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SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA (SET 8 SELECTED FROM THE DHAMMAPADA)

Heedfulness is the path of the deathless, heedlessness the path to death. The heedful do not die; the heedless are like the dead. Distinctly understanding this, the wise rejoice in heedfulness, delighting in the realm of the Ariyas. The constantly meditative, the ever steadfast ones realise the bond-freed supreme Nibbana. (Dhammapada 21, 22 and 23)

BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY COURSE PARTS 1 & 2 FIFTH REPETITION

The course is continuing on schedule. Units 13 and 14 were completed on Saturday 12 August 2017. The units dealt with wholesome and unwholesome mental states and neutral mental states. Dr. Barbara Sullivan presented the units.

Mr. Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra was present on the occasion. Mr. Tanuja Sarath-Chandra introduced Dr. Sullivan. The venue was the library building of the Sri Lanka Buddhist monastery, 114 Considine treet, Ellen Grove, Queensland 4077.

Enquiries are being received in regard to the sixth repetition of part 1 of the Buddhist Chaplaincy course. The commencement of the sixth repetition will be announced in the near future. If you are interested please send QSA a brief email.

LIFE SKILLS FOR YOUTH

The Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism is launching an educational program primarily based on Buddhist ethics and Buddhist psychology for the benefit of young persons in the age group 15 to 21 years.

Dhamma schools cater to the needs of younger children and temples cater to the needs of adults. Students entering the tertiary level of education need support to develop life skills that suit their particular needs.

This program is intended to provide for that need.

In a way the tertiary level group is crucial in the development of young people as success in life is largely dependent on the skills that they have to meet the challenges of that age and environment.

Indirect trials of this course are proceeding at this time.

Those in or around the tertiary level or age are invited to contact QSA by email regarding participation in the course. Parents of youth are invited to enquire on behalf of their children. There are no examinations involved. There is no particular bias towards Mahayana or Theravada either. The course is in English.

Large groups may enquire about conducting the course at a venue of their choice.

MINDFULNESS AND COMPASION GROUPS

Buddhist groups interested in the development of mindfulness and giving compassionate services are invited to communicate with the Sangha Association for exchange of information.

QSA has been conducting educational courses for about ten years aligned to these topics. One example is Buddhist Chaplaincy training courses. Training in

meditation is the main aspect of part four of the diploma course in Buddhist Chaplaincy.

Initial contact with QSA can be made via email infoqsa@gmail.com

SECOND QUEENSLAND BUDDHIST CONVOCATION

In November 2016 QSA conducted the first Queensland Buddhist Convocation. About 100 people were recognized for their services in setting up Buddhist Temples and other Buddhist organisations in Queensland. The convocation also included the award of certificates to all who had successfully completed various educational courses in Buddhism.

A Minister in the State Government of Queensland and a Councillor from the Brisbane City Council were among the dignitaries who gave away the certificates.

That was the first time that such an event took place in Queensland.

Requests have been made for holding the event again this year. A decision is yet to be made by the committee of QSA. Comments from readers are invited about the proposal to have the second Buddhist Convocation around November 2017.

Details of other training and education courses conducted by QSA will be announced in this newsletter or on the website of QSA

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