

**NEW ACADEMIC AND THEORETICAL CONTRIBUTIONS,
NEW SCIENCE AND PRACTICE CONTENTIONS OF THESIS**

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New contributions of the thesis:

1. New conclusions

- Theravada Buddhism has a profound influence on the material and spiritual culture of the Khmer community. The change in the culture of Khmer Theravada Buddhist monks in the Southwest region is a change in many fields, in which the field of cognitive culture, behavioral culture and organizational culture, are the fundamental change.

- These changes go from weak to strong, from discrete to tight, and are consistent with the times, with the general development laws of society, with the general changing situation of the country.

2. The author's own opinions and judgments

- The change in the culture of Khmer Theravada Buddhist monks is under the general influence of the actual situation of social change. The change represents the "engage view" of Khmer Theravada Buddhism, actively contributing to the consolidation of ethnic cultural identity, promoting the development of the nation.

- The positive side of these changes is expanding the environment, increasing access to science, technology and integrating with Theravada Buddhist monks in the world; the negative side of these changes is the risk of losing the monastic discipline, the basic tenet of Khmer Theravada Buddhism.

- The process is happening and will be at a rapid pace in the future due to the impacts of policies on raising people's intellect, ending poverty and hunger and reducing poverty. It is necessary in the future to strengthen the relationship between monks and the Khmer community in order to realize the motto "rich people, strong country".

3. The practical application of the thesis

The thesis's results help readers understand the material and spiritual cultures of Khmer Theravada Buddhist monks; assist the mass organizations that in charge of religion to perceive and promulgate the appropriate policies; is a reference source for studying, teaching and researching on contemporary Khmer Theravada Buddhism in the Southwest region.

<p>Supervisors' opinions (Name and signature)</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>January (5) 2023 PhD Student (Name and signature)</p>
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