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he Sixth Donation of Luangta Mahabua

The Bank of Thailand (BOT) announced that it has received donations of gold bullion from Luangta Mahabua as part of his campaign to help the nation to economic recovery. Forty bars of gold, weighing 500 kilogrammes and cash of 300,000 US dollars, were presented to the BOT by Luangta Maha Bua Yannasampanno at 11.00 hrs, April 11, 2002 at Suan Sang Dharma Park, to be placed into the accounts of the Note Issuance Group, BOT. Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra presided over the ceremony, and received the donation before handing it over to M.R. Pridiyathorn Devakula, Governor of the Bank of Thailand to proceed with it according to the donor's intentions.

This is the sixth such donation made by Luangta Mahabua, whose previous contributions were as follows:

1. 6 July, 1998 at the BOT
USD 1,278,000
2. 4 May, 1999 at the BOT
USD 3,000,000
83 bars of gold, 1,037.78 kg
3. 21 April, 2001 at Sanam Luang
USD 1,000,000
82 bars of gold, 1,025.0 kg
4. 2 July, 2001 at Suan Sang Dharma Park
USD 300,000
55 bars of gold, 687.5 kg
5. 26 September 2001, at Government House
USD 400,000
145 bars of gold, 1,812.5 kg

The total value of all six donations of Luangta Mahabua and his disciples amounts to 405 bars of gold weighing 5, 062.78 kg and USD 6,278,000.

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