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The seventh Luangta Mahabua's donation

M.R. Pridiyathorn Devakula, the Governor of the Bank of Thailand (BOT) recently announced that BOT received the donation from Luangta Mahabua at the head office of Bank of Thailand, on 10 December 2002, at 9.30 a.m.. The donation were bars of gold weighted 500 kg., including 400 kg of gold from Luangta Mahabua's project, 100 kg of gold from 12 commercial banks, and cash of 300,000 US dollars.

Since 1998, the BOT has received the donation from Luangta Mahabua for 6 times as follows :

First time : 6 July 1998, at the BOT

(M.R.Chatu Mongol Sonakul, the BOT Governor, received the donation)

US dollars 1,278,000

Second time : 4 May 1999, at the BOT

(M.R.Chatu Mongol Sonakul, the BOT Governor, received the donation)

US dollars 3,000,000

83 bars of gold 1,037.78 kg.

Third time : 21 April 2001, at Sanam Luang

(Dr. Thaksin Shinawatra, the Prime Minister, received the donation on behalf of the Government and handed it to the BOT)

US dollars 1,000,000

82 bars of gold 1,025 kg.

Fourth time : 2 July 2001, at SangDham park

(M.R.Pridiyathorn Devakula, the BOT Governor, received the donation)

US dollars 300,000

55 bars of gold 687.5 kg.

Fifth time : 26 September 2001, at Government House

US dollars 400,000

145 bars of gold 1,812.5 kg.

Sixth time : 11 April 2002, at SangDham par

US dollars 300,000

40 bars of gold 500 kg.

All the donated gold and cash above had been deposited in the national reserves to fulfill all Luangta Mahabua followers and donators' wish. Therefore, including the seventh donation, the total amount of donated gold and cash deposited in the national reserves are 445 bars of gold, weighted 5,562.78 kg., and cash of the amount 6,578,000 US dollars.

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