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SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA (SET 5 SELECTED FROM THE DHAMMAPADA)

'He who is stained with defilements, lacks self-control and is not truthful, is not worthy of wearing the (yellow) robes.' (Dhammapada 9)

'He who is purged of all stains, is well-established in morals, endowed with self-control and truthfulness is indeed worthy of the (yellow) robe.' (Dhammapada 10)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON THE FIRST BUDDHIST CONVOCATION 2016

The first annual Convocation Ceremony of the Queensland Sangha Association Inc was held from 3:00pm on Sunday, November 20. It was a hot Spring day, but within the spacious main hall of the Wat Thai Buddharam the ceiling fans slowly turned, making it very comfortable for all who attended the ceremony.

Those who attended included the very Honorable Leeanne Enoch, Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy. She is also the Minister for Small Business in the Queensland State Government. We greatly appreciated her taking time out from her very busy schedule to be with us. Her speech about the place of Buddhism within Queensland society was very inspiring.

Another Guest of Honour was Councilor Charles Strunk, Councilor for Forest Lake in the Brisbane City Council. He also graciously gave his valuable time to be with us. His speech on the development of Buddhism in Queensland was also very well received. The rest of the assembly was composed of various Sangha, the President of the Buddhist Council of Queensland, Mr Kim Hollow, recipients of awards, family members and friends, and the many helpers who worked so hard to make the ceremony flow smoothly.

The awarding of the certificates was completed in three groups. Firstly, the Community Leaders who received their certificates from the Honourable Leanne Enoch, then followed the teachers and managers of the Buddhist Education Services for Schools Inc. (BESS) who received their certificates from Councilor Charles Strunk, and lastly, the achievers in Buddhist education and Buddhist Chaplaincy who received their certificates from the President of the Queensland Sangha Association, Reverend James Wilson.

The last speaker of the ceremony was Ms. Lyna Chen, the president of BESS. She gave a very heartfelt vote of thanks which aptly conveyed the feeling of appreciation we had for everyone who was able to be with us for the inaugural Convocation Ceremony.

Our special thanks also went to Venerable Chanhorm who invited us to hold the ceremony at the Wat Thai Buddharam and also very generously provided refreshments for the guests. In all it was a very successful event.



Photo by Nuwan Gunawardana

The Chief Guest Honourable Leanne Enoch, M.P. for Algester, Queensland,

Minister for Innovation, Science, the Digital Economy and Minister for Small Business, awarding a certificate of appreciation to Venerable Hui Chyuan, the Abbot of the Bodhicitta Chan Centre in Springwood, Queensland. Venerable Sugathasara, Secretary, Venerable Lozang Drolkar Lecturer and Reverend Wilson, president of QSA are in the background.



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Guest of Honour Councilor Charles Strunk (Forest Lake, Brisbane) presenting awards. Tracey Chin, Buddhism Teacher in State Schools (left) and the Honourable Minister are in the foreground. In the background is Venerable Miao Lai, a nun from the Chung Tian Temple in Priestdale. In the middle is Venerable C. Chanhorm, the Abbot of the Thai Temple Wat Buddharam. Samantha Ranasinghe, an executive of QSA is handing over the next certificate.



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Reverend James Wilson, president of QSA making an award to Venerable Lozang Drolkar, a Buddhist Chaplain. To the right of the photo is Mrs. Lyna Chen, the president of the Buddhist Education Services for Schools Inc. (BESS).

On the same side in the background are Tanuja Yasanga Sarath-Chandra (seated) and Mrs. Cynthia Gunawardana (standing on right side), both Registrars of the Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism, the educational arm of the Queensland Sangha Association Inc.

