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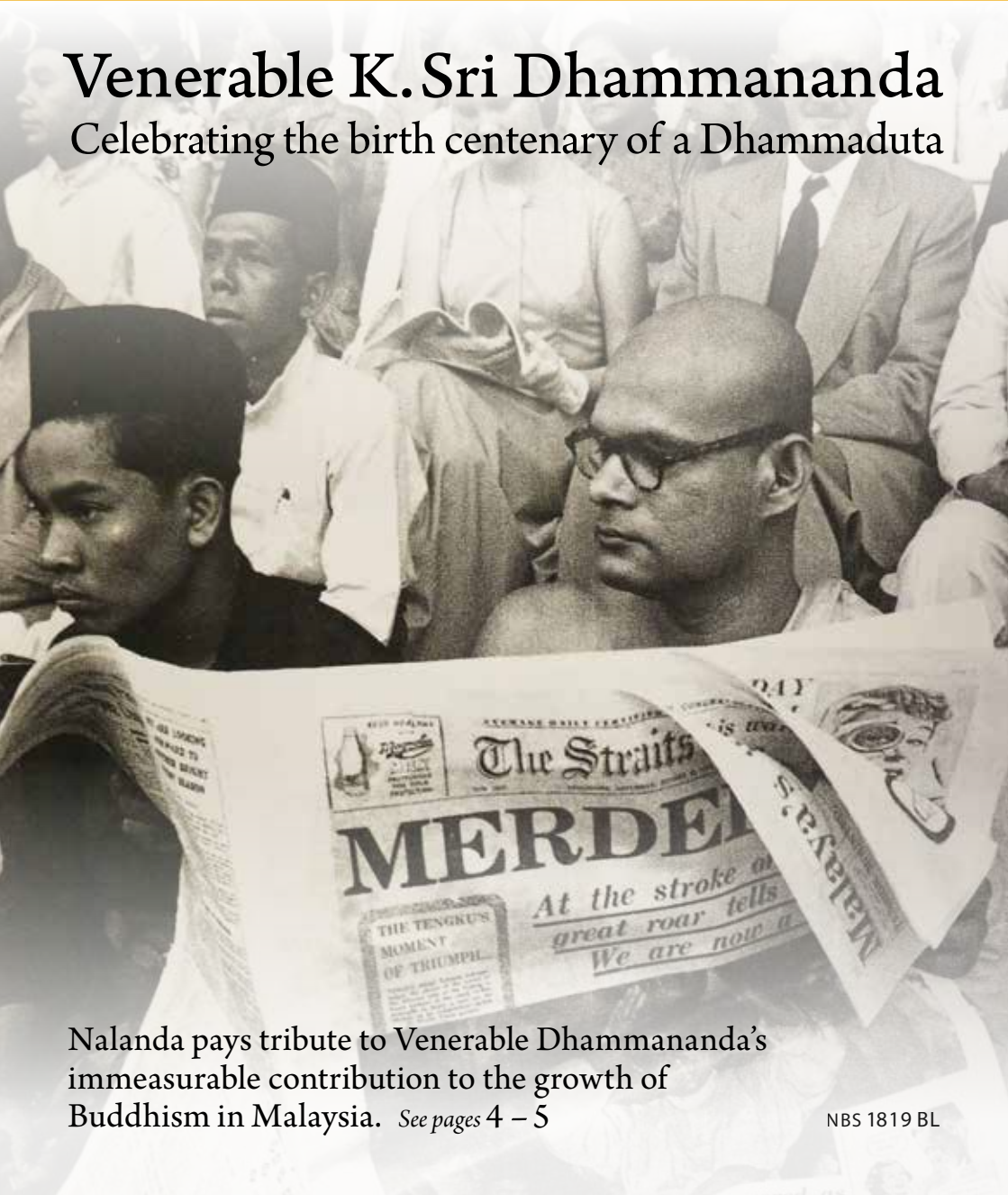
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Venerable K. Sri Dhammananda Celebrating the birth centenary of a Dhammaduta



Nalanda pays tribute to Venerable Dhammananda's immeasurable contribution to the growth of Buddhism in Malaysia. *See pages 4 – 5*

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Photograph:

Nalanda officers engaging in a lively 'town hall' discussion during the 3rd Education Workshop.

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Birth centenary of a great teacher

The launching of the Centenary Celebrations will be held on Sunday, 18 March 2018, 9.00 am at Nalanda Centre Sri Serdang. All are welcome.



