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## SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA

*'Hatreds never cease through hatreds in this world; through love alone they cease. This is an eternal law.'* (Dhammapada 5)

*'The others know not that in this quarrel we perish; those of them who realise it, have their quarrels calmed thereby.'* (Dhammapada 6)

## PRESIDENT ON PILGRIMAGE TO TEMPLES

*The president of QSA Reverend James Wilson is proceeding with the building relationships and rapport with individual temples and the members of the Sangha by visiting them and discussing matters of common interest. Articles on these visits have appeared in recent newsletters. Past newsletters are stored in the QSA website under the Menu Current Activities.*

*The following article on Wat Thai Buddharam in Forestdale is a sequel to one of the president's recent pilgrimages.*

## **WAT THAI BUDDHARAM IN FORESTDALE, QUEENSLAND**

On a warm, sunny Winter's day I visited the Wat Thai Buddharam Temple at 1 Paradise Rd, Forestdale. Driving along Johnson Road, it can be easily seen as you approach Paradise Rd. And, as I was turning into Paradise Rd, it occurred to me that it's an auspicious street name for a temple to be situated in. As a follower of the Pure Land tradition, 'paradise' has connotations of the Western Paradise of Amitabha. Within this frame of mind I entered the driveway and beheld a large level block of land measuring eight acres and containing many buildings. The first building is where the monks live and every day Daily Lunch Ceremonies are held where the Thai community offer food to the monks. About ten people including very young children attended the ceremony and I heard that on weekends around forty people will attend. I was very fortunate in being invited to lunch and I greatly appreciated the efforts of those who so kindly prepared such delicious food. I think this reflects the dedication of the Thai community towards this temple.

And, this temple offers so much to its community and also to the larger non-Thai community. Every Wednesday from 7:00-8:00pm there is a meditation class where everyone is welcome to attend and learn basic meditation practices. This then becomes a good foundation for further meditation practice. There are also the many Buddhist events that are held throughout the year which attract large crowds. Last April there was the Songkran Festival and next month on October 30<sup>th</sup> there will be the Royal Robe Offering Ceremony. A full list of events can be seen on the Wat Thai webpage.

In addition, Thai language classes are held every Sunday. The children's class is from 9:45 to 12:30, and the adult class is from 1:30 to 4:00. It is widely accepted that when you learn a language you also learn their culture so as well as learning Thai language you also become familiar with Thai Buddhist morality, politeness, dancing and music.

Successfully managing the events and activities at Wat Thai Buddharam from 2007 to the present is Ajahn Chonlatish Chanhorm. His warm smile quietens

the hearts of those in his presence. He is very well versed in Pali studies and kindly supports the other monks of the temple in their practice of Buddhism. And although he has always so much to do, he will always find time to meet with people. The Wat Thai Buddharam welcomes everyone and can be contacted on 3806 8900 or go to their webpage [www.watthaibrisbane.com.au](http://www.watthaibrisbane.com.au)

### **Entrance to Wat Thai Buddharam**



### **The Main Hall**





## **The altar within the Main Hall**



## **Abbot Ajahn Chonlatish Chanhorm with Rev Tetsuyu Wilson, President of the Queensland Sangha Association Inc**



*Location of Wat Thai Buddharam:*

**UBD Map 239, e-14**

## FOURTH DELIVERY OF THE BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY COURSE

**(Developing peace within and empowering others to achieve peace)**

The seventh session of this course is planned for Saturday 8 October 2016 and will be held at the same venue in Forest Lake. The face to face class and the tele-conference will both be held at the same time beginning at 9.30 a.m. and finishing around noon.

Those who have completed the 6<sup>th</sup> assignment have been invited to apply for registration as Buddhist Chaplains. There are 11 Buddhist Chaplains registered with QSA.

Answers to assignments can be sent to [infoqsa@gmail.com](mailto:infoqsa@gmail.com) and will be assessed by Venerable Lozang Drolkar, a member of the Buddhist Chaplaincy Board of QSA for assessment. She was educated at the Griffith University in Brisbane and at the Chenrezig Buddhist centre in Eudlo.

