

## LANKA-LIGOR-ANKOR-FROM LANKA TO KHMER

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### ABSTRACT

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### INTRODUCTION

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### LIGOR, AN AREA WITH CULTURAL BACKGROUND OF LANKA AND ANKOR

Ligor is an ancient town in Southern region of Thailand, about 800 km from Bangkok, capital. In this area, the specific rooted cultures exist and can be demonstrated as Buddhism combined with Hinduism. There are several historical sites in the city that reflect both Buddhism and Hinduism styles (see Figure 1).

### DISCUSSION

The historical study is an interesting area in arts. The assessment of the existed evidence at present might reflect the ancient path. For the cultural transmission, there are many ancient routes. The well-known route is the Silk road which is the intercontinental ancient route connecting China in Asia and Rome in Europe [1]. The present report shows a small not well-known route from Sri Lanka to Cambodia. The transmission of the culture from Lanka to Ankor existed and there are several historical evidences on the way. The mid-point namely Ligor town which is presently known as Nakorn Srithammarat province in southern region of Thailand is the good historical evidence. At present, this town is submitted for inclusion as the World Heritage Site.

The area has plenty of both Lanka Buddhism and Ankorhinduism ancient structures. The combination of both culture result in the new specific local Ligor culture which is valuable for studying.

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In fact, the sea route between South Asia and Southeast Asia has been used for thousand years and it is the way that the interexchange of the culture of the two Asian subcontinent exists. Of interest, the biogenetic study help clarify that there are difference between genetic background

between Cambodian and Lanka subjects and both Cambodian and Lanka people have no similarity to the local people in southern Thailand [2]. This can reflect that the existed culture in Ligor should be implemented via the cultural communication route in the past.



**(A)Big Lanka style pagoda at the temple namely Wat Mahathat n the city**



**(B)Ruins of the Shiv shrine in the city**

**Figure 1. Specific ancient Ligor architectures showing effect from Lanka Buddhism and AnkorHindusim.**

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