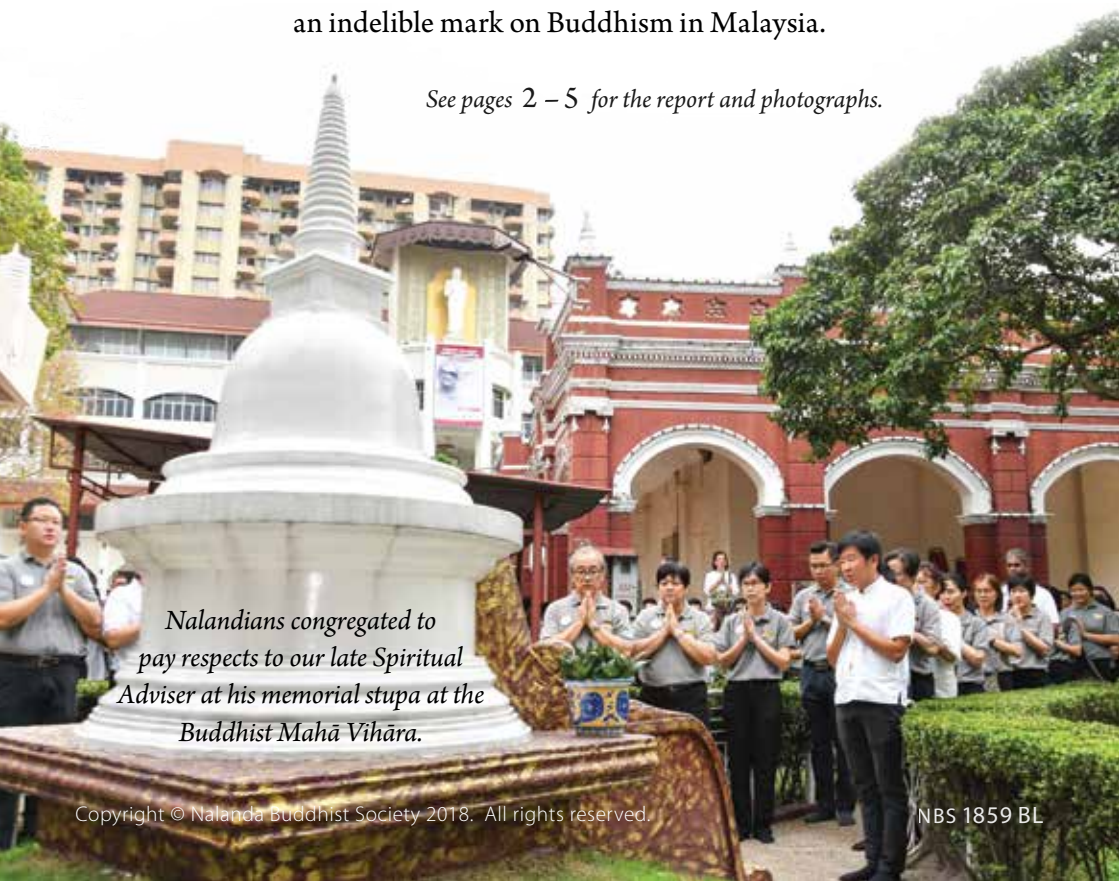


K. Sri Dhammananda Centenary Celebration

Venerable K. Sri Dhammananda would have been 100 years old if he were alive today. In commemorating his passing 12 years ago on 31 August 2006, Buddhists around the Klang Valley gathered at Buddhist Mahā Vihāra to pay tribute to our late teacher who had left an indelible mark on Buddhism in Malaysia.

See pages 2 – 5 for the report and photographs.



Nalandians congregated to pay respects to our late Spiritual Adviser at his memorial stupa at the Buddhist Mahā Vihāra.

Bro. Tan delivering his opening address on behalf of the Centenary Celebration Committee during the launch of Venerable K. Sri Dhammananda commemorative publications and exhibition at Asoka Hall, in the Buddhist Mahā Vihāra.

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K. Sri Dhammananda Centenary Celebrations



31 August, Buddhist Mahā Vihāra

On Friday 31 August, over 80 monks and 300 devotees gathered at the Buddhist Mahā Vihāra in Kuala Lumpur to commemorate the birth centenary of the late Venerable K. Sri Dhammananda. In his honour, the Centenary Celebration Committee launched a 3-volume commemorative publication and pictorial exhibition for devotees to learn about the life of the illustrious monk and teacher.