18 March 2018 marks the birth centenary of the Most Venerable Dr. Kirinde Sri Dhammananda Nāyaka Mahā Thero (1918 – 2006), Nalanda's late Spiritual Adviser and the Sanghanāyaka Thera of Malaysia. We humbly pay tribute to Ven. Dhammananda's immeasurable contributions and invaluable teachings that have resulted in the development of Malaysian Buddhist community.



“ *Dullabho purisājañño na so sabbattha jāyati
Tattha so jāyati dhīro taṃ kulam sukhamedhati* ”

Hard to find is a man of great wisdom; such a man is not born everywhere.
Where such a person is born, that family thrives happily.

Dhammapada v. 193

Biography of an iconic *Dhammaduta* – Ven. K. Sri Dhammananda

Ven. K. Sri Dhammananda was born on 18 March 1918 to the family of K. G. Gamage in the village of Kirinde, Matara in southern Sri Lanka. He was ordained as a novice monk at age twelve, and at age twenty-two, he received the higher ordination and became a 'bhikkhu'.

Between 1935 to 1938, Ven. Dhammananda studied at the Sri Dhammārama Pirivena in Ratnamala, and at the Vidyawardana Buddhist Institute in Colombo. After seven years of study at the Vidyalandara Pirivena in Kelaniya, he graduated with a Diploma in Linguistics, Philosophy, Pāli, Sanskrit and Sinhalese. Four years later, he graduated with a master's degree in Indian Philosophy from the Benares Hindu University in India.

In 1951, Ven. Dhammananda was selected for the mission to propagate the Buddha-Dhamma in Malaya, accepting an invitation by the Sasana Abhiwurdhi Wardhana Society of Kuala Lumpur for an erudite monk to serve here. Upon his arrival in early 1952, Ven. Dhammananda stayed for a few days at the Mahindārama Temple in Penang. He then took up residence at the Brickfields Buddhist Temple (now named the Buddhist Māha Vihāra) in Kuala Lumpur, which became the hub of his missionary activities for the next five decades.

Working from this base, Ven. Dhammananda energetically set about bringing authentic Buddhist teachings to Malaysians. A prolific speaker, Ven. Dhammananda travelled regularly and extensively to deliver talks on Buddhism throughout the country. Realising that the future of Malaysian Buddhism depended on the young and educated, he placed special emphasis on engaging with students from colleges and universities, encouraging them to establish Buddhist societies in their institutions.

Another huge contribution by Ven. Dhammananda from which we are still benefiting today was his instrumental role in the establishment of many Theravāda Buddhist societies all over the country. In addition, Ven. Dhammananda's numerous publications made Buddhism simple and clear for many people to appreciate, with his practical and rational explanations for the human condition, his books were widely read by Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike.

Ven. Dhammananda's missionary efforts were not restricted to Malaysia. His down-to-earth teachings were acknowledged internationally, with many invitations for him to speak in Sri Lanka, Thailand, Myanmar, Taiwan and Japan, as well as in non-Buddhist countries such as Australia, Britain and the United States of America.

The late Venerable K. Sri Dhammananda remains a great role model for all Buddhists, monastic and lay, today. He was respected for his vast knowledge and erudition, and loved for his joviality. He was warmly referred to by many as 'Chief', not so much because of his title as Malaysia's 'Sanghanāyaka', but because of his affable character and towering personality.

Today, the legacy of Ven. Dhammananda lives on in the well-practised followers he trained and educated with wisdom and compassion. Nalanda Buddhist Society members are forever indebted for his spiritual guidance, support and encouragement during our formative years. Whatever merits we accrue from our wholesome deeds, we dedicate them to our late Spiritual Adviser and wonderful teacher – Venerable K. Sri Dhammananda!



Facilitators and students gathered to celebrate Nalanda Dhamma School's 13th Anniversary in a wholesome and fruitful way on the first day of 2018. Sādhu!

Dhamma School's 13th Anniversary

1 January, Sri Serdang

Facilitators, youths, and students of Nalanda Dhamma School (NDS) gathered joyously on 1 January 2018 to celebrate the School's 13th Anniversary. Since its establishment in 2005, the school has continued to provide high quality and holistic Buddhist education to the younger generation.

From an initial batch of 40 students in 2005, the number of annual intake has grown to more than 100 students in 2018 in both the Junior and Teenage Dhamma Schools.

In keeping with the NDS spirit and motto of following the righteous path of Dhamma, students celebrated the School's anniversary in a spiritual way by observing the Eight Precepts and practising meditation, in conjunction with the Full-moon Uposatha Observance.

The morning practice began with listening to a recorded Dhamma teaching by Ven. H. Gunaratana, which focused on recognizing obstacles in meditation and understanding the nature of impermanence. Following that, everyone immediately put their learning into practice through sitting and walking meditation. The programme concluded with group reflections and the sharing of new year aspirations.

