshipped

as God. Vivekananda also stated that Buddhism should not be confused with Vedanta; in the same way as the Salvation Army is not to be confused with Christianity. Vivekananda also opined that, Buddhism was the "fulfillment of Hinduism" and thus Buddhists were wedded to the "brains and philosophy of the Brahmins" and similarly the Buddhists were the heart of the Hinduism.

In the context of this, the main focus of the conference is on India's socio cultural, economic and political impact on Southeast Asia. Here Buddhism and the philosophy of Swami Vivekananda play a vital role. Hinduism and Buddhism both spread to these states from India and for many centuries existed there with mutual toleration.

The conference is being organized to encourage interdisciplinary approach along with philosophical viewpoint for better understanding of the influence of Swami Vivekananda and Gautam Buddha in Culture and Civilization of Southeast Asia. This study will enhance cooperation in the field of research and culture between India and its neighboring countries of Southeast Asia considering the impact of Swami Vivekananda and Gautam Buddha in future.

THEMES OF THE SEMINAR

1. Swami Vivekananda and Gautam Buddha
2. Swami Vivekananda on Buddha and Buddhism
3. Buddhism in Southeast Asia and Swami Vivekananda's thought for the west.
4. Swamiji's practical Vedanta and Buddhism
5. Buddhism, the Fulfillment of Hinduism – according to Swamiji
6. Buddhist heritage in Southeast Asia
7. Buddhism, Peace, Education and Development of Pali language
8. Buddhism, Ethics and Politics
9. The sarnath of dharmachakra pravartan mahaveer : The Cradle of Buddhist Heritage

EXPECTED RESOURCE PERSONS IN THE SEMINAR

- **Prof Arvind Jamkhedkar**, Chairman ICHR, New Delhi
- **Dr. B. R. Mani**, Director General National Museum Govt, of India, New Delhi
- **Prof. (Mrs.) Prashanthi Narangoda**, Professor, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka
- **Swami Supriyananda**, President, Ramakrishna Mission, Malaysia
- **Dr. (Mrs.) Sonia Jasrotia**, Professor ICCR, Cambodia
- **Dr . Narasingha Charan Panda** ICCR, Bangkok
- **Prof. Dr. DO THU HA**, Vietnam National University, Vietnam
- **Prof. Sirajul Islam**, Professor, VISVA-BHARATI
- **Prof. Bimalendra Kumar**, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
- **Dr Kirtiraj D C**, Associate Professor, Pune

ABOUT MAKAIAS

The Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS) is an autonomous research institute set up by the joint initiative of the Government of India, Department of culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development and the Government of West Bengal in 1993. It is devoted to the study of the life and works of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, and to promote research with special reference to South Asia, Central Asia and West Asia, and its social, cultural, economic, political and administrative developments.

ABOUT RKMVCC

Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College (RKMVCC) is established in 1963, the birth centenary year of Swami Vivekananda . It is run and managed by Ramakrishna Mission. It has five (7) departments i.e. Chemistry (UG & PG), Botany (UG & PG), Physics, Zoology, Mathematics(UG&PG). Microbiology & Computer Science. RKMVCC was accredited by NAAC in 2014 with Grade A. In 2015 West Bengal State University has recognized RKMVCC as the Swami Vivekananda Centre for Multidisciplinary research in Basic Sciences and Social Sciences. In 2016 UGC has conferred the status of College with Potential for Excellence (CPE). Recently UGC has conferred RKMVCC the status of Autonomous College and the first session of the Autonomous status was started on and from 2017-18. Recently on 03-04-2018 MHRD, Govt. of India has announced the NIRF ranking where RKMVCC is placed 29th ranking in India.

CALL FOR PAPERS AND REGISTRATION

Teachers, professionals and research scholars are invited to contribute papers. An abstract of 300 words with filled in registration form should reach the coordinator of the seminar by February 28, 2019 in the e-mail mentioned in 'Address for Correspondence'.

SEMINAR VENUE

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IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date for Abstract Submission: February 20, 2019

Last Date for Submission of Registration Form and Registration Fees: February 28, 2019

Dates of Seminar: March 15 and 16, 2019

IMPORTANT NOTE

- All communication to the applicants will be made via e-mail.
- Full paper may be submitted on the day of presentation of the paper.



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REGISTRATION FORM

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Correspondence Address:			
Date of birth:		Nationality:	
Passport No(Foreign Participants):		Date of Issue:	
Place of issue:		Expiry Date:	
Telephone(Must provide):		Email (Must provide):	
FREQUENT FLYER No:			
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Departure Date:		From Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport to _____ ** for observer, please provide us your flight number/time and to what city**	
Category of attendance:		VIP	Keynote Speaker
		Delegate	Observer
		Speaker	Please tick One
Travel Arrangement and Accommodation:			
1. All delegates/participants are requested to book their own tickets & send their itinerary.			
2. During the celebration, we will provide accommodation, meals and the arranged domestic transportations for the confirmed registered participants only starting from 15 th & 16 th March, 2019.			
Dietary Information:		Special Assistance	
Vegetarian	Non- Vegetarian	If need of a wheelchair	If picking up needed
			If seeing off up needed

Date:

(Signature of the Applicant)