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NEW TEACHING PROGRAM

Our main Teaching Day occurs each weekend on Saturday afternoons and evenings.

The classes run from 2.00pm to 4.00pm are titled “Learn to Practice Buddhism” and are led by Anita. These classes are designed to help us increase and improve our practices of mindfulness, generosity and morality and are also an opportunity for new students to learn the basics of all Buddhist practice.

New students are welcome to come to these classes any weekend throughout each of two semesters. The first semester ends on the 26th of May.

The class on Saturday evenings from 8.00pm is an introduction to Mahayana Buddhism including the Diamond Cutter Teachings based on a recording made at Atisa Centre Bendigo of Geshe Michael Roach in the late 1990's.

The course presents the fundamentals of Mahayana practice of which the Diamond Cutter Sutra is one of the principle texts.

UN DAY OF VESAK 12 MAY 2012

The United Nations Day of Vesak 2012 event will be held on the 12th of May 2012 at Melbourne Town Hall and the RMIT Spiritual Centre

This year we will again present a very ambitious program as we extend the scope of our Vesak Celebration to include a dana offering to up to 50 Sangha Members and at least 200 laypersons at the RMIT Spiritual Centre and Alumni Courtyard prior to the commencement of the Vesak Procession through the City of Melbourne.

At Melbourne Town Hall the event will follow a similar program as previous years although there will be some fabulous cultural performances spread through the program from some of the Victoria's Buddhist communities as well as a shortened musical play.

Your kind help is requested as this event needs the combined efforts of well over 100 volunteers to

Important Dates

SATURDAY WEEKLY	INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHISM COURSE 2 - 4PM, 3 MARCH TO 26 MAY 2012
SATURDAY EVENINGS	DIAMOND CUTTER TEACHINGS BASED ON GESHE MICHAEL ROACH ATISHA COURSE 8.00PM
SUNDAY WEEKLY	BUDDHIST HOUR RADIO 4-5:00PM
21 APRIL	UN VESAK BRIEFING NUMBER 1 - 2PM
29 APRIL	GENERAL MEETING - 3PM
5 MAY	UN VESAK BRIEFING NUMBER 2 - 2PM
6 MAY	CAMBERWELL MARKET STALL
12 MAY	UN VESAK CELEBRATION MELBOURNE TOWN HALL
13 MAY	MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER STALL

fulfill our grand offering to the Victorian Buddhist community.

UN DAY OF VESAK FUNDRAISING DINNER 2012

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of this fabulous event. Some of you were able to attend and some of you purchased tickets even though you were unable to attend to support the United Nations Day of Vesak.

Those who attended helped us in many ways and particularly at the end of the evening supporting Quang Minh Temple by working to pack up and clean up.

To develop the qualities of kindness, generosity, friendliness and so on, we contribute wholeheartedly to activities which are needed and use those wholesome skills and attitudes to benefit others. The goal for our involvement in the UN Vesak event is to foster goodwill, fellowship and friendliness across our 11 different ethnic groups which comprise our Victorian Buddhist Community. This is to build and strengthen the foundations of the present and future Buddhism in Australia.

This is part of our role as a World Fellowship of Buddhist Regional Centre.

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Photo: Venerable Phuoc Tan and Mrs Laura Chan at the UN Day of Vesak Fundraising Dinner.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHIST'S 2012 CONFERENCE – YEOSU CITY, SOUTH KOREA.

Planning is well under way for our Centre's participation in this year's World Fellowship of Buddhist's 26th General Conference to be held in South Korea from the 11th to the 16th of June 2012.

In the WFB Conference Welcome Message by Most Venerable Ja-seoung, President, the Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism, Honorary President of the WFB Korea Conference he wrote:

“As the Honorary President, I would like to express my sincere welcome and appreciation of having you here in Korea, a country of 1700 years history in living and breathing Buddhist practise and culture.”

In concluding his message the Venerable said:

“It is my heartfelt wish that all of us here participating at the WFB Conference will reach one step closer to the realisation of our common purpose, practise, and responsibility in happiness and peace of all sentient beings. I supplicate for the Conference to provide us with an opportunity in sending our message of peace and reconciliation to all peoples in the world.”

The Conference program includes the 17th World Fellowship of Buddhist Youth General Conference and their 40th Anniversary Celebration; and the 9th World Buddhist University Council Meeting.

The Conference Theme is: 21st Century Buddhist Ecological Environment Phenomenon and Practice, with the Sub-Theme: How to effectively convey Buddhist spirit which is the essence of Oriental Ideology to the West.

The Conference is being held on Korea's beautiful South Coast in the port city of Yeosu, where the 2012 World Expo is also being conducted at this time.

The Conference program includes with the Opening Ceremony, Plenary Sessions, Welcome Dinner Banquet, Standing Committee Meetings, WBU Council Meeting, and WFBY General Conference; a Bodhisattva Precept Ceremony, Cultural Performances, WFB Business Forum, World Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea viewing, Musical – About the Water and Land Ceremony; a Pilgrimages to: Songang-sa Temple for Cultural Programs and Rituals; and Hwaeum-sa Temple for a tour and tea ceremony; followed by a viewing of the International Garden Exposition at Suncheon Bay.

Our Conference Team are: Frank Carter, Julian Bamford (Delegates), Simon Kearney and Nicole Moustakas (Observers). The team will assist with Rapportuering at this immense merit-making event.

The Team departs for South Korea on the weekend of Saturday June the 9th to arrive in Seoul on Sunday June 10th.

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To find out more about the event please see Julian or go online and visit the official WFB Korea website at www.wfb26korea.org

MOTHERS DAY FLOWER STALL

On Sunday 13th May, the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd. is running two Mothers' Day Flower Stalls. The first site will be at Ferntree Gully Road (Knoxfield) and the second site will be at Boronia Road (Wantirna).

The funds raised will go towards the centre and the Bangladesh Orphanage which the centre has been supporting for more than twenty years.

We welcome all our friends and members to volunteer their time to help the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd. raise general funds and at the same time members and friends have the opportunity to learn and benefit from the ten virtues of offering flowers.

If you have any inquires please contact Adam Richards on 0422 032 333.

MONTHLY MARKET STALL FUNDRAISER

Our monthly Camberwell Market Stall is in need of suitable secondhand donated goods which we can sell to raise funds. If you have any items to donate please see Frank or Sue.

Our most recent market stall held on the 1st of April raised \$237 for the centre as well as donations for the Bangladesh Orphanage. Thank you to our Market Stall Team David Ley, Simon Kearney, Sue Goodes and Frank Carter.

VISIT BY HIS EMINENCE ZIMWOCK RINPOCHE

Our members who attended our Saturday night meditation on the 17th of March were blessed by the visit of H.E. Zimwock Rinpoche.

The evening began with welcoming Rinpoche, who was accompanied by Prue. We all enjoyed a delicious vegetarian meal and desert together, kindly prepared by the members present.

After dinner Rinpoche spent some time reading a book from the Theravadin Tripitaka in our library and looking at the Medicine Buddha image Anita and members made at the Centre last year.

Rinpoche gave a profound Dhamma talk, which he said was his view on the Dhamma at this time and its meaning. This was followed by a meditation led by him.

Students presented Rinpoche with many gifts including flowers and silk scarves (katahs). It was quite a remarkable experience to receive the Blessing of this great Dhamma Master and to feel the Buddha energy field that he can produce to benefit others.

We express our deepest gratitude to Rinpoche for his visit. We request him to come again and again to our Centre.



Photo: H.E. Zimwock Rinpoche and Abbot Anita Carter in our Meditation Hall.