Nalanda Dhamma School would like to express our deepest gratitude to teachers, parents, students, donors and benefactors for your unwavering support over the years. We look forward to the continuous and forward growth of NDS when our latest facility, the beautiful 'K. Sri Dhammananda Centre' in Sri Serdang, becomes operational later this year. May this new facility pave way for the welfare and happiness of many more people! Sādhu ānumodānā.



Nalanda founder Bro. Tan giving an inspiring message to everyone. Devotees thus began the year with Dhamma learning and wholesome aspirations!

New Year message from Bro. Tan

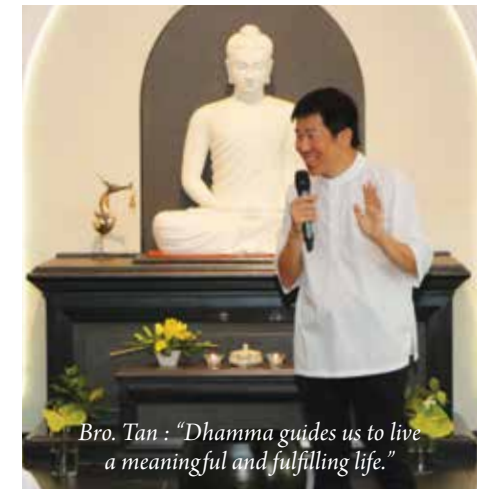
7 January, Sri Serdang

On the first Sunday of 2018, Nalanda founder Bro. Tan delivered a 'new year message' to Nalandians and devotees during the Morning Service.

Bro. Tan spoke of the importance of knowing Dhamma to our lives. Without Dhamma, our whole life would merely be directed to the pursuit of comfort and pleasures of the senses, rather than to pursuit meaning and fulfilment. With Dhamma, people will be able to experience what true joy and deep peace are.

As we make aspirations for the New Year, let us not forget to aspire for our spiritual cultivation, too. We may wish for material and worldly success, but we may not be able to achieve or maintain them due to the lack of wisdom.

Wisdom does not arise by mere wishing, but only through cultivation and a tranquil mind. Association with the wise helps to open up our minds and to show us how to achieve different well-beings. Thus, wisdom should not only be our aim, but also our practice and realisation in life. Sādhu!



Bro. Tan : "Dhamma guides us to live a meaningful and fulfilling life."

Revitalising Buddhism in India



Members of Nalanda Education Committee meeting with Ven. Sanghasena, Dr. Harshadeep Kamble, and Mrs. Rojana Kamble representing India.

3 – 5 January, Sri Serdang

In January, Nalanda Buddhist Society hosted Venerable Sanghasena Mahathera, Commissioner Dr. Harshadeep Kamble and Mrs. Rojana Kamble from India for an important meeting on programmes to “Revitalise Buddhism in India”.

As the saying goes, “If you want to walk fast, walk alone; if you want to walk far, walk together”. Thus, with a long-term vision for the propagation of Buddha-Dhamma in its land of origin, Nalanda is undertaking this important 10-year programme in partnership with several Buddhist organizations in India.

The 3-pillared programme will kick-start on 26 February 2018 with a 10-day training course at Nalanda Centre Sri Serdang for youth leaders from India. Twenty specially selected youths will participate in this inaugural exchange programme, which includes workshops on enhancing leadership

capabilities; skills to organise activities; and effective communication with the public. The youth leaders will also be guided in proper Dhamma-studies by Nalanda Institute lecturers, and learn meditation, too.

Buddhist leaders Dr. Hashadeep and Mrs. Rojana from Mumbai were also present at the meeting for an in-depth discussion with Nalanda officers about the implementation of this long-term project. It is hoped that the visiting youth leaders will be inspired by the rich heritage and culture of Buddhism evident in Malaysia, and return with greater zeal to practise and propagate Buddha-Dhamma in their motherland.

We rejoice and express our deepest gratitude to Ven. Sanghasena, Dr. Harshadeep and Mrs. Rojana for partnering Nalanda in this noble mission of revitalising Buddhism back in India. May these wholesome endeavours bear great fruit for the future of Buddhism. May the *Buddha-sāsana* long endure!



Nalanda Education Committee with Indian Buddhist representatives after their meeting



Bro. Tan having more in-depth discussions on the implementation of the programme with our Indian friends. On the left is Datuk Charlie Chia.



First Sunday Service of the year with Ven. Sing Kan

Ven. Sing Kan giving pertinent advice to devotees for the new year.

7 January, Sri Serdang

On Sunday 7 January, Venerable Bhikshuni Sing Kan, abbess of Sam Poh Tong Temple in Ampang, was invited to deliver a Dhamma talk on the importance of having good friends.

