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After King Bhumibol Adulyadej's decease, Thais should be unified.

I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to attend King Rama IX's Royal Cremation Ceremony on October 26, 2017. It was my and my family's memory for the rest of our lives. The Royal Crematorium was as graceful as his great merit of honor. On November 2 – 30, 2016 Thai people will have good opportunities to visit the Royal Crematorium. Do not miss it.

I have written that, even though His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej has gone to heaven, his kind contribution to Thais always remains.

On October 20, 2017, I had an opportunity to make a presentation at Goodman Knowledge Camping 6th. To be Goodman Foundation has been organizing this camping for consecutive 6 years. It was a very valuable activity because it taught the Thai youths 16 - 17 years of age to appreciate his kind contributions.

I will continue presenting King Philosophy to youth groups.

On Human Talk Radio Program on FM 96.5 MHz. every Sunday at 6.00 a.m., I agree with Mr. Vichai Vorathaniwong and Dr. Danai Chanchaochai to work together to publicize King Rama IX's works.

What we should do is organizing monthly King Philosophy learning activities for Thai youths in cooperation with elementary schools and high schools. It will be an opportunity for the youths to think together on how to improve themselves and how to implant King Philosophy. Their attitudes will be adjusted to be free from unethical media focusing on materialism. Ethical subject will be brought back to teach. They should not be taught only the subjects for passing university entrance exams and graduate with unethical mind focusing on short-term gain.

How can we unite the whole nation's power as shown on the Royal Cremation Ceremony joined by more than 22 million Thais in Thailand laying sandalwood flowers? It was a great power of Thai people. It reflected the Thai people's unity on October 26, 2017. It created an understanding in the monarchy and was live broadcast to 177 countries all over the world via online media and TGN Channel.

Thailand has beautiful culture for many consecutive thousand years which is Thai people's root. If we analyze how Thai people differ from people of other countries, we find out that we have more than thousands years of long-established culture which I call "Cultural Capital".

Country like the U.S.A. may be larger than us in term of military and economic scale. However, they cannot compete with the beautiful Thai culture. Thailand will be the envy of the worlds because some countries cannot preserve their cultures and have to adjust them to changing time. The young country like the U.S.A. cannot have it.

Another great innovation King Rama X's initiatives of implanting Thai people to work as the temporary volunteers. They greatly gathered in the public-spirited volunteer project to do charity works in this Royal Cremation Ceremony.

I know many Thais and some of my staffs who work as volunteers in this ceremony. I think the public-spirited volunteer project should continue. Now, Thais should take care for one another.

I would like to support public-spirited volunteer project to continue so that it can ease the government's burden. Then, their time will be wisely spent. In the past, Thai people were lured by materialism or called modern marketing. For example, they went to the shopping centers, played games and attended cram schools. These were the waste of time because they implanted wrong values and selfishness into Thais. It will be better for them to contribute to the society as the volunteers.

We must work together to contribute to the society. It should be very useful. On behalf of FM 96.5 Mhz, Mr. Vichai Vorathaniwong, Dr. Danai Chanchaochai and I may cooperate to run the projects for Thai ethics and public spirit development.



**Public-spirited volunteers
at King Bhumibol Adulyadej's Royal Cremation Ceremony**

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