In his opening speech, Nalanda founder Bro. Tan urged everyone to not just vividly remember our late teacher, but to work towards supporting proper teachings of the Dhamma, which was the life-long passion of Venerable Dhammananda.

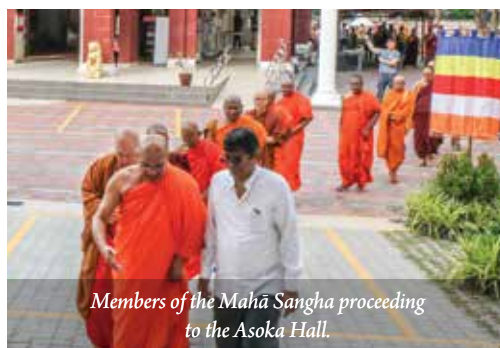
The abbot of Buddhist Mahā Vihāra Venerable K. Sri Dhammaratana and the temple Chairman Bro. Sirisena both paid tributes to Venerable Dhammananda in their speeches. After the launching of books and exhibition, devotees offered food and requisites in the solemn and well-organised *Mahā Sanghika Dāna*; the monks and nuns present then gave blessings in the three Buddhist traditions.

Nalanda is honoured to be the publisher of the books, being ever grateful to our late Spiritual Adviser. The editors – Bro. Benny Liow, Achariya Vijaya Samarawickrama and Bro. Tan, set out the publication in three volumes. Volumes 1 and 2 contain essays written by Buddhist scholars and activists on topics close to Venerable Dhammananda's heart. Volume 3 themed "A Life in Pictures" highlights Venerable Dhammananda's life and vast contributions.

We extend our appreciation to all supporters who dedicated their time and effort towards the commemoration event and publication. May readers find this collection valuable to get to know one of the most prolific and effective Dhammadutas of the modern era, and learn about his enduring legacy and influence on the development of Malaysian Buddhism. *Sādhū ānumodanā!*



As the bell tolled, monks mindfully circumambulated Venerable Dhammananda's stupa at the Vihāra.



Members of the Mahā Sangha proceeding to the Asoka Hall.



Nalandians in full attendance at the launching as a mark of great respect for our late Spiritual Adviser.



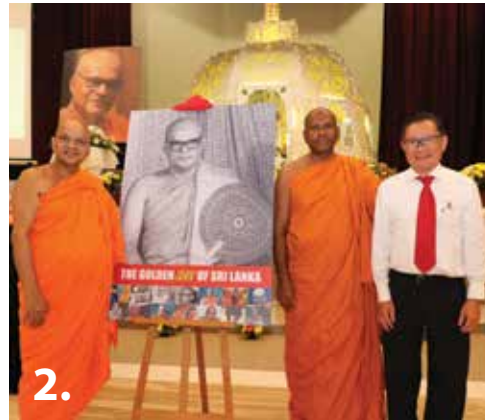
Bro. Tan joyfully recollected moments with the late Venerable Dhammananda.



Bro. Benny Liow introducing the 3-volume publication to the audience, on behalf of the publisher.



Ven. K. Sri Dhammaratana and Ven. B. Sri Saranankara launching the centenary publications.