At the beginning of every year, most people will renew their aspirations to find more money, love, success, happiness, etc. Making such aspirations is normal but as practitioners, we must be mindful not to have excessive desires. We need to walk the path of moderation and reflect on whether our aspirations are wholesome or unwholesome.

True happiness comes when we learn how to rise above the pursuit of worldly things. Having inspiring teachers, leaders and spiritual friends can support our journey of cultivation. The *Upaḍḍha Sutta*, *Samyutta Nikāya* 45.2

states that when a monk has admirable people as friends, companions and comrades, he can be expected to develop and pursue the Noble Eightfold Path. Thus, it is also important for us as lay practitioners to give encouragement and support not only to each other, but also to monastics to lead the noble life.

However, spiritual friends cannot always be by our side. Thus, in their absence, we should refer to the Dhamma (and *Vinaya*). In the *Mahāparinibbāna Sutta*, the Buddha said to Venerable Ānanda, “The Teachings and Discipline that have been well-taught by me, Ānanda, that shall be your teacher after my passing away”. We should therefore always refer to the *Dhamma-Vinaya* as our guide.

We express our deepest gratitude to Ven. Sing Kan for sharing the Dhamma with us. May we develop good friendship and realise our noble aspirations for the year. Sādhu!



Bro. Tan having a chat with Ven. Sing Kan after the talk.



Devotees delighting in the Dhamma talk.



Following Nalanda tradition, the first dāna offering of the year is made to a bhikkhuni.



Nalandians sending off Ven. Sing Kan and Sis. April (right) from Sam Poh Tong Temple.

Dhamma talk by Ven. Gavesi



Devotees joyfully listening to Ven. Gavesi's insightful yet humour-laced teaching.

Spiritual Powers prevent the hindrances to faith, effort, mindfulness, concentration and wisdom from arising. For example, concentration is a governing faculty when the mind is calm and not proliferating. The mind does not fall into dullness and anxiety. Thus, the faculty of concentration is said to be balanced. Concentration as a power prevents distractions such as thoughts, sounds or bodily pains from taking over the mind. The mind is clear and alert to the present moment.

Ven. Gavesi cautioned that these factors are not considered *Powers* if their development is not directed towards Enlightenment. For example, effort, mindfulness and concentration in yoga exercises are not *Spiritual Powers* because such an application does not incline us towards Enlightenment.

Ven. Gavesi reminded us to incline our efforts in generosity, morality and cultivation of the mind towards liberation. Even if we do not arrive at *Nibbāna* in this life, if we practise diligently, we are able to see wholesome phenomena happening in this body and mind.

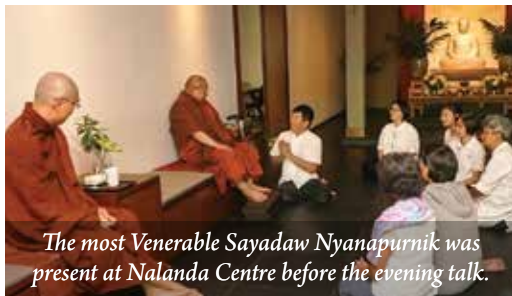
Dhamma will become clear to us rather than remain theoretical knowledge. Faith towards Dhamma increases because it has been internalized from our direct experience. When conditions ripen in the future, our minds will quickly direct towards Enlightenment. Therefore, we need to create conditions for these powers to arise, to free ourselves from *Samsāra*.

We express our appreciation and gratitude to Ven. Gavesi for sharing this pertinent teaching with us. A better understanding and clarity on the *Five Spiritual Powers* will make us progress further in our practice of meditation. *Sādhu anumodanā!*

17 January, Sri Serdang

On Wednesday 17 January, the fifth Uposatha of the *Hemanta* (winter) season, Ven. Gavesi was invited to give a Dhamma talk on meditation practice. Ven. Gavesi shared about the development of the *Five Spiritual Powers*, explaining the meaning of each power, their functions, their application to overcome hindrances, and their distinctive differences with the *Five Spiritual Faculties*.

The *Five Powers* are faith, effort, mindfulness, concentration and wisdom. The *Five Spiritual Faculties* and *Powers* share similar factors but they have different functions. *Spiritual Faculties* act as the governing factors of certain aspects of the mind, whereas



The most Venerable Sayadaw Nyanapurnik was present at Nalanda Centre before the evening talk.



Bro. Tan inviting everyone to calm their minds before receiving the teaching.



Ven. Gavesi guiding the evening meditation session.

