

Story Card LAOS 006

Story title	Great Buddha of Loppakdee Village				
Story-teller: Name	Nuxay Nonesukham	Sex	M	Age	63
Recording time/date	Around 4 pm, 4 October 2014				
Recording place	At the village assembly house, Lppakdee Village, Khong District, Champasak Province, Laos				
Length					
Language(s) used	Lao				
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Topic/key words	The origin of a name of a village, Buddha statue				
Category					
<p>Summary</p> <p>Loppakdee village used to be known as Lop-pha-dee Village (<i>lop</i> = delete, <i>pha</i> = Buddha, <i>dee</i> = great). A Buddha statue drifted to the village in the 14 Century. People respected the Buddha statue and dedicated it at a temple, which had a monk and young priest. The monk had an affair with a woman in the village, contrary to the precepts of Buddhism. One day, the young priest caught the monk in his affair. For fear of being punished, the monk killed the young priest and blame the statue for the murder. People believed that the statue ate the young priest. The Buddha statue got angry and casted himself into the river.</p>					