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*SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA SELECTED FROM THE
DHAMMAPADA (95)*

Like the earth, the Arahant is patient and when provoked does not respond in anger. He is comparable to an *indrakila*. He is serene and pure like a lake free from mud. For such a one there is no more rebirth.

Indrakila is a heavy structure rising from deep in the ground.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING NUMBER 50

QSA is in its 15th year. The 50th meeting of the committee of management was held on 25 June 2022.

The committee consists of four monks and three lay persons. It is supported by about fifteen executives responsible for various functions. The much larger groups of advisors, consultants and lecturers need to be remembered for their silent contribution.

The senate of the Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism, the Buddhist Chaplaincy Services Board, and the Buddhist Publications Advisory Board need special mention.

A Federal Government grant for \$ 3230 has been received for the purchase of a computer and printer for QSA. We appreciate the interest taken by Milton Dick, Federal MP for Oxley. Computer equipment was purchased for QSA using the grant. A special mention must go to Mr. Krishan Jayalath for his time and effort in researching the most suitable equipment to be purchased and for organising the purchase and delivery of the equipment.

QUEENSLAND BUDDHIST CONVOCATION 06 HELD SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2022

The 6th Queensland Buddhist convocation was held at the Thai Temple Wat Thai Buddharam, 1 Paradise Road, Forestdale, Queensland 4118, commencing at 9.00 am on Saturday 25 June 2022.

Certificates of honour were awarded to about fifty individuals in recognition of services they are engaged in for the advancement of Buddhism in Queensland. Some had rendered voluntary services to the Queensland Sangha Association Inc or to the Buddhist Education Services for Schools Inc.

There were individuals, including monks, who had played a lead role in Buddhist education in the Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism, the education division of QSA. Some had functioned as volunteer Religious Instruction teachers of Buddhism in state schools in Queensland.

Another group had participated in the training program for Buddhist Counsellors.

The convocation formalities over, the group had time for a get together. Volunteers led by Surangika Sarath-Chandra provided refreshments for all present.

The convocation was organised by Serene Loy, Events Manager of QSA.

The monks and nuns gave blessings to all. The vote of thanks was given by Serene Loy, the event manager.



POSTHUMOUS AWARD TO BENEFACTOR MRS. VINITHA SARATH-CHANDRA

A posthumous award was conferred at the 6th Queensland Buddhist Convocation, to the late Mrs. Vinitha Sarath-Chandra who passed away at 83 years of age on 23 January 2022. To the Queensland Sangha Association Inc (QSA), Vinitha was a benefactor from inception until she finally fell ill.



THE LATE MRS. VINITHA SARATH-CHANDRA

Vinitha Sarath-Chandra (nee Weerasinghe)

Born on 18 July 1938

Passed away on 23 January 2022

Vinitha was a trained secondary school science teacher in Sri Lanka (1961-1978). She was trained at the Maharagama Science training College.

She was Assistant Secretary of the All-Ceylon Buddhist Students Federation (BSF) in Sri Lanka (1962), the then largest youth organisation in Southeast Asia with about 2500 member societies in schools and other educational institutions throughout the island of Sri Lanka.

After migration to Australia in 1978, Vinitha was a businessperson, operating a school wear business in Highgate Hill, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia (1981-2007). The business serviced the needs of the largest public high school in Queensland, Brisbane State High School. The shop premises became the base from which two large temples and two valuable Buddhist organisations, namely the Buddhist Education Services for Schools Inc. (BESS) and QSA emanated.

Vinitha was the benefactor of the first Dhamma School in Australia, Highgate Hill, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia (1982). The school commenced with about 10 students and two teachers. It was conducted in a part of her business premises. This Dhamma school is continuing to date at the Thai temple Wat Thai Buddharam, Forestdale, Queensland, Australia and in the Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery (Brisbane), Ellen Grove, Queensland, Australia as two separate entities.

Vinitha was the former president of the Buddhist Meditation and Study Association Inc, Highgate Hill, Brisbane, Australia (1986-1987). The beginning of the Thai Temple was in one of the units annexed to Vinitha's shop. For a few months, two monks of the Thai Maha Nikaya conducted religious services from this unit. The monks' requisites were looked after by Vinitha. When larger premises were found, the monks moved to a rented premises in Graceville, Brisbane. The organisation was re-named as the Thai Temple from 1988. Now this temple is in Forestdale, Logan City on a large block of land located at 1 Paradise Road, Forestdale, Queensland 4118.

Vinitha was later president of the Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery (Brisbane), Ellen Grove, Brisbane, Australia (1995). She played the lead role and made incredible personal and financial sacrifices in the acquisition of the present premises comprising one hectare of land.

She played a lead role in both temples, participating in numerous fund raising and cultural activities to help establish and maintain the temples over many years.

Later she functioned as the promoter and benefactor of the Buddhist Education Services for Schools Inc, (BESS) of Queensland, Australia, (2005-2006) hosting meetings in her shop and promoting the teaching of Buddhism in public schools.

Vinitha was co-promoter and benefactor of the Queensland Sangha Association Inc, Australia, (2006-2018). QSA provides numerous services to the Sangha and to Buddhism.