Third Annual Education Workshop – Integrating education into daily life

20 January, Sri Serdang

The third annual Nalanda Education Workshop was held on 20 January 2018 to realign and clarify our approach to Nalanda's education philosophy. Nalanda education officers from all over the country converged in Sri Serdang for this important gathering because many programmes catering to larger and more diverse groups of people are lined up for 2018.

The workshop delved deeper into the importance of integrating knowledge (*vijjā*) with conduct (*cāraṇa*), values, and culture into our approach to Buddhist education.

Nalanda founder Bro. Tan encouraged Nalandian officers and educators to put effort into growing stronger and deeper roots in the understanding and practice of the Dhamma as the Society enters its most productive phase. He also emphasised that learning Dhamma should not swell our heads; it should swell our hearts! "If it swells our heads, we become conceited. If it swells our hearts, we become big-hearted, satisfied and filled with humility, sincerity, simplicity and purity," he said.

Director of Nalanda Institute Achariya Tan Siang Chye conducted a session on evaluating the effectiveness of our programmes, followed by a discussion on our own spiritual cultivation and personal shortfalls.

In this year's fruitful workshop, officers developed a deeper understanding of Nalanda's education philosophy and felt better equipped with motivation to propagate the teachings of the Buddha. We wish all educators a successful journey ahead in 2018!



80 Nalanda officers from all branches came together for the inspiring annual workshop.



Nalandians sharing a communal lunch during the mid-day break.



Making offerings to the Three Jewels before the start of meeting.



Bro. Tan speaking on Nalanda's education philosophy which should be thoroughly understood.



Officers engaged in discussion with achariyas during the Q&A session.



Many minds working together to develop our educational programmes.



Nalandians using drama to illustrate appropriate conduct (*cāraṇa*) in different situations.

Metta Lodge Building Committee members visit Nalanda Centre

25 January, Serdang

On Thursday 25 January, Nalanda Centre was honoured to host a visit by 25 members from Metta Lodge Management Committee and Building Team. They were led by their President Bro. Heng and Building Team chairman Bro. Lim respectively. The visit was to learn key aspects of interior design, building maintenance, and general centre operations.

Upon arrival from Johor Bahru, the visitors were warmly welcomed by President Sis. Evelyn and other Nalanda officers. They were brought on a building tour and felt calmed by the peaceful ambience, cleanliness, and good maintenance of Nalanda Centre.

The Metta Lodge members were also inspired by the education system of Nalanda which is rooted in the Buddha's core teachings of *Sila*, *Samādhi*, and *Pañña*. They noted that Nalandians were well-known for discipline and proper conduct, which reflect the qualities of good Dhamma practitioners.

Metta Lodge is currently constructing a large facility of its own in Taman Johor Jaya. We wish them smooth progress in construction work and successful completion of the project. The Buddhist community in Johor Bahru will certainly benefit from having this additional Dhamma-learning facility. *Sādhu ānumodānā*.



Nalanda officers with the visiting Metta Lodge Management and Building Committee members.



Nalandians warmly receiving our friends from Johor Bahru.



Bro. Vincent Lee bringing our friends on a tour of Nalanda Centre.



The Metta Lodge Building Team discussing plans for their new centre.



Metta Lodge members enquired about the learning programmes at Nalanda.

Hosting Ven. T. Seelananda

27 – 31 January, Serdang

From 27 to 31 January, Nalanda Centre was honoured to host Venerable T. Seelananda Mahāthera, the Deputy Abbot of Bhāvanā Society, West Virginia, USA. The venerable came to Nalanda for a short 5-day stay, after leading a meditation retreat in Chin Swee Caves Temple, Genting Highlands. This was his third visit to Nalanda.

During his sojourn, devotees took the opportunity to offer dāna and to listen to enlightening Dhamma teachings by the venerable about mental well-being.

Referring to the Buddha’s remarks on mental well-being, Ven. Seelananda said that neither father, mother, siblings, relatives nor others can bring greater benefit to us than our own well-directed mind. As such, it is important to understand the *mind* in order to achieve mental well-being. We should replace unwholesome thoughts with wholesome ones, which will result in merits and blessings.

Nalandians were delighted by his clear and comprehensive teachings, and grateful for the opportunities to ask questions and discuss the Dhamma with him during his stay here. Ven. Seelananda too was very happy to see the community in Nalanda actively learning and practising Dhamma. Before departing, he advised Nalandians to “unload all burdens and be a light raft to cross the sea of *Samsāra*”.

We thank Ven. Seelananda for visiting Sri Serdang, and wish him the best in the next leg of his Dhammaduta tour to Singapore. We certainly look forward to welcoming him back to Nalanda Centre again. Sādhu!



