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## WELCOME TO THE MARCH 2016 ISSUE OF THE QSA NEWSLETTER

*In this issue you will see new information relating to:*

- *Buddhist Chaplaincy Course Fourth Delivery planned*
  - *Prospectus of the Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism for 2016*
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## **FOURTH DELIVERY OF BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY COURSE**

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

The final session of run 3 of this course is finishing on 12 March 2016 and discussions are underway in regard to the delivery of the fourth run of this course. Indirectly the course helps one to learn in simple English the basic and universal ideas of Buddhism without any reference to faith. It also helps one to overcome difficult situations in life, and to render compassionate services to others expecting nothing in return.

Those who complete Part (1) of the course may apply for registration as Buddhist Chaplains with the Buddhist Chaplaincy Board of the Queensland Sangha Association Inc. Practice within institutions is not required for registration.

The course is based on a book on Buddhist Chaplaincy published by the QSA. Please read below as to how copies of the book can be obtained.

**Readers will need to submit enquiries about the course soon. Please ensure your contact details are submitted with your enquiry, such as a telephone number, postal address or email address.**

## **BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY COURSE TEXT BOOK**

The Buddhist Chaplaincy Course text book is now available in print. It is 182 pages in A4 size and is published by the Queensland Sangha Association Inc. Printing of the book became possible due to the generosity of the well-known Taiwanese organisation “The Corporate Body of the Buddha Educational Foundation.” The current print is for free distribution.

Readers are requested to email QSA (see address given in the header) to obtain copies of the book. Readers may obtain copies from the following temples also:

- 1 Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery, 114 Considine Street, Ellen Grove, Queensland 4077
- 2 Queensland Buddhist Vihara, 108 Eric Street, Goodna, QLD 4300
- 3 Wat Thai Buddharam, 1 Paradise Road, Forestdale, QLD 4118

The Buddhist Chaplaincy course is based on this text book. The course itself is free of charge. Once you are registered as a participant, QSA will assign a tutor to you to guide you through the course which can be completed at your own pace. You are not required to attend face to face classes (as you might be residing in distant locations) but you may arrange to meet your tutor at reasonable intervals.

Once the course is completed you may request registration as a Buddhist Chaplain with QSA. This is one of the ways in which one can register as a Buddhist Chaplain.

## **QSA DIPLOMA COURSE IN ABHIDHAMMA**

The Diploma Course in Abhidhamma commenced in July 2015 and is now proceeding. It is expected to be completed early April 2016.

## **SIDDHARTHA INSTITUTE OF BUDDHISM - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY**

This department is involved with both teaching and research. The position of Head of Department is now vacant.

This department has been responsible for the development and the delivery of the course in Buddhist Chaplaincy. The course consists of 48 teaching units. It has been delivered twice before and the third delivery is now in progress. It will be completed in March 2016.

At this time this course is recognised by the Queensland Sangha Association Inc as one of the qualifications for one to register as a Buddhist Chaplain.

All lecturers are registered Buddhist Chaplains. They include Mr. Ruwan Wathukarage who holds a Masters' Degree in Law, Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra an Attorney-at-Law in Sri Lanka and Tanuja Sarath-Chandra who holds two Masters' Degrees connected to Information Technology and also a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Venerable Bhikhuni N. Sudhamma continues to participate as a guest lecturer and holds a Masters' Degree in Education from the Queensland University of Technology.

*The department continues to be interested in research in the area of Buddhist Chaplaincy. A book on Buddhist Chaplaincy used as a text book for this course has been published and is now available for free distribution.*

## **QSA WEBSITE IS BEING REVIVED AND UPDATED**

Parts of the website were broken down or inactive for quite some time. Now these are being corrected in stages. QSA is grateful to Mr. Samantha

Ranasinghe, IT Consultant for the effort he is putting in. He is ably supported by Mr. Nirmal Weerasekara.

At the bottom of the Home Page we hope to maintain ***a schedule of updates to list changes as they happen***. The Educational Services page coming under the menu Services has been improved. ***Two documents have been listed*** at the bottom. A left click on the document title will take the reader to the respective documents relating to the Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism. Shortly the ***Resources menu will be activated***. A number of e-books will be listed under e-books. The book on Buddhist Chaplaincy will be one of them.

### **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

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