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# The Buddha-Dharma Centre of Hong Kong Ltd.

# 2021-22 Diploma in Pali and Buddhist Studies (English Medium)

(Registration No.: 272801)

Diploma conferred by University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

## Background

The Dipoma programme is affiliated with the University of Kelaniya (UoK), Sri Lanka, a state University in Sri Lanka established in 1875. UoK is one of the eminent Centres of Buddhist Studies in the world.

# **Objectives of the Centre**

- 1. To integrate the study of Buddhism with Buddha-dharma practice.
- 2. To develop a holistic understanding of Buddhism without sectarian bias.

## Goals

- 1. To provide an avenue for learning Buddhist Studies systematically for those aspiring to pursue Buddhist Studies at the tertiary level.
- 2. To handle personal problems effectively, cultivate wisdom and attain a harmonious life through Buddha-dharma practice.

# Programme Structure, Course units and Lecture Hours

Candidates should earn 30 credits to complete the Diploma programme. The whole programme comprises 450 lecture hours. The programme will be offered on a Semester basis. Each academic year comprises two semesters. Upon successful completion of the programme, candidates will be awarded a Diploma in Pali and Buddhist Studies.

Course Units on offer: DPBS 13014 Historical Background of Buddhism (4 credits) DPBS 13024 Fundamental Teachings of Buddhism (4 credits) DPBS 13034 Selected Readings in Pali Literature (4 credits) DPBS 13044 Pali Grammar & Literature (4 credits) DPBS 13052 Buddhist Cultural Diversity in Asia (2 credits) DPBS 13054 Elementary Buddhist Sanskrit (4 credits) DPBS 13062 Theravada and Mahayana (2 credits) DPBS 13064 Buddhist Ethics and Meditation (4 credits) DPBS 13074 Abhidhamma and Development of Buddhist Thought (4 credits) DPBS 13082 English For Buddhist Studies (2 credits) DPBS 13084 Selected Readings in Chinese Buddhist Sutras (4 credits) DPBS 13094 Modern movements of Humanistic Buddhism (4 credits)

For each academic year, we will select course units to be offered, 16 credits or 14 credits, making a total of 30 credits for the 2-year part-time programme. Course units DPBS 13014, DPBS 13024, DPBS 13064 and DPBS 13074 will be offered to students in the 2-year programme.

The course syllabus is available on our website

## Mode of Study

Part-time (two years) Classes are conducted in weekday evenings (7:00-10:00pm) and weekends 2:30-5:30pm or 6:30-9:30pm.

## **Provision for enrolment as Occasional Students**

Applicants who are interested in taking only certain course units (instead of joining the whole Diploma programme) may enrol as Occasional Students. They do not need to meet the above-mentioned entrance requirements for enrolment. Upon completion of the chosen course unit, students will be issued a Certificate of Attendance. For those who have successfully completed all the requirements of a course unit (including final examination and written assignments), a Certificate of Completion with the passing grade obtained will be issued.

#### **Course Fee**

| <b>Registration Fee</b> | HK\$ 500 (non-refundable)  |
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| Tuition Fee             | HK\$ 29,000, payable in four instalment (HK\$ 7,250 each)                        |
| Occasional Students:    | HK\$ 3,000 (course units of 4 credits)<br>HK\$ 2,000 (course units of 2 credits) |

# **Entrance Requirements**

All applicants should meet at least one of the following requirements:

(i) Passes in three subjects in GCE (General Certificate of Education) Advance Level examination in Sri Lanka;

(ii) Passes in three subjects in London Advance Level examination;

(iii) A certificate equivalent to above qualification;

(iv) Diploma in Buddhist Studies or any other subject from a recognized university or higher education institute;

(v) Secondary school certificate (completed thirteen years of school education) or its equivalent;

(vi) Any other qualifications deemed equivalent to the above by University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.

Please contact the Centre in case of doubt about eligibility of admission.

# **English Language Proficiency Requirement**

If the student's first language is not English, or if the medium of instruction of his previous studies was not in English, he will be invited to attend an interview with a view to ascertaining whether he can work in English

# **Application Procedures**

Please download the application form, and submit a completed copy, along with certified copies of your academic credentials, three recent photographs (45mm X 35mm) of yourself and an application fee of HK\$500 (cheque payable to The Buddha-Dharma Centre of Hong Kong Ltd.) to BDCHK.

Please note that documents once submitted will not be returned to applicants. For successful applications, the application documents will form part of the student records. For unsuccessful applications, the application form and all supporting documents will be destroyed.

## **Course Commencement**

Late February 2021

# **Course Director**

Ven. Prof. K L Dhammajoti

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