The text book is in our website under 'Resources' or you can get a hard copy of the book free of charge by sending an email to QSA. If you wish to register for the course please email QSA.

## NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR THE AWARD OF CERTIFICATES OF HONOUR AT THE BUDDHIST CONVOCATION OF QUEENSLAND

The first Buddhist convocation in Queensland will be held at the Thai Temple at 1 Paradise Road, Forestdale, Queensland 4118 on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2016, a Sunday, from 3.00 p.m. to about 4.30 p.m.

Please contribute to the success of this historic event by attending and by showing your appreciation and gratitude to all those who have helped to build temples, monasteries and nunneries, and taken the lead in setting up Dhamma Schools and Buddhist societies in Queensland over the years.

You can nominate suitable individuals to receive certificates of honour by completing the nomination form given below. Please send in your nominations early so that QSA has enough time to organise the event.

***[Please note that individuals who have completed Educational Courses in Buddhism or have become Buddhist Chaplains have been sent separate nomination forms to the convocation.]***

# **NOMINATION FORM FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL BUDDHIST CONVOCATION OF QUEENSLAND 2016**

## **1 PERSON NOMINATED TO RECEIVE HONOURS**

Name (with title)

Address of nominee

Telephone

Mobile

Email address

Is the nominee a monk, nun or a lay person?

## **2 WHO IS NOMINATING THE ABOVE NOMINEE?**

Name (with title)

Are you nominating the nominee on behalf of a group or as an individual?

If a group, what is the name of the group and what is your position?

Your address

Telephone

Mobile

Email address

Are you a monk, nun or a lay person?

## **3 BRIEF STATEMENT AS TO WHY YOU MAKE THIS NOMINATION**

***[Please see next page for instructions]***

Hard copies of nominations can be posted to:

President, Queensland Sangha Association Inc

108 Eric Street, Goodna, Queensland 4300

Copies of nominations may also be emailed to the Queensland Sangha Association Inc via:

[infoqsa@gmail.com](mailto:infoqsa@gmail.com)

#### 4 GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATIONS

1. More than one nomination can be presented in relation to any one individual.
2. **Nominations need to reach QSA on or before Friday 30 September 2016 so that QSA has enough time to organise the event.**
3. This form allows for only one nominee.
4. If you wish to nominate more than one person for one institution please submit a form for each person as per section (1).
5. *If you wish to give a token gift of appreciation to the nominee you can do so soon after the certificate is presented.*
6. You are invited to bring any number of supporters to the convocation.
7. If you need more information you are welcome to contact QSA through the email address: [infoqsa@gmail.com](mailto:infoqsa@gmail.com)

#### 5 PARTICIPATION DATA

1. Do you plan to give a token gift to your nominee? Then circle **YES** here.
2. Name of the person who would come forward to present the gift.
3. How many supporters are likely to attend the convocation on behalf of the nominee to enhance your appreciation?
4. If your nominee is unable to be present at the convocation do you want us to post the certificate? **OR**
5. If your nominee is unable to be present who would come forward to receive the certificate? **NAME**

*Your signature and date (not necessary for email nominations)*

***[If you have any difficulty in completing this form you may write a short email to the QSA. The address is at the head of this newsletter or please phone Rahu on 07-3278-9021].***

## **DONATIONS TO QSA**

Donations to QSA can be made by direct credit to the bank account detailed below:

### **Name of account**

Queensland Sangha Association Inc,

**Account                    1159 2818                    S21**

**BSB                        638-070**

Heritage Bank, Forest Lake Shopping Centre, Forest Lake

**Once a deposit is made please inform QSA by email**

### **CHEQUES CAN BE POSTED TO:**

Queensland Sangha Association Inc

108 Eric Street, Goodna, Queensland 4300

*Donations made to the QSA have been separately acknowledged. May all donors be well, peaceful and happy*

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

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