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SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA SELECTED FROM THE DHAMMAPADA

*Long is the night to the wakeful; long is the journey to the weary; long is
Samsara to the foolish who know not the sublime truth.*

(Dhammapada stanza 60)

FOURTH QUEENSLAND BUDDHIST CONVOCATION

The fourth Queensland Buddhist Convocation is planned to be held from 3.00 to 4.30 pm on Sunday 24 November 2019 at the Thai Temple at 1 Paradise Road, Forestdale, Queensland 4118.

Nominations for awards are now being accepted. If you wish to nominate someone for services rendered to Buddhism for an award, please send an email to QSA via infoqsa@gmail.com

If you are not sure about the basis for a nomination, please do ask us.

INTERNET COURSE IN BUDDHISM (Course SIB-007)

This is an on-going course. You can join it at any time and leave it when you want. For more details please enquire by emailing infoqsa@gmail.com A tutor will guide you throughout. No fees are charged.

A small batch is proceeding with the course right now.

QSA CONSULTANCY SERVICES AVAILABLE (Reviewed after August)

The consultancy division of the Queensland Sangha Association Inc has time and again provided advice free of charge to members and temples or groups connected to the Sangha.

The subject areas covered include the following:

- 1 Setting up associations
- 2 Incorporating associations

- 3 Development Applications for temples
- 4 Buddhist Chaplaincy services
- 5 Learning Buddhism via the internet
- 6 Educational programs connected to Buddhism
- 7 Accounting systems for temples
- 8 Engagement of professional consultants in temple planning
- 9 Acquisition of lands and buildings for temples
- 10 Applications for Gift Fund Status for funds or institutions
- 11 Setting up systems to enable applications for blue cards

The services are provided by volunteers with experience relating to the subject matter handled. The preferred locations for discussions are mutually convenient temples.

QSA consultants have assisted the following and other institutions in Queensland in various ways in the past:

- 1 The Thai temple in Forestdale
- 2 Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery in Ellen grove
- 3 Queensland Buddhist Vihara in Goodna
- 4 Meditation Centre in Kingston
- 5 The Myanmar Temple in Ellen Grove
- 6 Buddhist Education Services for Schools Inc

Some services have been given to temples in Victoria and New South Wales too.

If you are able to serve as a consultant on a voluntary basis with QSA please do contact us.

For all enquiries please email infoqsa@gmail.com

In setting up or expanding temples if adequate advice is not secured at the early stage many costly mistakes can occur. A few such cases are mentioned here:

- a. Land is purchased in the name of monk or nun but no thought is given to succession in ownership.
- b. A land is purchased for a temple in the name of a devoted individual. Again, no thought is given to problems that might arise in the future. Note that a transfer later will cost a good sum of money.
- c. Fair amounts of money are donated to build a temple but the association is not incorporated.
- d. Budgets are drawn up on the assumption that all donations are tax deductible. This is not the case.
- e. Visas for monks and nuns coming from overseas are expected without following established procedures used by the government.
- f. When purchasing a land for a temple, preliminary clearance from the local authority is not an indicator of final DA approval.

QSA WEBSITE HAS CHANGED IN AUGUST 2019

The home page and the pages covering Educational Services and Chaplaincy Services were updated in August 2019.

The main reason for the change was new policies relating to blue card applications. A comprehensive set of rules is now required for an institution to be able to sponsor blue card applications.

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