

One Year Dharma Instructors' Course:

October 2008 – December 2009

2008

Wednesdays 8 – 9:30 pm & Saturdays 3 – 5 pm (Saturday November 29 3 – 6 pm)
Mondays, October 20, November 17 & December 1 8 – 9:30 pm
one full week-end November 1 & 2 from 9 to 5 pm

From December 2008 until October 2009 there will be various activities assigned.

2009

Dates to be finalized

The aim of this course is to provide the tools to interested students so that they can go on to teach Buddhism to as wide an audience as possible.

Requirements

The entire course will be in English with no translation possible (sorry). Only 12 people will be accepted. 98% attendance and active participation are essential.

Place

The full course will take place at Khoon Chee Vihara, 23 Lorong Mydin.

Application Process

If you are interested then please write to: Ven. Mujin Sunim mujin@infomaniak.ch with any questions that you may have. If you would like to apply, please send a 250 word explanation of why you want to follow this course in English. If you do not have access to email, then please go to Khoon Chee Vihara and someone will help you.

The oral exam will be on:

You will be notified on September 15 if you are accepted or not.

Dharma Instructors' Course (DIC)

Week 1	Wednesday Saturday	15/10 18/10	Introduction & Being a Buddhist Life of the Buddha – new developments
Week 2	Monday Wednesday Saturday	20/10 22/10 25/10	The Spread of Buddhism around the world Your Mind Talking
Week 3	Wednesday Sat. & Sun.	29/10 1 – 2/11	Turning the Wheel Retreat week-end
Week 4	Wednesday Saturday	5/11 8/11	Perfect Dwellings The Perfections
Week 5	Wednesday Saturday	12/11 15/11	The Hindrances Mahayana & Theravada
Week 6	Monday Wednesday Saturday	17/11 19/11 22/11	Sutras The Heart Sutra Satipatthana
Week 7	Wednesday Saturday	26/11 29/11	Discussion on the Future of Buddhism Lantern-making (3:00 – 6:00)
Week 8	Monday Wednesday Saturday	1/12 3/12 6/12	5 minute talks Exam Results and program ahead

Mujin's Total 2008 Program in Singapore

Wednesday	15/10	DIC: Introduction & Being a Buddhist
Saturday	18/10	DIC: Life of the Buddha – new developments
Monday	20/10	DIC: The Spread of Buddhism around the world
Wednesday	22/10	DIC: Your Mind
Thursday	23/10	CR: Introduction to the Heart Sutra
Saturday	25/10	DIC: Talking
Wednesday	29/10	DIC: Turning the Wheel
Thursday	30/10	CR: The Substance of the Heart Sutra
Sat. & Sun.	1 – 2/11	DIC: Retreat week-end 9-5 pm
Wednesday	5/11	DIC: Perfect Dwellings
Thursday	6/11	CR: The Principles of the Heart Sutra
Saturday	8/11	DIC: The Perfections
Wednesday	12/11	DIC: The Hindrances
Thursday	13/11	CR: The Practice of the Heart Sutra
Saturday	15/11	DIC: Mahayana & Theravada
Sat. & Sun.	15-16/11	Teaching in Temples I
Monday	17/11	DIC: Sutras
Wednesday	19/11	DIC: The Heart Sutra
Thursday	20/11	CR: The Use of the Heart Sutra
Saturday	22/11	DIC: Satipatthana
Sat. & Sun.	22-23/11	Teaching in Temples II: Problems & Solutions
Wednesday	26/11	DIC: Debate on the Future of Buddhism
Thursday	27/11	CR: The Heart Sutra
Saturday	29/11	DIC: Lantern-making (3:00 – 6:00)
Monday	1/12	DIC: 5 minute talks
Wednesday	3/12	DIC: Exam
Saturday	6/12	DIC: Results and program ahead

DIC is Dharma Instructors' Course.

CR is City Retreat.

What is the *Heart Sutra*?

In all Mahayana temples the *Heart Sutra* is chanted three times a day. But what is it about? Why do we chant it so often?

Thursday	23.10	Introduction to the Heart Sutra
Thursday	30/10	The Substance of the Heart Sutra
Thursday	6/11	The Principles of the Heart Sutra
Thursday	13/11	The Practice of the Heart Sutra
Thursday	20/11	The Use of the Heart Sutra
Thursday	27/11	The Heart Sutra

Teaching in Temples I: November 14 – 16, 2008

Friday November 14, 2008

- 7:30 p.m. Arrive and register
8:00 Orientation – What are we going to do for two days?

Saturday November 15, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. Seminar 1: How should we teach Buddhism in the Modern World?
10:30 Coffee
10:45 Seminar 2: How should we teach Buddhism in the Modern World?
12:00 Lunch
1:30 Seminar 3: Materials to teach
3:00 Tea
3:30 Seminar 4: Materials to teach
5:00 Discussion: So what do you think?
6:00 End for the day

Sunday November 16, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. Seminar 5: The Class
10:30 Coffee
10:45 Seminar 6: The Class
12:00 Lunch
1:30 Seminar 7: Other Aspects
3:00 Tea
3:30 Discussion + Feedback
5:00 Closing ceremony + certificate

(Minimum of 20 participants, please)

Teaching in Temples II: Problems & Solutions
November 14 – 16, 2008

Saturday November 22, 2008

9 a.m.	Orientation: What do you want to do for two days?
9:30	Seminar 1: Perspectives
10:30	Coffee
11:00	Seminar 2: Students
12:30	Lunch
1:30	Seminar 3: Materials
3:00	Tea
3:30	Seminar 4: Methodology
5:00	So what do you think?
6:00	End of the Day

Sunday November 23, 2008

9 a.m.	Seminar 5: Materials + Methodology
10:30	Coffee
11:00	Seminar 6: Students + Materials + Methodology
12:30	Lunch
1:30	Solutions, solutions, solutions
3:30	Tea
4:00	Summing-up & Feedback
5:00	Closing Ceremony & Certificates

(Minimum of 20 participants, please)