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In a remarkable event that unfolded on September 29th, 2023, seven young women in Uganda received temporary ordination as Buddhist nuns, marking a historic milestone in the growth and development of Buddhism in Africa. This momentous occasion took place at the Uganda Buddhist Centre (UBC). Six girls are part of the UBC's Compassion Care Centre program which takes care of orphans and vulnerable children. The seventh participant is a dedicated staff member at UBC.

The ordination of these girls and young woman is a significant step in the growth and development of Buddhism in Uganda and Africa as a whole. It highlights the adaptability and inclusivity of Buddhism, as a religion that welcomes people from all

walks of life and backgrounds.

The act of ordaining of girls young women as nuns underscores the progressive and transformative nature of Buddhism in Uganda. It challenges traditional gender roles and opens the door for more women to take active roles in the growth and expansion of Buddhism in Africa. This can serve as an inspiration for girls and women in Uganda to explore their spiritual path.

Furthermore, this ordination ceremony marks the largest group of nuns ever ordained at UBC in the last two decades. It demonstrates the growing interest in Buddhism among the local community and a heightened commitment to the teachings of compassion and mindfulness.



Bhante Buddharakkhita administering precepts to the nuns-to-be.



One of the candidate receiving robes from Bhante Buddharakkhita



The newly ordained nuns preparing to have their lunch





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We are eternally grateful to Fortuna Ltd for their generous donation of scholastic items and other school supplies to the Buddhist Peace School. These educational materials worth several million Uganda Shillings will enable our students to expand their knowledge and develop crucial skills, allow them to express their creativity and engage in effective learning.

We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Shyam Krishnar for his generous contribution and for setting a remarkable example of corporate social responsibility. By supporting the Buddhist Peace School, you play a significant role in shaping the future of our children and our community.

Education is a powerful tool that can break the cycle of poverty, create opportunities for personal growth and development, thereby contribut-

ing to the overall progress of a society.

We invite everyone who believes in the power of education and the importance of peace to contribute to this cause. Your donations, whether in the form of scholastic materials, financial support, or your time and expertise, can make a world of difference.





BHANTE BUDDHARAKKHITA ATTENDS THE 8TH WORLD BUDDHIST SUMMIT IN JAPAN

On the 12th of September, Bhante Bud dharakkhita attended the 8th World Bud dhist Summit (WBS) held in Kobe-city, Japan. The summit is the supreme Bud dhist conference representing over 500 million Buddhists in the world. It is organ ised with the cooperation from the United Nations as well as supreme Buddhist lead ers around the globe.

The 8th WBS was a 2-day global gathering of Supreme Buddhist leaders, dignitaries, and enthusiasts from various corners of the world. Among the distinguished participants were delegates from the Kingdom of Thailand, Kingdom of Bhutan, Kingdom of Cambodia, representatives of the United Nations, and diplomatic

envoys representing their respective countries. This international gathering provided an oppor tunity for the exchange of ideas, culture, and fostered a sense of spiritual connection among the participants.

One of the key highlights of the Summit was the official inauguration of Nalanda Mahavihara, which hhas been a wish for all Buddhists around the world to construct Nalanda which was destroyed in India. The establishment of this university, renowned for its ancient roots in India underscores the enduring relevance of Buddhist principles in the contemporary world. It signifies wisdom and enlightenment, offering space for scholars and seekers to inquire into the profound and timeless teachings of the Buddha.

In addition, the 8th Summit installed a new President who will lead the global Buddhist community encompassing all Buddhist traditions, the Mahayana, Theravada and Vajrayana (MTV). The new President is Most Venerable Dr. Shinkai Kori, Chief High Priest of Nenbutsushu Buddhist Sect of Japan.

Bhante was appointed as one of the Vice Presidents of the World Buddhist Summit, representing the African continent. This recognition not only celebrates his dedication and tireless efforts but also sheds light on the growing influence of Buddhism in Africa.

Bhante's speech was about buddhist activities in Uganda. He also talked about Nalanda university in India. He said that during the time of the Buddha, it was considered the golden age of India. He noted that Nalanda in Japan is the golden age of Buddhism as a global

religion that offers the direct path to peace and happiness. finally, he called upon all Buddhists around the world to work together for the benefit and welfare of all beings.

UBC is now a major initiative providing a stable source of Buddhism in Africa.

As we reflect upon this momentous event, we are reminded of the unifying power of spirituality, which bridges cultural divides and nurtures a world of peace and compassion.

May the teachings of Buddhism continue to illuminate our shared path toward a more peaceful and harmonious future!



Bhante Buddharakkhita offering a gift to Most Ven. Dr. Shinkai Kori, the new President of WBS.



Bhante signing in the arrival book at the WBS



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