BUDDHIST CONVOCATION -2016

FULL LIST OF RECIPIENTS OF AWARDS

<p>PAST PRESIDENT</p> <p>0 Ven. W. Dhammawasa</p> <p>COMMUNITY LEADERS</p> <p>1 Vinita Sarath-Chandra</p> <p>2 David Pullen</p> <p>3 Venerable Hui Chyuan</p> <p>4 John Cartwright</p> <p>5 Kwee Choo Ong</p> <p>6 Tanuja Y.Sarath-Chandra</p> <p>7 Jim Feguson</p> <p>8 Joyce Davies</p> <p>9 William C. Sang Leo</p> <p>10 Sek Yoong Liew</p> <p>11 Stanley Feng</p> <p>12 Emma Feng</p> <p>13 Lyna Chen</p> <p>14 Walter Lam</p> <p>15 A. Chathuri de Silva</p> <p>BESS Teachers in Brisbane</p> <p>16 Milton Fernando</p> <p>17 Dr Anne Nguyen</p> <p>18 Deirdre Lin</p> <p>19 Tracey Chin</p> <p>20 Indrani Doloswala</p> <p>21 Serene Loy</p> <p>22 Sugee Kannangara</p> <p>23 Wai Jin Loh</p> <p>24 Hanh Chi Troung</p> <p>25 Sarath Gunatillake</p> <p>26 Anoma Pullen</p> <p>27 Nicholas Lee</p> <p>BESS Teachers in Cairns</p> <p>28 Devaki Alahakone</p>	<p>Past teachers of BESS</p> <p>32 Shirley Munro</p> <p>33 Venerable WuHsing</p> <p>34 Chaminda Divitotawela</p> <p>35 Aruni Arachchige</p> <p>36 Zoey Chen</p> <p>37 Yee Chin Chng</p> <p>38 Rosemary Severin</p> <p>39 Jennifer Compton</p> <p>40 Georgie Mclean</p> <p>41 Loan Dang</p> <p>42 Richard Verry</p> <p>43 Helen Verry</p> <p>44 Susan Cunningham</p> <p>45 Douglas Laver</p> <p>46 Niluka Gunawardana</p> <p>47 Jayantha Maharage</p> <p>48 Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra</p> <p>49 Claudia Hill</p> <p>50 Hema Alahakone</p> <p>51 Sister Susila</p> <p>BESS Support services</p> <p>52 Rupa Wickremaratne</p> <p>CHAPLAINCY Batch 1, 2011</p> <p>53 Venerable Hui Chyuan</p> <p>54 Venerable Tabke</p> <p>55 Barbara Sullivan</p> <p>56 Cindy Shih</p> <p>57 Ellen Teveluwe</p> <p>58 Glen Manga</p> <p>59 Jennifer Hassan</p> <p>60 Lyndall Lancaster</p> <p>61 Sherida Carrick</p>	<p>CHAPLAINCY Batch 3, 2014</p> <p>68 Anne Chathuri de Silva</p> <p>69 Achut Singh</p> <p>70 Alexandra Chuc</p> <p>71 Shiranti Wimalaguna</p> <p>72 Dr. Amal Dharmasena</p> <p>CHAPLAINCY Batch 4, 2016</p> <p>73 Rhys Davies</p> <p>74 Joyce Davies</p> <p>75 Ruth Thomas</p> <p>76 Donald Redman</p> <p>ABHIDHAMMA DIPLOMA 2015</p> <p>77 Dr. Champa Ranasinghe</p> <p>78 Geethika Hettiarachchi</p> <p>79 Jagath hettiarachchi</p> <p>80 Indumini Agampodige</p> <p>81 Samantha Ranasinghe</p> <p>82 Kumudu Dissanayake</p> <p>83 Thushara Tillkaratne</p> <p>84 Tanuja Y. Sarath-Chandra</p> <p>BUDDHIST CHAPLAINS</p> <p>85 Ven. Nedimale Sudhamma</p> <p>86 Venerable Dr. Pyinya Waddi</p> <p>87 Lyndall Lancaster</p> <p>88 Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra</p> <p>89 Venerable Lozang Drolkar</p> <p>90 David Pullen</p> <p>91 Ven. Ani Lozang Thubten</p> <p>92 Ruwan Wathukarage</p> <p>93 Tanuja Y. Sarath-Chandra</p> <p>94 Aruni Pradeepika Arachchige</p> <p>95 Rhys Davies</p> <p>96 Joyce Davies</p>
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29 Pimthong Kipper
BESS Teachers in Gold C.

30 Petra Depalo

31 Di Bailey

62 Shirley Roy
CHAPLAINCY Batch 2, 2013

63 Venerable Lozang Drolkar

64 Tanuja Y. Sarath-Chandra

65 David Pullen

66 Ruwan Wathukarage

67 Aruni Pradeepika

Arachchige

97 Ruth Thomas

98 Donald Redman

FOURTH DELIVERY OF THE BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY COURSE-SESSIONS 9 AND 10

(Developing peace within and empowering others to achieve peace)

The ninth session of this course was held on Saturday 3 December; the 10th session is planned for 14 January, the second Saturday of January 2017.

Four persons who had completed the 6th month have been registered as Buddhist Chaplains and were awarded certificates to this effect at the convocation held on 20 November 2016. There are 15 Buddhist Chaplains registered with QSA. However there are many more that have partly progressed through the course and need to fulfil a few more requirements.

Answers to assignments can be sent to infoqsa@gmail.com and will be seen 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.

BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY COURSE PARTS 1 AND 2 BATCH 5 (NEW INTAKE)

If you wish to register for the fifth delivery of Parts 1 and 2 of this course please email QSA soon.

As we prefer to take in students in batches QSA would like to have

an intake of up to twenty five students from 1 January 2017. The Thai temple in Forestdale will provide the campus for the fifth delivery of the course from that date. The course will be delivered in face to face classes or via tele-conferencing or both coupled with the internet as before.

Rahu and Tanuja Sarath-Chandra will function as the leading lecturers with the help of others. They have taken lectures from 2011 in four batches.

HIGHER LEVELS OF THE BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY COURSE (PARTS 3 AND 4)

A few who have completed the Buddhist Chaplaincy course (parts 1 or 2 or both 1 and 2) have indicated interest in following Parts 3 and 4 of the course. Part 3 will consist of a few applications of Part 2 mainly woven around Stress and Depression and the connected teachings of the Buddha.

Part 4 will consist of practicing Buddhist Chaplaincy in association with a senior with experience in a community chaplaincy situation.

After satisfactory completion of parts 1 to 4 applicants will be awarded a Diploma in Buddhist Chaplaincy under the aegis of the Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism, the educational arm of the Queensland Sangha Association Inc. The information pack for parts 3 and 4 is in the QSA website www.sanghaql.org under the Services Menu, Educational Services sub-menu in the listing of documents.

Alternatively you may ask for information by sending an email to infoqsa@gmail.com

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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Account 1159 2818 S21

BSB 638-070

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