



Revenue Department News

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Subject : Clarification on the news that the Revenue Department will collect tax from temples and monks

News has been circulated on social media that the Revenue Department will tax temples nationwide and require all monks to pay tax through their temple accounts.

The Revenue Department would like to clarify as follows:

1. Temples are not companies or juristic partnerships under the Revenue Code; therefore they do not have tax liability. There is no tax burden on Income of temples. The Revenue Department does not investigate their income or their tax payment.

2. The Revenue Department has developed an e-Donation System to facilitate temples and donors who wish to claim their tax allowance for their donations. As the temples fill in donation information on the system, they do not need to issue certificates of donation and likewise, taxpayers do not need to submit their donation documents as evidence when they file their tax returns.

3. The QR Code used by some temples to receive donations are in fact services provided by banks. This scheme is voluntarily used by temples and is not relevant to the Revenue Department.

4. The requirement for temples to do bookkeeping is not prescribed by the Revenue Department. Therefore, the Revenue Department does not have a policy to collect tax from either temples or monks.

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