A new Vipassana long-course centre

Dhamma Rasa

For the Asia-Pacific region and the world

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. The proposed 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. Dhamma Rasa has received unanimous support from all Australian and New Zealand Teachers.

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

Many students, after they have sat one or two courses, feel they would like to explore Vipassana more deeply. Longer courses give them the opportunity to meditate continuously for extended periods, deepening samadhi and the experience of anicca; their understanding and appreciation of the Dhamma grows.

A long-course Centre is designed specifically for such courses, with every student provided with a single room and attached bathroom, along with an individual cell for meditation. More long courses can be offered, as well as ‘Satipatthana sutta’ courses, 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 other students.

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 which will enable us to start straight away with group sittings, one-day, and possibly three-day courses.

The Centre is around two hours’ drive from Brisbane and is easily accessible by public transport.

Professional planning advice has already indicated the new centre is likely to be approved, based on the merits of the new property and the prior development of neighboring Dhamma Rasmi.

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