Devotees paying respects to Ven. Seelananda and inviting him to deliver a Dhamma talk on Sunday.



Nalandians having Dhamma discussion with Ven. Seelananda before lunch dāna.



Ven. Seelananda guiding devotees in meditation before the Sunday morning Dhamma talk.



Devotees offering lunch dāna to the venerable.



Nalandians enjoying a half-day quiet retreat.



Learning Pāli Language from Ven. Seelananda.

Marking 'Republic Day' in Mumbai

26 January, India

Nalanda founder Bro. Tan was the guest-of-honour in the recent 'Republic Day' celebrations held in Mumbai, India on 26 January. The event was organised by a Maharashtra Buddhist organisation – the "Babasaheb Ambedkar Vichar Mahotsav Samiti" – headed by its Chief Coordinator, Commissioner Dr. Harshadeep Kamble.

Bro. Tan's keynote speech touched on the contributions of Dr. Ambedkar to the revival of Buddhism in India six decades ago. He also spoke about the 2,300-year long

Buddhist discourse between 'Jambudvipa' (ancient name for India) and 'Suvarnabhumi' (Southeast Asia), and why it should be revitalised at present times. The speech was very well-received by the audience, and a crowd swarmed around Bro. Tan afterwards to speak with him and to have their photographs taken together.

During the event, Dr. Kamble and Bro. Tan jointly announced the inaugural 'Buddhist Youth Exchange Programme' between India and Malaysia, scheduled to take place between 26 February and 8 March involving 40 Malaysian and Indian youth leaders. Sādhu ānumodanā!



Bro. Tan receiving a bouquet from Chief Coordinator of the event, Dr. Harshadeep Kamble.



Announcing the inaugural Buddhist youth exchange programme between India and Malaysia.



'Republic Day' celebration is a grand affair and a public holiday throughout India.



Members of Mumbai Buddhist community with Bro. Tan after his keynote speech.



Enthusiastic devotees having their photographs taken with the guest-of-honour.

Bro. Tan's Dhammaduta tour of India

24 January – 1 February, India



The majestic chamber at Ajanta Caves.



Bro. Tan giving an impromptu lecture at Ajanta Caves.



Scanning the horizon from Aurangabad Caves.



Meeting with Buddhist leaders in Aurangabad.



Bro. Tan being interviewed by a group of Indian youth leaders in Mumbai.



Bro. Tan loves to visit the homes of Buddhist devotees to know their practice of Buddhism and way of life.



Briefing by Ven. Bodhipalo, abbot of Lokuttara Vihāra, on its future development plans.



Meeting with the Principal of Milind College of Science.



Visiting the museum in Mumbai.



Buddhist vihāra management committees in Aurangabad hosting a special reception and meeting with Bro. Tan.



Bibi-ka-Maqbara – a monument in Aurangabad.



Ellora Caves is a renowned World Heritage Site.

10 February, Kuala Lumpur

'Silver Lining' is a campaign initiated by Nalanda Youth Centre in 2015 to promote acts of kindness towards others. A 'Silver Lining Day' is organised once every three months when the youths dedicate that entire day to serve the community.

On Saturday 10 February, Nalandian youths paid a visit to the 60 residents of Tong Sim Senior Citizens' Care Centre in Kuala Lumpur. The youths offered their services to clean the home and bring joy to the old folks as the festive season fast approached.

Besides cleaning the facilities and performing services for the elderly such as cutting their fingernails, the youths also had light-hearted and enlightening conversations with the inmates there. In the spirit of Chinese New Year, the youths sang uplifting songs to entertain the residents.

After their visit, the youths shared their valuable reflections with each other. Some reflected that we should not take our comfort for granted, as not everyone is as blessed. Others reflected that we should not neglect the cultivation of mind so that we will be lucid, graceful and mentally strong even in old age.

It was indeed a meaningful 'Silver Lining Day' of service and contemplation for the young adults. We rejoice in their wholesome acts of spreading joy and love to the elderly. May they continue to practice Dhamma and serve well. Sādhu anumodanā!



'Silver Lining Day' for youths



Bro. Tan encouraging the youths to bring positivity and joyful spirit to the old folks before their visit.



Listening to the wisdom of the aged. The youths had quite enlightening chats with the senior citizens.



Kindness, gentleness and genuine concern brings joy to the elderly inmates at Tong Sim.



Cleaning and tidying up the home for that extra comfort.



Helping to fix and repair facilities at the home.



Spring cleaning the home before the festive season.



The youths singing happy tunes to entertain the elderly.

