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## ABSTRACT

The objectives of this thesis were: to study the history and the development of believe and ritual of Nadoon district's People towards Prathat Nadoon, Nadoon District, Mahasarakham Province and to study analytically the values of faith and ritual regarding its influence over the living of Nadoon district's People.

The result of the study found that Nadoon district's People Resources believes in the Supernatural of relics contained within the Buddha. Nadoon district's People Resources seeks to conduct the purification of body, speech and mind to worship the relics. The sacred relics of the Buddha. With rituals such as the ritual sacrifice ritual Make a votive offering. Ritual apology. Bathing ritual relics. The candle lit. Meditation. And over the relics blankets etc. It is believed that this will be done under the protection of the Buddha. Peace and happiness. Buddhist belief Cause a worship Skip relics in 15 days in the third lunar month every year.

PhraThat Nadoon was Fine arts Department and representatives of the district have unearthed relics of the mound remains. Local people in the area of Moo1, Tambon Nadoon. The morphology of the crystallized glass, artificial relic casket place in the top three searches. The construction of the Buddhist East. To be a center of Buddhism. Culture North East. Antiquities and artifacts to preserve resources. Kingdom in Chamba Sri. Ancient city in the Dvaravati. Century was about13 -16.

Phrathat Nadoon played very important role to the development of culture, rite, and ritual of the people in Nadoon District. People believe that Phrathat Nadoon was a holy Pagoda; therefore, they always play worship to the Pagoda and some requesting for good luck and fortunate. Those practices still exist in these modern days. Moreover, annually there are many kinds of rite and ritual preferment which are processed in respecting to the Pagoda.

Positively, such belief and ritual practices have a great impact on the ways of living of Nadoon district's People. They live in peace and united. More importantly, that faithful belief and ritual of Nadoon district's People towards PraThat Nadoon contributes several progress to Nadoon District such as educational institute, economic, culture, and educational centre.