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### ***SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA SELECTED FROM THE DHAMMAPADA***

*Knowing that this body is like foam and comprehending its mirage-nature, one should destroy the flower shafts of sensual passions, and pass beyond the sight of the king of death (Mara)(46).*

*The man who gathers flowers (of sensual pleasures), whose mind is entangled, death carries off as a great flood sweeps away a sleeping village(47).*

# THIRD BUDDHIST CONVOCATION REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF QSA REV. JAMES WILSON



On November 25, the QSA held its third Convocation Ceremony. I wish to thank everyone who attended and again congratulate the recipients of certificates. About 40 people received certificates and as the reasons for their nominations were read, I was awed by the magnitude of each recipient's contribution to Buddhism and to society as a whole. Each of them showed their Buddha nature in their actions. Their selflessness and compassion towards those who are suffering is beyond measure. I was overwhelmed and I'm sure those who nominated them for an award also felt the same. Such hardworking and dedicated people are an inspiration to us all.

I would also like to thank Ven Chonlatish Chanhorm for letting us use the Wat Thai Temple.

And, I would like to thank those who helped in planning and setting up the event.

It was a heartfelt success for everyone involved and I look forward to seeing many people participate in next year's Convocation.



Lyna Chen of BESS receiving her award





Dhammika Pereira-Marland receiving her award

## **DHAMMA RESEARCH PROGRAMS TO CONTINUE**

**Dr. Sanka Wasalthillake who conducted a program on the Self-Concept sometime ago, will present a series of such programs in 2019.**

**The programs are likely to be conducted in the Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery (Brisbane) at 114 Considine Street, Ellen Grove, QLD. 4078 in the English language.**

**The dates and hours will be announced in the newsletter for January 2019.**

**Expressions of interest are invited via email.**

## **MANAGEMENT OF BUDDHIST TEMPLES**

**A suggestion has been made to QSA to conduct short programs to discuss important aspects of the management of Buddhist Temples.**

**The programs will be useful particularly for monks and nuns who have the responsibility of managing temples. Topics such as Organisation, Delegation of responsibility, Communication, Control, Supervision, Accounting, Temple Development Planning, and Fund-Raising.**

**Indications of interest are invited via email.**

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**Issued by the president of QSA, Reverend James Wilson**

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