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Pictures Above: Inauguration, End of Year Celebrations & Thay Linh Tan's Birthday.

“We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves.” –Dalai Lama

## INAUGURATION

Fundraising was held at Happy Reception for the inauguration of the newly constructed temple, An Quang. It was quite successful, total raised was \$300,000 from which Nalanda Institute Australia contributed \$2000. One week later, on the Grand Opening day, again we donated over \$3000 and were responsible for the Saturday catering Luncheon for 75 monks and nuns and prepared meals for 1000 guests. It was considered as one of the most successful events and highly appreciated by all monks and nuns and laities locally and abroad. On the three day-celebration, the United Vietnamese Buddhist Congregation of Australia and New Zealand took opportunity to Further Advance and recognised monks of significant contributions to Buddhism and society in the last 20 years based on education, charitable activities and engaging social works. Thay Linh Tan was one of the highly recognised monks.

## END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

On Friday 13th, we hosted our end of year event at the Collingwood library. We invited senior monk, Hoa Thuong Thich Tinh Minh, to the party and he gave a speech praising our program and the many achievements that Thay Linh Tan has accomplished in the past years. The day was organised to show the appreciation of Thay's contributions and Thay also made a speech about the co-existence of teacher and students. There were two short plays and plenty of food and karaoke to entertain the guests. There was also a cake for Thay's birthday. It was a great night and the guests enjoyed the event.

## CHARITY EVENT

In mid December, there was charity fundraising for eye treatments and our organisation raised \$2550 from a total of \$70,000 from everyone who attended. Thay Linh Tan was nominated as the organiser and gave an inspirational speech to raise awareness of people who are in desperate need to regain their sight. American Signer Chau Ngoc Ha and MC Viet Thao attended. The event was moved to Quang Minh Temple due to a large amount of interest and attendance. It was a record high attendance with a total of approximately 500 people.

## THE DHAMMAPADA

### Dhammapada Verse 62 (English)

"I have sons, I have wealth"  
with this the fool is afflicted.

Indeed, he himself is not his own,  
how can sons and wealth be his?

### Kinh Pháp Cú Phẩm Ngũ Câu 62 (Vietnamese)

Con tôi, tài sản tôi,  
Người ngu sanh ưu não,  
Tự ta, ta không có,  
Con đâu, tài sản đâu?

An explanation of this verse in Vietnamese by Dieu Tam can be found on our website if you would like to view our students' work. Our website has been redesigned and the newsletters can now be found at:

<https://nalandaus.site/index.php/news/> or in the News page at [www.nalandaus.site](http://www.nalandaus.site).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tet (Lunar New Year) Festival
- New Zealand Trip

## BIRTHDAYS

- Thay Linh Tan
- Lien Bao
- Nhu Huong

Thank you for you reading our newsletter. We apologise if we have made any mistakes throughout the newsletter. We also appreciate any feedback you can leave by emailing us on [admin@nalandaus.site](mailto:admin@nalandaus.site). Metta, Nalanda Institute.

