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11. Summary of the **new findings** of the thesis:
 - The dissertation provides with a brief history of the rise and development of Buddhism as a world religion. It also gives a short presentation of Buddhist sutra, through which the author tries to argue for the characteristics of the engagement of Buddhism as nature of this religion.’
 - The dissertation reproduces the historical relationship between the monarchial state of the Ly and Tran dynasties and Buddhism, focusing on the following issues:
 - + Clarifying the historical context and the contents of policies towards Buddhism of the two dynasties.
 - + Clarifying the historical development of Buddhism under the Ly and the Tran dynasties, including the development of different Buddhist schools and sub-schools and sangha.
 - + Evaluating the multiple contributions of Buddhism to the national building in the Ly – Tran era.
 - Based on the research results the author also tries to draw out some valuable historical lessons and experiences for the reform of the country today.

12. Practical applicability, if any:

- The results of this study can be used as referent materials for training programs at the Vietnamese Academy of Buddhism and other universities.
- The results of this study can be used as an input source for policy making process concerning religion and particularly Buddhism in Vietnam.

13. Further research directions, if any:

- Further studies on history of Vietnamese Buddhism in other historical periods in the context of history of Buddhism in Southeast Asia.
- Further studies on state policies towards religions in general and towards Buddhism in particular of various historical times.

14. Thesis-related publications:

1. Phung Huu Phu and Hoang Duc Thang (2005), *Ho Chi Minh and Vietnamese Buddhism, 1945-69*, Culture Publishers, Hanoi.
2. Hoang Duc Thang (Thich Minh Tri) (2004), "Ullambana – the time for the expressing of filial piety and thanks", *Journal of Buddhist Studies* (No.4), pp. 53-55.
3. Hoang Duc Thang (Thich Minh Tri) (2009), "The Vinh Nghiem Pagoda – The first administration center of Vietnamese Buddhist sangha", *The Khuong Viet Journal* (No.5), pp. 79-80.
4. Hoang Duc Thang (Thich Minh Tri) (2011), "The engagement of Vietnamese Buddhism under the Ly Dynasty: approached from political-cultural perspective", *Journal of Science, Social Sciences and Humanities*, Vietnam National University, Hanoi (No. 4), pp. 247-254.
5. Hoang Duc Thang (Thich Minh Tri) (2012), "Understanding Buddhism under the Tran Dynasty through the thought of Tue Trung Thuong Si and Dieu Ngu Giac Hoang", *Journal of Cultural and Art Studies* (No.2), pp. 21-25.