1. Datuk Seri Dr. Victor Wee introducing the pictorial exhibition on Venerable K. Sri Dhammananda.

2. Ven. K. Dhammaratana, Ven. B. Saranankara and Datuk Seri Dr. Victor Wee launching the pictorial exhibition.

3. Members of the Mahā Sangha accepting food offerings, and gave blessings according to all three Buddhist traditions.

4. Bro. Tan and Datuk Seri Dr. Victor Wee at the exhibition, admiring the photographs and artwork on display.

5. Bro. Tan advising Nalandians to play our roles well in providing good Buddhist education to the community.

6. All-round smiles after the publication was distributed to Sangha members, editors, authors, and the production team.

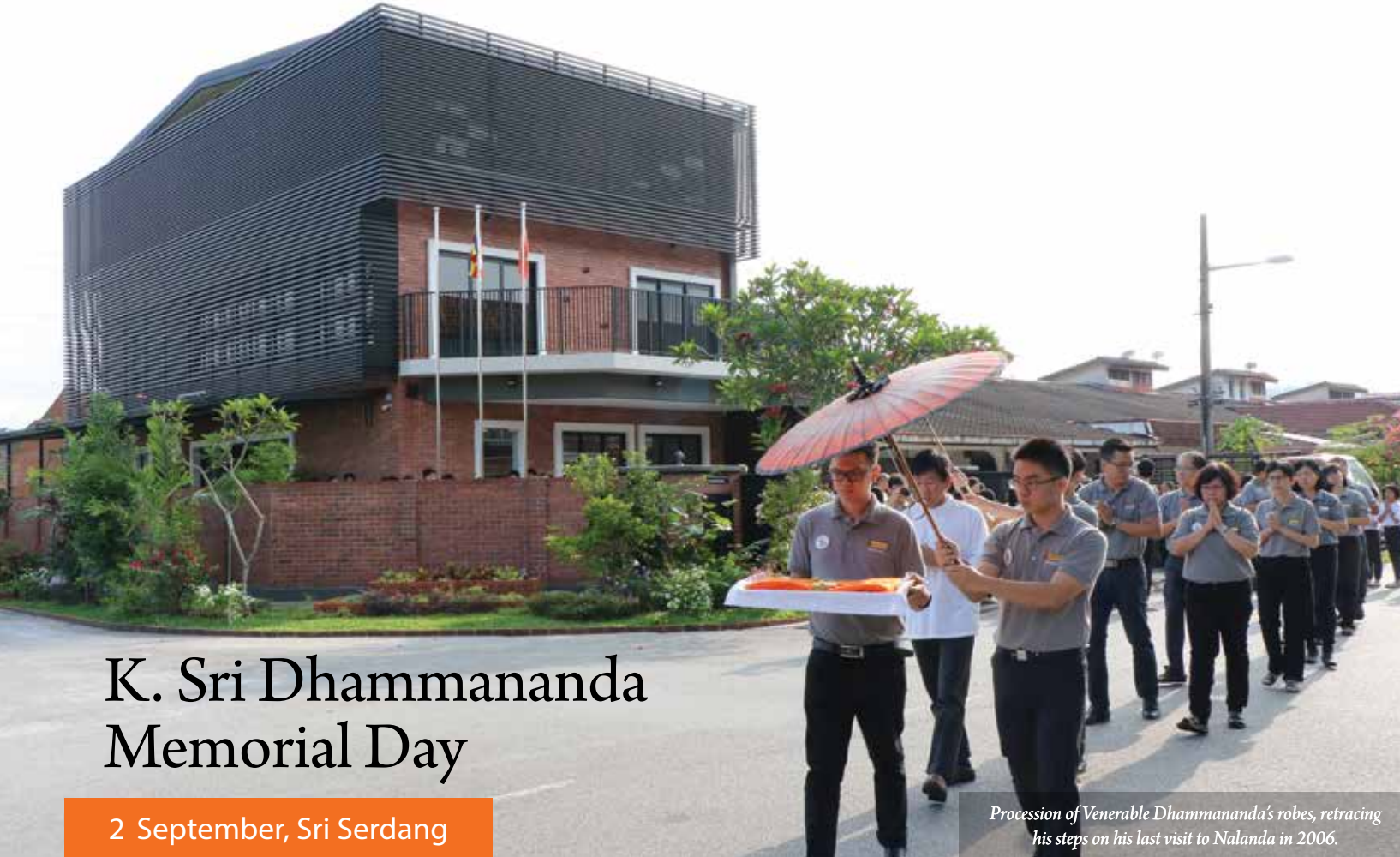
7. The editors having a discussion on the direction of the book. (From left) Bro. Benny Liow, S. Vijaya, and Bro Tan.

8. (From left) Bro. Kui Tien, Bro. Ajit, Bro. Tan, Sis. Kah Hong, Sis. Ai Li, and Sis. Paruadi (not in photo) form part of the editorial and production team.

