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## Visiting Researchers Awarded by the Ph.D. title !

## Two researchers who finished the unique "Visiting Researcher ROMPAKU program" successfully completed their Ph.D.

ARIISW has launched this program in 2016, contributing to further development of social work education in Asian region. On March 10, 2022, Ms. Dechen Doma (Bhutan, the 2<sup>nd</sup> visiting researcher) and Ven. Omalpe Somananda (Sri Lanka, the 4<sup>th</sup> visiting researcher)



Ms. Dechen Doma (Royal Uni. Bhutan)



Ven. Omalpe Somananda (Buddhist Pali University)

successfully passed their examination. Due to travel restrictions, they both were not able to attend to graduation ceremony held on March 15th, 2022, but we hope the ceremony and special lecture will be arranged soon to celebrate this special moment and broadly share their academic achievements.

Both researchers were working hard to conduct their research activities and write their Ph.D. thesis. The Ph.D. title is a result of their efforts and we hope this is just the first step of their next activities. We hope that former visiting researchers will help us to develop and improve our program to support social work education in Asia.