Wisdom Park Development Committee conducts fortnightly site visit

February – March, Hulu Selangor

The Wisdom Park Development Committee are making fortnightly visits to Wisdom Park to view the progress of earthworks and construction of 'Building 01'. Work is progressing as scheduled with the first building slated to be ready in January 2019. It will come with supporting infrastructures such as the access road, water and electricity supply lines, carpark, perimeter fencing and landscaping.

The first building at 'Wisdom Park' serves three important functions :

1. A facility for Dhamma activities and training programmes;
2. Accommodation for short to medium-term stays; and
3. A calm and conducive environment surrounded by greenery for the Buddhist community to come together for Dhamma learning, bonding and spiritual cultivation.

The building will have a multi-purpose hall for 200 people, kitchen and dining facilities, 8 bedrooms/dormitories of various capacities, washrooms, storage rooms, and courtyard for outdoor activities.

We invite you to share in this noble mission to provide proper and holistic Buddhist education, so that more people can learn Dhamma to achieve well-being, joy and inner peace.

You may participate by donating towards this noble project, via bank transfer to :

“Nalanda Buddhist Society”

[Maybank account number 5121-4702-3622]

Thank you for your kind support, and best wishes to you and your loved ones from all of us at Nalanda!



Wisdom Park Development Committee members reviewing the progress of earthwork during their site visit.

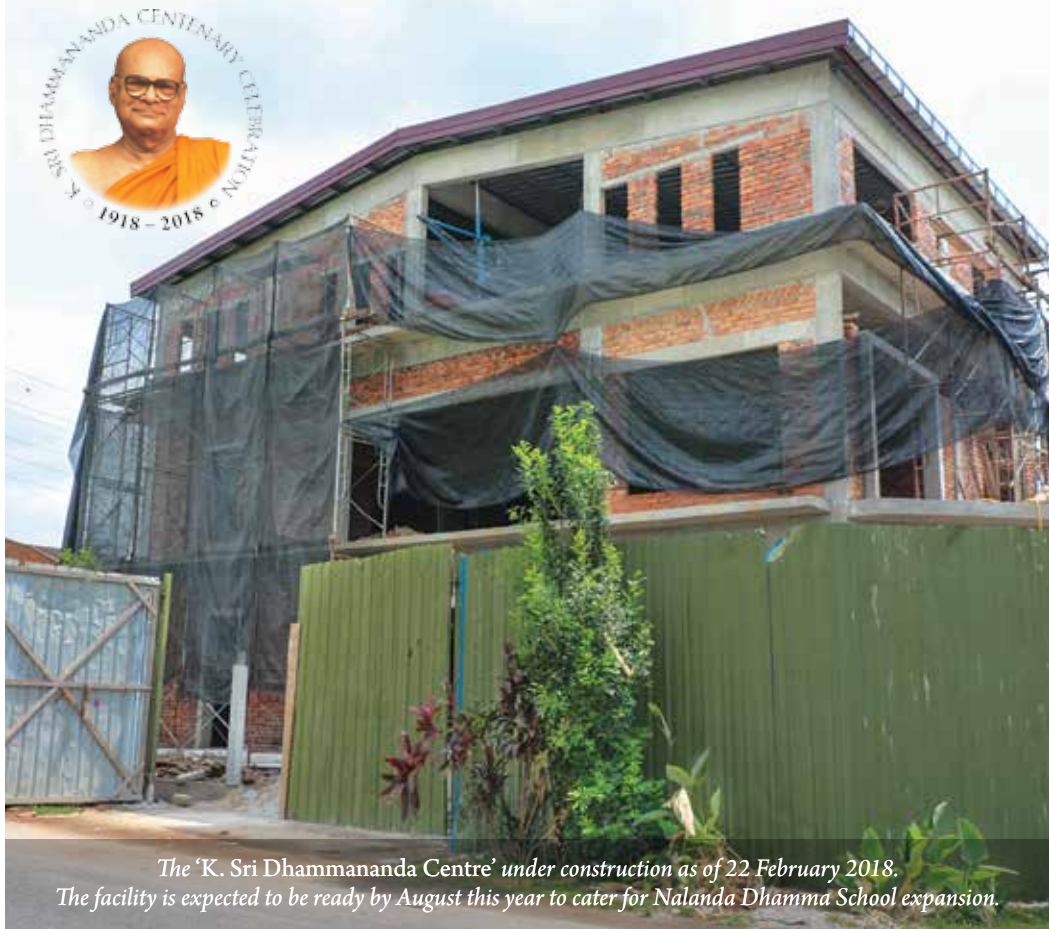


Bird's eye view of earthworks in February 2018.



Committee members and site personnel performing chanting and dedication of merits.

