**For the benefit of many**

A rare opportunity has arisen to purchase a property ideally suited for a new Vipassana long-course centre in the Asia-Pacific region. This new centre will be called Dhamma Rasa (Nectar of Dhamma) and it will be the first long-course centre in the southern hemisphere.

A Dhamma Trust has been formed and a contract has been signed. The Trust is currently seeking donations and loans to help purchase the property for A$2.2 million (US$1.5 million) and provide additional funds to start developing the Centre after purchase.

**Securing a suitable site**

The property is located in the beautiful Sunshine Coast hinterland, on the outskirts of the town of Pomona, 25 minutes from the popular coastal town of Noosa and two hours north of Brisbane. The climate is sub-tropical, with warm sunny days and cool nights.

The new land is 16 hectares (40 acres) in size and it is already partially cleared. It is ideally suited for a centre, with plenty of space for meditation hall, accommodation, and other facilities.

There is a modest house and buildings on the property so we can start straight away with group sittings, one-day, and possibly three-day courses.

The Centre is easily accessible by public transport. Professional planning advice has already indicated the new centre is likely to be approved.

**Why a long course and why a long-course centre?**

Many students, after a few courses, feel they would like to explore Vipassana more deeply. Longer courses give them the opportunity to meditate continuously for extended periods, deepening their understanding and appreciation of the Dhamma.

A long-course Centre provides every student with a single room and attached bathroom, along with an individual cell for meditation. More long courses can be offered, as well as ‘Satipatthana’ and 10-day old-student courses. The Centre will quickly develop a strong Dhamma atmosphere.

Like other dedicated long-course Centres, Dhamma Rasa will offer Special 10-day, 20, 30, 45, and eventually 60-day courses for up to 100 students.

An annual program dedicated to these serious courses will make it easier for students to secure a place, and also free up the timetable in existing Centres for more 10-day courses, reducing the waiting lists for others.