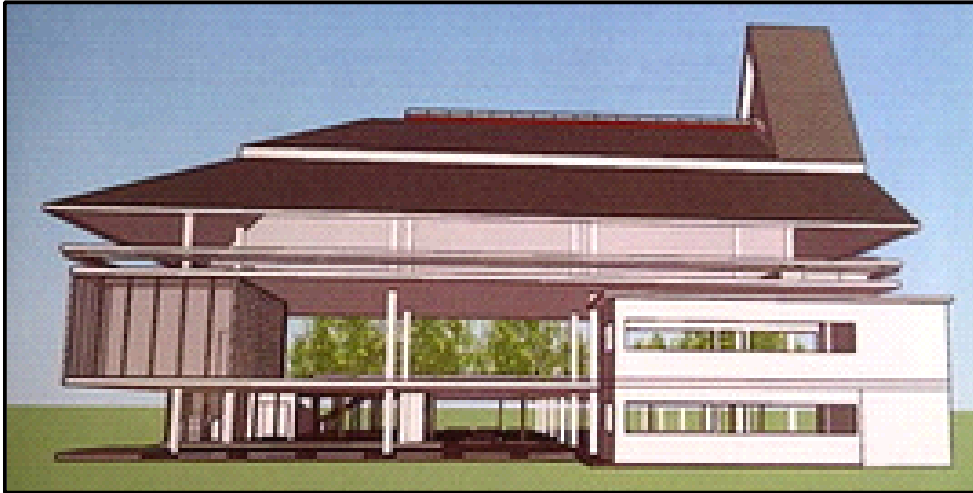


We need your help to build a new home for the Arahats

Towards the end of the vassa (rain retreat) we had continuous heavy rain and on 30 September this year, the present space where we enshrined the Arahats (Buddhist female saints) was flooded. The water went as far as the wooden stands of the 13 Arahats which are housed on the ground floor of the Medicine Buddha Vihara at Songdhammakalyani Temple in Nakhon Pathom.



Our temple, which was founded 52 years ago, is the first temple for Buddhist women, and now our Arahats were flooded. We took it as an urgent message that we needed to react promptly. Venerable Dhammananda consulted with Dr. Wanchai, a Buddhist architect, who kindly came up with a plan for a new vihara for our Arahats.



Our temple is a small temple so we plan to build an all-purpose building to house our Arahats on the third floor with ample space for religious activities. The estimated cost of this all-purpose building is 12 million Baht (US \$400,000).

The second floor will be used as dining area with adjoining kitchen. On this same floor we will have an extended open space for activities on special occasions, i.e. small shopping area for Kathina ceremony.

The very good quality wooden floor from the existing two storey building, which was built over 40 years ago and which is currently our dining area, will be preserved and reused in our new building.

On the ground floor will be the bookstore and front desk, with a working space for volunteers. To solve the existing problem of insufficient parking space an extended ground floor is planned to increase the current parking space to allow 40 cars to be parked. This will accommodate visitors' cars we organize big functions, which is about 6 times a year.

You will appreciate the fact that we have 180 000 monks in Thailand with 25 000 temples - all for monks. Our temple is the very first temple for women, please join us in paving the path to allow Bhikkhunis to have a space of their own so that they can better serve the community.

Please bless the project with your generous donation and assist us to complete the project in due time. May the Buddhas, Bodhisattvas bless you with your participation.

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