9. The Nalandian team working nightly on the Centenary programmes, videos, and publications.

10. Volunteers preparing the commemorative books for the launch.





K. Sri Dhammananda Memorial Day

2 September, Sri Serdang

Procession of Venerable Dhammananda's robes, retracing his steps on his last visit to Nalanda in 2006.

On Sunday 2 September, devotees and Dhamma school students gathered to pay tribute to Nalanda's late Spiritual Adviser, Venerable K. Sri Dhammananda. This Memorial Service has been held annually since his passing in August 2006; it witnessed the 12th procession of Venerable Dhammananda's robes from the newly constructed K. Sri Dhammananda Centre to Nalanda Centre, retracing the actual path taken by the late Venerable on his last visit to Sri Serdang in 2006.

Earlier that morning, Bro. Tan had led Nalandians to pay homage and seek forgiveness at the shrine of Venerable Dhammananda. Following that was the procession and morning service. The 3-volume commemorative books published by Nalanda Buddhist Society in honour of Venerable Dhammananda was later unveiled by our special guest Madam Somawathi, the youngest sister of Venerable Dhammananda who came from Sri Lanka to participate in the celebrations here.

It has been 12 years since our teacher's passing; but we are still strongly committed to his legacy of Dhamma propagation. We wish our teacher the highest bliss of Peace, 'Santi'.



Dhamma School students raise the Buddhist and Nalanda flags at the start of the Memorial Service.



Mdm. Somawathi (middle), her daughters, and Bro. Tan unveiling the commemorative books at Nalanda Centre.



On Sunday 1 July, Nalanda Institute Malaysia celebrated its 11th anniversary meaningfully with a Dhamma Forum to discuss mental suffering. The distinguished forum speakers – Nalanda founder Bro. Tan, Nalanda Institute Director Achariya Tan Siang Chye, and Sis. Tan Yee Yong, presented their views on the theme 'You can put it down – Understand Suffering and Suffer Less'.

Suffering is a natural phenomena; hence it is essential to discuss and understand it in order to suffer less. The primary reasons behind our suffering are *lobha* (craving and desire), *dosa* (aversion), and *moha* (delusion). Any moment in life can either be pleasurable or painful because of different causes and conditions. By cultivating the right attitude towards our life experiences and understanding their uncertain nature, we can then relate to them without attachment. We then become less burdened by events, and can live a more peaceful and purposeful life.

We thank all speakers for their invaluable sharing, and the audience for their active participation. With clear understanding and continuous cultivation, may our suffering be eventually eradicated. May all beings be well and happy!



Bro. Tan leading Nalandians to pay respects to our late Spiritual Adviser, Venerable K. Sri Dhammananda, in gratitude to his dedication to Dhamma propagation.



Celebrating the Institute's anniversary with a simple ceremony led by Nalanda Institute Director, Achariya Tan Siang Chye.



Malaysian Theravāda Sangha gathering

10 July, Temoh, Perak

Monks and laity rejoicing after a fulfilling day of efforts to progress towards a successful Buddhist community.

On Tuesday 10 July, over 40 monks across Malaysia gathered at Vihāra Buddha Gotama in Temoh, Perak for a historic ‘Malaysian Theravāda Sangha Gathering’ organised by the Theravāda Buddhist Council of Malaysia (TBCM).

The event was aimed at fostering unity, cooperation and harmony in the monastic community in order to prevent the decline of Theravāda Buddhism in Malaysia. The meeting

also discussed ways to enhance mutual respect for differing practices and interpretations of the Buddha-Dhamma, but still in line with the Pāli scriptures.

With this fruitful start, TBCM will endeavour to organise a yearly gathering for local monks every July, just before the start of ‘Vassana’ (rains retreat) period. “Happy is the unity of the Sangha!” May the Buddha-Sāsana long endure. *Namo Sanghaya!*



TBCM Monastic Adviser Venerable B. Saranankara delivering his message for the occasion.



Monks in active discussions on the Sangha's contribution towards the growth of Buddha-Sāsana.



Bro. Tan representing the Theravāda Buddhist Council of Malaysia to speak at the meeting.



Lay devotees listening attentively to the presentations and discussions at the meeting.

