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The purpose of this study is to understand the meaning of sacred space and places in Thai context as well as other sacred places in Thai Buddhist region. It aims to understand Thai sacred space and place, to discuss on meaning of sacred space and sacred place in a Thai context and to illuminate concepts, spatial characteristic, and sense of Thai sacred places.

The significance of sacred mountain theme is a medium to interpret the sacred phenomena. Abstract meanings of sacredness can be understood through the sacred space and sacred places that affect human senses. Sacred place idea in Thai culture heritage has always been concerned with the sacred mountain as symbolic and focussing on Mout Sumuru. The sacredness is revealed senses of places and developed by using metaphors of the mountains.

Through the sacred mountain narrative, the knowledge created from within this theme illuminates ways with familiar patterns of existence and can be opened up to process to new meanings. Through this research we come up with the ideas in which various manifestation stages can serve as a medium to create senses of sacredness.

The sacred mountain themes provide with new perspectives, for instance, the sacredness is the attitude of human to nature, it is an approach of human being to nature, the manners of people who live harmoniously with the wholeness is duality existence. The position of people who live under the nature control and accept the power of its that expressed the attitude into several ways such as religion and belief with the holy world. They are new approaches of thinking about fundamental issues. Sacred places cannot be measured by any tools of secular objects and cannot be protected by any secular based methods; just enhance sense, use immaculacy mind and intuition as well as rely on cognitive avidity in experienced impression of its phenomena that beyond visual sensation. The more perceive, comprehend and appreciate, the more totally clear how to maintain and pass Thai sacred place as heritage to the next generation. Nevertheless, as Thai history imprint, Thai sacred space and place reflect the transformation of the association, the social procedure, the living cultural system, and the paradigm of Thai people.

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*This work is dedicated to sacred power, sacred spiritual,
especially sacred mountain
and
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