

SEASONAL SUNKEN, AROUND THE YEAR SUNKEN AND REEMERGING AFTER SUNKEN BUDDHIST PAGODA: INTERESTING RELIGIOUS ARCHITECTURE IN THAILAND

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ABSTRACT

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INTRODUCTION

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VARIOUS TYPES OF SUNKEN PAGODAS IN THAILAND

There are many types of sunken pagodas in Thailand. The important types are as the followings:

SEASONAL SUNKEN PAGODA

The famous examples are the groups of seasonal sunken pagoda seen at Sangkhaburi district,

Kanchanaburi province. Nowadays, it is a famous tourist attraction in Thailand. In summer season, one can use the boat to reach the pagoda.

AROUND THE YEAR SUNKEN PAGODA

The most famous pagoda of this type is the sunken pagoda under the Lumdomenoi Dam in Ubonratchathani province. To visit this pagoda, one has to dive under the water to see the architecture.

EMERGING AFTER SUNKEN PAGODA

This is the pagoda that is an around the year sunken pagoda that emerges from the water due to the drought. This phenomenon is sporadically seen. The good examples are WatHauyartai in Uttaradit province and WatThantoe in Yala province. For the case of WatThantoe, there is also an emerging mosque located in the same area.

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A. WatHauyartai, Uttaradit province



B.WatWangwiwekaramkao, Kanchanaburi province

Figure 1. Various sunken pagoda in Thailand.

DISCUSSION

Abandoned or ruined pagoda is usually a local interesting place in Indochina. The good examples are the collapsed pagoda due to natural disaster [1]. However, the pagoda is sometimes destroyed by intention such as dam construction. Sunken pagoda is usually the interesting place. Construction of the dam usually results in the destroy of the local structure. Regarding the Buddhist pagoda, moving the new setting is usually required. However, the old abandoned site is usually an interesting place. The

conservation of the old place and have it reborn as new interesting pilgrimage or tourist site is usually interesting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

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