On 18 July, 40 members of the Wisdom Park Development Committee, their spouses, and Nalandians departed for Yogyakarta on a 5-day Study Tour led by Bro Tan. The rich history of Buddhism is well-etched in the beautiful structures of the many temples visited, such as Candi Mendut, Candi Plaosan and Candi Sewu. The highlight of the tour was none other than the famous Borobudur, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We truly admired the people in the past who had such strong faith in the Buddha and to be inspired enough to construct such majestic objects of veneration.

Apart from visiting candis, the group also visited modern monasteries including Vihāra Mendut, Vihāra Dhammasundāra in Solo, and Vihāra Bodhivamsa in Klaten. This tour provided deeper insights into how Buddhism had impacted the course of Indonesian history, and also developed much inspiration and faith in the timelessness of the Buddha's teachings.



18 – 22 July, Indonesia

Study tour to Borobudur



Participants were grateful for the opportunity to meet and pay respects to Venerable Paṇṇavāro at Vihāra Mendut.



Respectfully offering requisites to Venerable Paṇṇavāro.



With Professor Lanny at Vihāra Bodhivamsa in Klaten.



Dhamma sharing by Datuk Charlie Chia at Ratu Boko, an archaeological site which is located on a plateau not far from Candi Prambanan.



Bro. Tan narrated the life of the Buddha as inscribed on the wall reliefs of Borobudur.



Better understanding of the history of Borobudur after visiting its museum.

On Friday, 27 July, Nalandians celebrated 'Dhamma Day' – the full-moon day for the month of Asalha – with a joyful air and spiritual fervour. Devotees were delighted to have the opportunity to preview the soon-to-be-completed *K. Sri Dhammananda Centre*, located just across the road from Nalanda Centre.

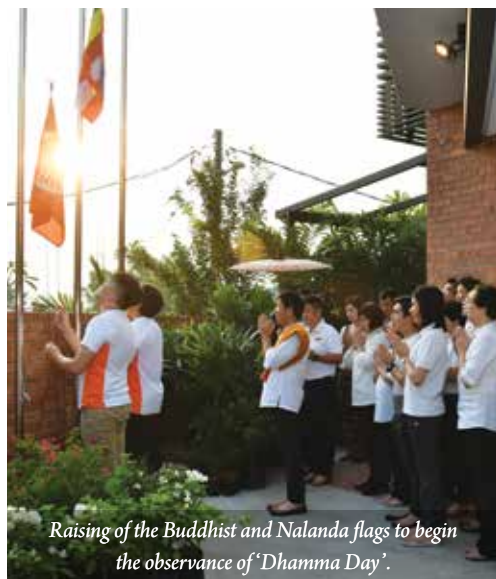
The *K. Sri Dhammananda Centre* was formerly known as 'Nalanda House' and it hosted Nalanda Dhamma School from January 2005 to August 2017. In September last year, the old building was demolished and in its place rose a new facility that is far larger and able to cater for more people coming to learn Dhamma and meditation.

The new centre is awaiting its official launching in conjunction with the celebration of Nalanda's 15th Anniversary on 6 October. We deeply appreciate all donors, consultants, contractors, workers and volunteers who have contributed to the successful construction and completion of this seat of Dhamma education, which will no doubt benefit many generations to come. *Sādhū ānumodāṇā.*



27 July, Sri Serdang

Celebrating *Dhamma Day* at *K. Sri Dhammananda Centre*



Raising of the Buddhist and Nalanda flags to begin the observance of 'Dhamma Day'.



The Tipitaka Procession from Nalanda Centre to the *K. Sri Dhammananda Centre*.



The building project's architect and engineer offering flowers at the 'Jinaraja' Altar.



Bro. Tan placing the miniaturised Tipitaka on the Altar in the Dhamma Teaching Hall.



Nalanda representatives making offerings to the Three Jewels.



The inaugural chanting after the completion of *K. Sri Dhammananda Centre*.



With much gratitude and thankfulness, Nalandians dedicated merits to all our benefactors.



Nalanda's best-ever 'Family Fun Fair'!

5 August, Sri Serdang

Nalandians rejoicing after the conclusion of another successful 'Family Fun Fair' on 5 August.

On Sunday 5 August, over 12,000 people thronged Nalanda 'Family Fun Fair' 2018, helping to raise funds for *Wisdom Park* – a milestone development encompassing an integrated campus to train Buddhist leaders and teachers. In the bustle of the entire day, it was marvelous to witness the overflowing sense of ease, calmness, and unity of the people, who were all there for doing good.

