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## **Visit by the Most Venerable Somdet Phra Yanavarodom and 35 Senior Monks**

In January, there was a visit by a group of 36 senior monks led by the Most Venerable Somdet Phra Yanavarodom, representing the Supreme Patriarch of Thailand.

The visit was to attend the bi-annual meeting of the Dhammayutta Sangha in Australia and New Zealand. They also attended the celebration for the promotion of the two senior monks, Ven. Chao Khun Samai and Phra Khu Palad Supachai.

On Australia Day the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, about 60 monks both local and visiting from Thailand attended Wat Pa Buddharangsee for a ceremony to acknowledge Ven. Chao Khun Samai's new title. Now Chao Khun Samai is officially known as Chao Khun Rajsilaporn.

The visiting venerables worked very hard visiting temples in Australia, including Wat Sunnataram, Bundanoon on the 27<sup>th</sup>, a ceremony at the Royal Thai Embassy on the 28<sup>th</sup>, and the meeting at Wat Dhammadharo on the 29<sup>th</sup>. They traveled by bus to the new temple Wat Sangharatanaram at Gold Coast. After that, many of the senior monks visited Wat Dhammarangsee in Melbourne and some went to Adelaide to visit Wat Ratanapadipa.

The Buddhist Community in Australia was very delighted and benefited greatly from seeing and hearing the senior monk Dhamma talks. The local monks received valuable guidance and support during their visit.

## **Dhamma Speech by Ven. Chao Khun Samai on the UNIBUDS Orientation Day Autumn 2006**

Ladies and gentlemen,  
Boys and girls,

I would like to give you a very warm welcome on this orientation day. Many of you have travelled from a very long distance to come to further your studies in Australia. Back in your countries where you come from, your parents, your relatives and your good friends still hold their good hope that you will do well in Australia. It is their sincere wish to see you have good behaviour and good knowledge. When a frog leaves home, he could have a lot of trouble. He makes noise all the time, inviting all kinds of snakes to come and kill him. Eventually, the frog has to die because of his ego feeling and bad behaviour. Unlike a diamond that stays quietly in the mountain, when it has to leave, it travels around for the

happiness and prosperity of many people. Eventually it becomes a priceless jewel on the crown of the King and Queen. Good people, bad people have different journeys. One goes for happiness, the other goes for suffering.

The Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha, what we call the Triple Gem are always willing to protect you and to bless you. But you must create the good ground for the highest blessings. First wherever you live, you must make sure that you are away from the bad people and bad influences. Who are the bad people? Those who do the bad kamma, physically and verbally, are bad people. If you want happiness, you will never harm and hurt any living beings. You must maintain your sincerity and honesty at all costs. Never intoxicate yourself with any kind of drugs and drinks. Never waste your money in gambling at any time.

Once you have honour and integrity because of your good moral conduct, please make sure that you have a sense of generosity, compassion, tolerance and understanding flowing from your heart. Always be kind to everyone you meet, having gentle speech with them. Always be helpful whenever there is a need. And finally, always be polite and humble. When you have established good virtues, you are always surrounded by the good people. They will help you with your studies and then success will not be too far away.

Those who are good Buddhists, never have a day without paying respect to the Buddha. If you remember some short chanting, chant it everyday, either in the morning or in the evening. If you train yourself like this, you are very close to the Buddha. When you have some time, you practise meditation. When your mind is very calm, you would come to know the great benefit of following Buddhism. From then on, the Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha would look after you all the time.

Always remember, a bad frog brings bad luck, a good diamond brings a good fortune.

May all living beings be well and happy.

## **Buddhism In 50 seconds**

The basic teachings of the Buddha are the Four Noble Truths. These are:

- 1) Life is suffering. This includes pain, disease, ageing, loneliness, frustration, fear, embarrassment, disappointment and anger.  
Acknowledging this reality is the first step to happiness.
- 2) Suffering has a cause, such as craving or aversion. This is associated with the law of karma – that every effect has a cause.
- 3) It is possible to endure suffering and to attain happiness.
- 4) The Noble Eightfold path leads to the end of suffering.

This path, in summary, involves being moral, and focusing the mind on being fully aware and on developing wisdom and compassion.

The moral code of Buddhism includes not killing, not stealing, not lying, not engaging in sexual misconduct or sensual overindulgence, and avoiding intoxication. The solutions to our problems are within ourselves, not outside.

Meditation is the way to develop awareness, wisdom and compassion. Be happy.

**Regular Meditation Class** : Every Saturday 3:00-5:00 pm

## **The Significance of Offering**

### **Flowers**

In Buddhism, flowers signify the path of life. When it is fresh, it is good to look at, it is beautiful, but within a pace of a few days, it dries up, withers and petals fall off. Similarly, human life is no different. When one is young, one is healthy and strong but soon one will become old, sick and eventually die which nobody can escape. So, when one offers flowers to the Lord Buddha, it helps one to understand the nature of life and reminds one to prepare to lead a worthy life.

### **Incense**

When one offers the three joss-sticks to Lord Buddha, it represents the Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha (The Triple Gem). The fragrance from the joss-sticks seeks blessings and guidance from the Triple Gem.

### **Lights**

Offerings of oil lamps and candles are to light up the path of one's life, freeing from fear, darkness and unstable mind. Light symbolizes Enlightenment.

### **Event Calendar 2006**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FUNCTION OR CELEBRATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
16 April (Sun)	Songkran New Year Celebration	9:00am
14 May (Sun)	Visakha Puja Celebration	10:00am
9 July (Sun)	Asalha Puja & Rains Retreat Celebration	10:00am
13 August (Sun)	Her Majesty Queen of Thailand Birthday	10:00am
20 August (Sun)	Khao Padubdin Ceremony	10:00am
3 September (Sun)	Khao Salak Ceremony	10:00am
17 Sept (Sun)	Sart Thai Ceremony	10:00am
15 October (Sun)	Kathina & End of Rains Retreat Celebration	10:00am
5 December (Sun)	His Majesty King of Thailand Birthday	10:00am
1 January,2007 (Mon)	New Year Celebration	10:00am