Vinitha leaves behind her son Tanuja Yasanga Sarath-Chandra and her husband Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra.

**With the power of these meritorious deeds, may Vinitha attain
the supreme bliss of Nibbana!**

Pictures of flowers gratefully taken from freepik
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NEW FREE E-BOOKS AVAILABLE

The following e-books are available for free distribution by the QSA and can be sent by email (PDF copy). Please send an email to infoqsa@gmail.com if you receive these.

- 1 The Buddhist Way to Happiness (English)
- 2 The Buddhist Way to Happiness (Sinhala)
- 3 Practical Techniques of Teaching Buddhism to Youth

A NEW BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED BY QSA QUESTION AND ANSWERS IN THE DHAMMA

A book titled Questions and Answers regarding the Buddha Dhamma for high school students is ready for publication by the QSA. It is intended to publish the electronic version first and print the book shortly afterwards. More information

will be available in July. QSA has set up a special fund for the printing of the books. Donations can be made to the fund.

BUDDHIST PUBLICATIONS FUND

QSA has set up a fund for the printing of Buddhist books. The “Q and A on Dhamma for Students” will be the first book to be printed. Donations will be accepted by QSA for the fund as per bank details given below:

Heritage Bank

BSB: 638-070

Account number: 11592818

Account Name: Queensland Sangha Association

Please use the payment reference “Book Fund” and send an email with the payment details and your name to infoqsa@gmail.com

TRAIN YOUR DHAMMA TEACHERS THROUGH THE DHAMMA PRACTICE TRAINING ACADEMY (DPTA)

Young people need the best guidance to cope with the challenges of modern life. Our teaching methods and techniques need to be effective. Book learning does not go far enough.

We can teach the Dhamma in a practical way that young people will enjoy and encourage them to apply it in their day to day lives.

Learn these techniques via the training offered by QSA.

Details of the next training session are given at the end of this newsletter.

Apply now as the number per session is limited to 20. Late applications Will be placed in a waiting list until a new date is approved.

Training is on ZOOM at this time. If a temple wants, a class can be held specially for the temple supporters only, depending on proximity.

**QUALIFYING COURSE FOR BUDDHIST
COUNSELLORS
COURSE NUMBER SIB 203-BATCH2**

TIMETABLE

Saturday 2 July 2022

1.00 to 1.30	Noble Eight-fold Path View-Points-all eight lanes	30
1.30 to 2.00	Right view (samma ditthi)	30
2.00 to 2.30	Right mindfulness (samma sati)	30
2.30 to 3.00	Right stillness or concentration (samma samadhi)	30

Saturday 9 July 2022

1.00 to 1.30	Leaving behind the past and present	30
1.30 to 2.00	Vipassana Jhana procedure explained	30
2.00 to 2.30	Guided attainment of Jhana 1 and 2	30
2.30 to 3.00	Trial practice of Jhana 1 and 2	30

Saturday 16 July 2022

1.00 to 1.45	Teaching Techniques overview	45
1.45 to 2.15	Application of teaching Techniques	30
2.15 to 3.00	Q and A for Clearing doubts	30

Guidance will be given by email for the practicum to be done at home

The course is conducted on ZOOM. The ZOOM link will be sent to all registered participants closer to the date.

To register please send an email to infoqsa@gmail.com

**COURSE NUMBER SIB 203-planned repeats
DHAMMA TEACHERS TRAINING COURSE - TWO
NEW BATCHES PROGRESSING**

Batch 2 and Batch 3 of this course mentioned above are now proceeding.

Batch 2 is tailor-made for a group of teachers from Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia. This is in response to a request made by Venerable Thalangalle Rathana. The course is conducted on ZOOM at 7.00 pm on Thursdays from 23 June 2022 for six Thursdays.

Batch 3 is for an international group from Australia and Sri Lanka. The course is conducted from 1.00 pm 3.00 pm AEST over three Saturdays.

BUDDHIST EDUCATION SERVICES FOR SCHOOLS (BESS)

The organisation known as BESS has been co-ordinating the activities of volunteer teachers and promoting the teaching of Buddhism in Queensland public schools for many years. In order to maintain and expand its services to more schools, BESS is actively seeking to recruit more volunteer teachers. If you are able to help, please contact BESS directly on the details below.

BUDDHIST EDUCATION SERVICES FOR SCHOOLS INC (BESS)



Promoting universal
values for living
together in peace
and harmony for the
happiness, health
and prosperity of all

BESS recruits, trains and supports
practicing Buddhists to share
the wisdom of the Buddha with
children in South East
Queensland primary schools

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Our volunteer teachers find the work immensely rewarding as they see the children's knowledge of the Buddha grow and their appreciation of the Dharma flourish.



Modern pedagogy, in-house professional development, resources and mentoring are provided to support our volunteer teachers.



We welcome those who are inspired to learn more about our important and stimulating work for the Dharma to contact us for further details.

THE END OF THE QSA NEWSLETTER FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 2022
Issued by the President of QSA, Reverend James Wilson

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TO A FRIEND WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT**

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