There were 160 stalls set-up by donors and volunteers selling food and a myriad choice of other things. We were very touched and

grateful to receive such amazing support from sponsors, stall operators, neighbours, and members of the public. Devotees and 400 volunteers came from throughout Malaysia and even Singapore to help out this charity event, working selflessly with much joy. With warm hearts and sincere smiles, they truly embodied the Dhamma in everything they did.

Our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to everyone involved in the best-ever 'Family Fun Fair' we had in Sri Serdang! May we continue to have opportunities to serve the Buddha-Sāsana.



The annual 'Family Fun Fair' is blessed with the kind support of many benefactors and volunteers.



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1. Performance by Dhamma School students who put their best foot forward in presenting “Do-Re-Mi”.



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2. Participants happily competing in the general quiz.



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6. Youths caring for Mother Earth as they thoroughly sorted wastes for recycling.

7. Appreciation to the gardening team for their tireless effort in beautifying Nalanda Centre and its surroundings with lovely greenery.

8. At the Youth Canopy, visitors got to learn about programmes for young adults and their positive impact on participants.



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4. The prize-giving ceremony for Nalanda Free School students recognised for their academic results and great learning attitude.



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5. The Wisdom Park model showcasing its first building was widely admired by our guests. More information on Wisdom Park is available at : www.wisdompark.org



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9. The ‘Selfless One’ youth team formed the backbone of this year’s Fun Fair. They worked diligently throughout the day with amazing grace, unity, and harmony.



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10. The closing rally was overwhelming with gratitude and respect for one another in delivering an awesome event which touched the hearts of the everyone involved.



Mettā Meditation in J.B.

18 August, Johor Bahru

On Saturday 18 August, Bro. Tan led a one-day meditation retreat at Nalanda Johor Bahru Branch to introduce the practice of *Mettā*. The retreat was well attended by devotees who had the opportunity to learn through alternating sessions of meditation and Dhamma teachings where Bro. Tan expounded the essence of loving-acceptance and the qualities of loving-kindness (*mettā*), compassion (*karunā*),

sympathetic joy (*muditā*) and equanimity (*upekkhā*). The day was filled with moments of self-discovery and reflection, injected with the joyful and positive spirit of learning.

May we rejoice in this wholesome programme and continue to practice *Mettā* with much understanding, infusing our minds with compassion for all beings.



Paying respects to the Three Jewels to commence the day of learning and cultivation.



Team discussions to facilitate reflection and deeper learning.



Joyous learning at Dhamma–Living Camp for Young Adults

Theme : *“Understand Suffering and Suffer Less”*

8 – 11 September, Sri Serdang

Over 130 youths spent four wholesome and joyful days at the 3rd Dhamma-Living Camp for Young Adults, held at Nalanda Centre from 8 to 11 September. Bro. Tan skilfully taught the enthusiastic participants to better understand mental suffering, in order to overcome it. The experience of ‘*Dukkha*’ is inevitable in mundane life; but there is a way to the cessation of ‘*Dukkha*’, and that is by following the Noble Path of Dhamma.

The various teaching sessions and activities at the camp were carefully prepared to provide real-life perspectives relevant to today’s youths.

Many participants were overjoyed and inspired by the simple programme and profound sharing at the camp, which gave everyone clarity about life’s purpose and direction. Through life’s peaks and troughs, and in facing its myriad challenges and stress, the Dhamma-way truly provides an avenue for us to suffer less.

We thank the organisers – Nalanda Youth Centre – and all wonderful volunteers at the office, housekeeping, catering, and logistics for their great service! We rejoice over the learning of the youths and wish them a fulfilling future with Dhamma! *Sādhū ānumodanā*.



Camp master Bro. Yuan Zhan (right) introducing the Working Committee Members to participants.



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1. Respectfully observing the raising of flags to start the day at the just-completed K. Sri Dhammananda Centre.

2. Participants engaged in discussions within the grouping of 12 'families' to foster deeper understanding of Dhamma.

3. Campers enjoying simple games to inculcate teamwork and facilitate bonding.

4. Bro. Tan calls it the "Happy Hour" - the evening time when campers chant and meditate together, bringing much calmness and clarity to their minds.

