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This edition of Center Talk is quite special because we in Thailand are celebrating the end of Buddhism Lent - 26 Oct. 2007. As CCDKM is an organization that focuses on media and development, we hope to be one among our many partners who can promote using media to develop the positive aspects of Buddhist culture in Thai society.

This year is also very special for all Thai people, as we celebrate His Majesty the King's 80th birthday.

At this significant time, as a representative of CCDKM, I would like to invite you all to join a very special event in Buddhist tradition – the final stage in the completion of a local 'wat' (temple).

This is also an auspicious time as the Tod Katin Ceremony will be underway. One month after the Buddhist Lent in every temple in Thailand monks are given new robes and this ceremony allows lay people to make merit.

CCDKM members will be acting as one of the hosts at these ceremonies and we would like to invite you to share with us in merit-making. On the 10-11 Nov, 2007 at Wijitraram Temple, Muang District, Phichit province, a 'sky bouquet' will be placed on the roof of the temple as part of the Tod Katin Ceremony. To enhance the commemorations, there will also be local festivities, including folk plays (Li-kay), Thai folk dance (Ramwong), and boat racing.

Please consider joining in the occasion.

May all goodness from participating return ultimately to you for betterment to your life, your beloved ones, your society, and importantly to our King.

Kindly see all the details from www.ccdkm.org

Best wishes

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