

Home Page

The screenshot shows the Chinese Buddhist Encyclopedia website. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation tabs for PAGE, DISCUSSION, READ, VIEW SOURCE, and VIEW HISTORY. A sidebar on the left lists various categories such as Architecture, Bibliography, Buddhas, Buddhism, Buddhism And Science, Buddhism Related Articles, Buddhist Art and Culture, Buddhist Cosmology, Buddhist Festivals, and Buddhist Geography. The main content area features several announcements: one about the 7th International Conference on Buddhism & Australia in Perth, Australia; another about free illustrations created by the encyclopedia; and a request for feedback. There is also a 'Like Page' button with 3 likes and a 'PayPal' logo. At the bottom, there is a search bar with the text 'Chinese Buddhist Encyclopedia' and a table of articles by alphabetical order.

Articles by alphabetical order																									
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Chinese Buddhist Encyclopedia

URL

http://www.chinabuddhismencyclopedia.com/en/index.php/Chinese_Buddhist_Encyclopedia

Subject

Buddhism—Encyclopedias;

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Accessibility

Free

Language

English

Publisher

Vello Vaartnou (Main Contributor)

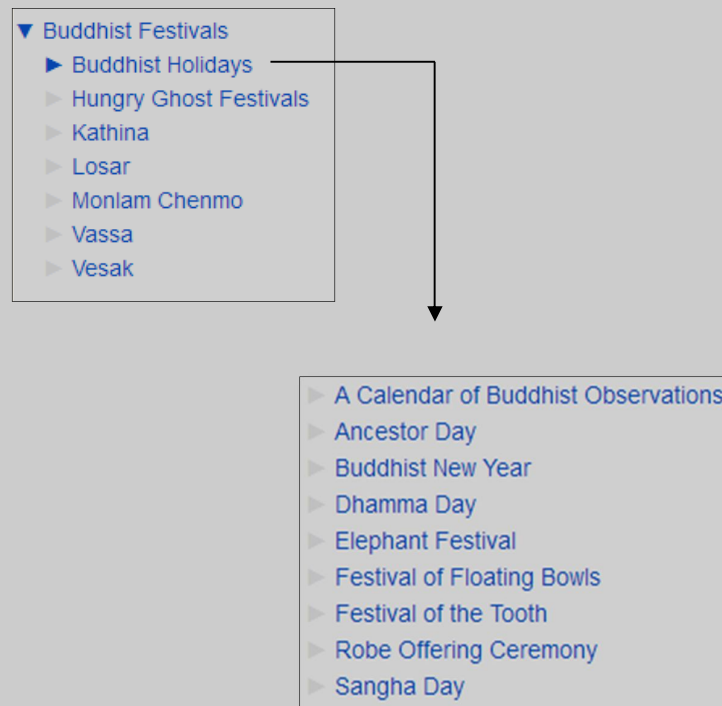
Brief History

The Chinese Buddhist Encyclopedia is an online platform for gathering, preserving, translating, publishing, and spreading the message of Buddha through, historic and contemporary texts, articles, books, videos, and photos all related to Buddhism. The author and key contributor to the Chinese Buddhist Encyclopedia is Vello Vaartnou who had this strong vision for many years on Buddhism. The Chinese Buddhist Encyclopedia idea was officially introduced to the public in the ECAI (Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative) conference in Berkeley in December, 2012. The first posted entries for this encyclopedia took place in November 2012.

In December 2012 in ECAI conference in Berkeley University, USA, Vaartnou officially presented the idea and project to larger public. The idea of the Encyclopedia is to create a single source of Buddhist knowledge, which could be used by both- English and Chinese users.

Scope and Coverage

Chinese Buddhist Encyclopedia has currently 53,562 entries or articles. It covers huge number of Buddhist topics. In this reference source users can found 42 main subject categories on Buddhist Philosophy. These are Buddhism And Science, Buddhist Art and Culture, Buddhist Cosmology, Buddhist Festivals, Buddhist Geography, Buddhist Monasteries, Buddhist Organizations etc. and many more. Under these main categories there are further list of sub categories or articles. Like the category “Buddhist Festivals” includes following sub categories. The first sub category Buddhist Holidays includes 10 articles which are shown in the right hand side:



Kind of Information

The encyclopedia covers huge numbers of articles or pages in every categories and sub categories. Like One category “Buddhist Cosmology” provides information on Buddhist Genesis, Absolute reality, Ancient Hindu Atomism, Bodhisattva realm, Buddhist creation theory, Buddhist eschatology, concept of **Causal** Ocean, Buddhist concept on spirit, etc. Another category “Buddhist Philosophy” provides information on Abhidharma, Abhidharmakosha, Basic Buddhist Doctrine, Buddhism and Metaphysics, Buddhist Epistemology, Buddhist Theory of Inference, etc.

Special Features

- By cross-linking between languages, the CBE creates a unique effect of sharing knowledge between English and Chinese speakers.
- This is a wiki based encyclopedia which gives provision to its users to write or to make discussions on particular topics.
- Users can also view the source code of the articles or pages.
- The creation history of the articles is also provided for users.

Arrangement Pattern

The subject categories (Main and sub categories) and the articles under those categories both are arranged alphabetically (See the scope and coverage section's screen shot).

Remarks

The encyclopedia is a good source of Buddhist philosophy. It is a wiki encyclopedia which provides collaborative approach for its users.

Comparable Tools

- Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)
- Britannica.com (<http://www.britannica.com/>)
- Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy (<http://www.iep.utm.edu/>)
- Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy (<https://www.rep.routledge.com/>)
- Encyclopedia of Indian Philosophies (<http://faculty.washington.edu/kpotter/>)
- Catholic encyclopedia: philosophy - new advent (<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12025c.htm>)
- Infoplease: Encyclopedia (<http://www.infoplease.com/encyclopedia/>)

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