5. The 4-day youth camp was anchored by Nalanda founder Bro. Tan, who gave insightful teachings and examples of living according to Dhamma.



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6. Putting questions to the teacher.

7. The young adults volunteered their services during their stay at Nalanda.

8. Campers dramatising their solutions to common instances of 'dukkha'.

9. The youths having daily communal meals in the Srivijaya Hall.



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Wisdom Park updates

Roof of the 'Guest Lodge' being installed in mid-September.

September, Wisdom Park

For more news on Wisdom Park, please visit:
www.wisdompark.org and
www.facebook.com/wisdompark.malaysia

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Nine months after construction began in January 2018, work at Wisdom Park is progressing well, reaching 60% completion in early September. This integrated hub will comprise facilities to train future Buddhist leaders and Dhamma teachers – two essential factors for the growth and development of Malaysian Buddhism.

The first building at Wisdom Park currently under construction (*photograph above*) will incorporate a Dhamma Teaching Hall, accommodations, and space for indoor and outdoor educational activities. The 13,500 square feet facility is expected to be ready in December 2018.

Sponsorship of RM100 /sq. foot

We invite you to participate in building this important facility by sponsoring its construction cost at RM100 per square foot. Donations can be made at Nalanda Centre Sri Serdang, or via bank transfer to:

“Nalanda Buddhist Society”

Maybank account number 5121-4702-3622

Your support towards the Wisdom Park project will go a long way in the development of Buddhism in Malaysia. Thank you very much!



Happy volunteers planting local trees at Wisdom Park in August. Thank you, sisters!

Offering of Robes & Requisites

Sangha Day

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Every year, devotees have the opportunity to offer the Mahā Sangha requisites after their dutiful observance of the 'Rains Retreat'. We invite you to join us at Nalanda to participate in this wholesome event. Please contact us to register your participation.

Nalanda Education & Outreach Centre
Happy Garden, Kuala Lumpur

Sunday, 18 November | 9 am – 12 pm

Nalanda Centre Sri Serdang

Sunday, 25 November | 9 am – 12 pm

Upcoming Programmes September – November 2018

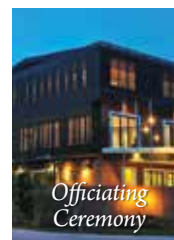
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Family Fun Fair
in Johor Bahru

01	<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
08 - 11	* Dhamma-Living Camp for Young Adults	Nalanda Centre
10	New-moon Uposatha Service	Nalanda Centre
15	<i>Pindacāra</i> – Alms-round by Sangha members in Seri Kembangan	Nalanda Centre / Seri Kembangan market
16	Nalanda Family Fun Fair in Johor Bahru	NEO Centre J.B.
24	Full-moon Uposatha Service	Nalanda Centre

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Officiating
Ceremony

06	<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
	15th Anniversary Appreciation Night & Launching of K. Sri Dhammananda Centre	Nalanda Centre
09	New-moon Uposatha Service	Nalanda Centre
20	<i>Pindacāra</i> – Alms-round by Sangha members in Seri Kembangan	Nalanda Centre / Seri Kembangan market
	Nalanda Free School Appreciation & Honours Day	Nalanda Centre
23	Full-moon Uposatha Service	Nalanda Centre

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Sangha Day

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* Please register to participate.

Special events :

15th Anniversary Appreciation Night & Launching of K. Sri Dhammananda Centre – 6 October

Sangha Day Robes & Requisites Offering – 18 & 25 November

Weekly activities at Nalanda Centre include “Sunday Service” (Sundays, 9 am – 12 pm) and “Meditation & Dhamma Sharing” (Wednesdays, 8 pm – 10 pm). 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

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Dhamma Reflection

“Your destiny is in your hands. There is no such thing as inevitable fate or irrevocable destiny according to the teachings of the Buddha. If we examine our own feelings and those of others, we will realise that the unhappiness and suffering experienced today are the results of faults that had been committed yesterday. We must learn to understand the nature of worldly conditions which are marked with uncertainty and bear the seemingly “unjust” suffering with a calm mind.”

— Excerpt from “*Why Worry!*” by Ven. Dr. K. Sri Dhammananda



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