

Editorial Message:

At the International Association of Buddhist Universities, we have several principles that we take as our guidelines in moving forward in our engagements. Here is a reminder of how we progress:

IABU Vision:

- Motivate future generations to gain and apply profound understanding of the Buddhadhamma in every aspect of life
- Raise the quality of scholarly work within Buddhist Studies and across other academic endeavors
- Contribute to meeting the challenges that face human society worldwide

IABU Mission:

- Support and collaborate with members to ensure humanity can benefit from the richness and variety of the multi-dimensional Buddhist traditions
- Provide a framework towards better understanding diverse policies and activities
- Collaborate in administration, teaching, research and outreach
- Recognize each other's qualifications

IABU Goals:

- Propagate the Buddhadhamma through collaborative academic channels
- Eliminate Buddhist sectarian, national, and institutional barriers
- Raise the academic standards throughout the Buddhist world
- Maximize academic potentials and abilities

We appreciate your time for reading this journal of articles from various scholars. It is our deepest wish that these offerings have contributed to the dialogue for improving society. Although the content might be difficult, the end result should be the achievement of peace. If any of our offerings here, or in previous editions are polemic in any way, we encourage the academic-dialogue. Please send any full-length academic-responses to the IABU, and they shall be published in an upcoming volume.

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