

THAI DISCUSSION MEETING HELD

After returning from the Thai-Cambodian Conference at the Florida Nature and Culture Center in May 1999, Thai members from Virginia, Maryland and Delaware were determined to form a Thai-language discussion group to help those who don't speak English, better understand the practice, learn the Gosho and participate in a discussion meeting.

We picked the following topics for our first meeting: the Ten Worlds; faith, practice and study; and the difference between Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism.

On Aug. 6-8, 12 members and 7 guests met in Dover, Del., for our first summer conference sponsored by the women's division. We showed videotapes of SGI President Ikeda meeting with the King of Thailand and at the opening ceremonies of the new Thai Community Center.

Next year we hope to see more people attending from along the Eastern Seaboard, maybe even as far west as Texas, and eventually including the Thai members on the West Coast. One major goal is to further promote kosen-rufu in the Thai community in the United States.

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