K. Sri Dhammananda Centre – construction is progressing smoothly



The 'K. Sri Dhammananda Centre' under construction as of 22 February 2018. The facility is expected to be ready by August this year to cater for Nalanda Dhamma School expansion.



Blessing ceremony to mark the half-way point of construction work in February.



Fortnightly Building Committee site visit and meeting to chart its progress.



24 February, Sri Serdang

Nalanda is building the 'K. Sri Dhammananda Centre' for holistic community education, especially to cater for the expansion of Nalanda Dhamma School. Construction is progressing well, and work is estimated to be 57% completed as of 2 March 2018. Below is the critical timeline of the project:

9 September 2017

'Nalanda House' handed over to contractors for demolition and reconstruction.

19 September 2017

Demolition of 'Nalanda House' began.

29 October 2017

Blessing ceremony before commencement of piling works.

22 February 2018

50% of work completed.

31 August 2018

Targeted completion date.

11 December 2018

New facility is fully operational.

Please help us build this Dhamma-learning facility for the welfare and happiness of generations to come. We welcome donations towards the construction of this vital facility which will bring much benefit to many children, teenagers and youths along with their families.

Contribution of any amount can be made at Nalanda Centre Sri Serdang, or via bank transfer to : **"Nalanda Buddhist Society"** [Maybank account number : 5121-4702-3622].

Thank you for your good wishes and kind support! May you be well and happy always.



INAUGURAL SUMMIT OF BUDDHIST LEADERS 2018

“Heart of a Buddhist Leader”

30 MARCH – 1 APRIL

Kinrara Resort, Puchong

Participation fee is RM380 per person

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Upcoming Events

March – May 2018

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Nalanda
Patron's Day

03	<i>Pindacāra</i> – Alms-round by Sangha members at the morning markets in Taman O.U.G. & Happy Garden	NEO Centre K. L. / Taman O.U.G. & Happy Garden
	Annual General Meeting Nalanda Sungai Petani Branch	NEO Centre S. P.
10	Annual General Meeting Nalanda Kuala Lumpur Branch	NEO Centre K. L.
11	Annual General Meeting Nalanda Johor Bahru Branch	NEO Centre J. B.
17	<i>Pindacāra</i> – Alms-round by Sangha members in Seri Kembangan	Nalanda Centre / Seri Kembangan market
18	Nalanda Patron's Day	Nalanda Centre
	Launch of 'K. Sri Dhammananda Centenary Celebrations' (March 2018 – March 2019)	Nalanda Centre
25	15th Annual General Meeting of Nalanda Buddhist Society Malaysia	Nalanda Centre

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Pindacāra

07	<i>Pindacāra</i> – Alms-round by Sangha members at the morning markets in Taman O.U.G. & Happy Garden	NEO Centre K. L. / Taman O.U.G. & Happy Garden
16	New-moon Uposatha Service	Nalanda Centre
21	<i>Pindacāra</i> – Alms-round by Sangha members in Seri Kembangan	Nalanda Centre / Seri Kembangan market
30	Full-moon Uposatha Service	Nalanda Centre

MAY



Buddha Day

01	Nalanda Day – Nalanda Buddhist Society's 15th Anniversary	Nalanda Centre
05	<i>Pindacāra</i> – Alms-round by Sangha members at the morning markets in Taman O.U.G. & Happy Garden	NEO Centre K. L. / Taman O.U.G. & Happy Garden
19	<i>Pindacāra</i> – Alms-round by Sangha members in Seri Kembangan	Nalanda Centre / Seri Kembangan market
29	Buddha Day – Wesak Observance B.E. 2562	Nalanda Centre

Special upcoming programmes :

Jambudvipa-Suvarnabhumi Youth Exchange Programme – 27 February – 7 March

Inaugural Malaysian Buddhist Leaders' Summit – 30 March – 1 April

6th Nalanda National Members' Convention – 28 April – 1 May

BPS202 Intermediate-level Buddhist Studies in Mandarin – 10 March – 12 May

Weekly activities at Nalanda Centre include “*Sunday Service*” (Sundays, 9am–12pm) and “*Meditation & Dhamma Sharing*” (Wednesdays, 8pm–10pm). For full details or updates on Nalanda's many programmes, kindly visit our website at www.nalanda.org.my or facebook www.facebook.com/nalanda.org.my

Like a lovely lotus unsoiled

“ The lotus flower is born and grows up in muddy water,
yet is not soiled by the mud, but remains fragrant and delightful.

“Just so the Buddha, well-born into the world, dwells in the world,
yet is not soiled by worldliness – like the lotus unsoiled by mud.”

– Excerpt from *Nāga Sutta*, *Āṅguttara Nikāya* 6.43 (1)

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