



UGANDA BUDDHIST CENTRE

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Over the past month, we have experienced significant growth and made several notable improvements to our facilities, furthering our mission to create a harmonious and secure environment for everyone. Here, we are pleased to share our progress and the exciting developments within our community.

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On Sunday, June 30, 2024, the Uganda Buddhist Centre held a private screening of its much-anticipated documentary film, *Lion's Roar, Africa*, in at the Uganda Buddhist. *Lion's Roar, Africa* is a captivating film that explores the unique intersection of Africa's rich cultural heritage and Buddhist spirituality. The documentary beautifully weaves together the vibrant cultural norms of Africa with the profound and enlightening experiences of Bhante Buddharakkhita.

This documentary was also privately screened in Singapore providing an intimate setting for an audience keen to know about the practice of Buddhism in Africa. The film received an enthusiastic response, resonating deeply with viewers and sparked thoughtful discussions about the integration of different cultural and spiritual traditions.



The documentary has won several international awards including but not limited to:

Best Feature Film of the Month by CKF International Film Festival

Honorable Mention—Best Documentary by Eastern Europe Film Festival

Honorable Mention: Best Documentary Short by San Diego Movie Awards

Bronze Winner: Documentary Short by Latitude Film Awards

We are excited to announce that the official public screening of Lion's Roar, Africa will take place in Singapore in November 2024. Following this, the documentary will make its way to Uganda for a public screening in August 2025. These events will provide broader audiences with the opportunity

to experience this enlightening film and gain a deeper understanding of how Bhante Buddhakhita is propagating Buddhism with an African flavor.

As we prepare for the public screenings, we remain committed to our mission of preserving and disseminating the original teachings of the Buddha within the context of African culture. We believe that Lion's Roar, Africa will inspire many and contribute to a greater appreciation of the rich history and Buddhist monastic life in Uganda, Africa.

Checkout what people have shared about Lion's Roar, Africa documentary film on our YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/@ugandabuddhistcentre>





## EXPANSION OF OUR KITCHEN

Our kitchen has undergone a significant expansion, creating a more conducive and spacious environment for our chefs. This enhancement is set to significantly boost the efficiency and effectiveness of meal preparation for the monastics and our community. The additional space has eliminated the congestion that previously hampered movement and workflow, enabling the kitchen staff to carry out their tasks with efficiency. We also purchased spiral dough mixer to streamline food preparation processes, ensuring smoother and more efficient kitchen operations.

The kitchen expansion also reflects our commitment to sustainable energy-efficiency. We use mostly briquettes for cooking which a smarter way of cooking and this was chosen to reduce our environmental footprint and promote environmental stewardship within our community.



Newly acquired Dough mixer



## ENHANCED LEARNING SPACES AT BUDDHIST PEACE SCHOOL

Our commitment to education is evident in the recent renovation projects. The school has received a fresh coat of paint, revitalizing its appearance and creating a more vibrant and welcoming atmosphere for students. The walls of the school have been garnished with images and murals that reflect the educational environment and stimulate the children's learning experience. These murals include educational themes, such as alphabet charts, numerical sequences, and scientific diagrams, as well as inspirational messages and images that promote values like kindness, perseverance, and creativity. By integrating educational content into the school's decor, we have turned the walls into interactive learning tools.

The renovation has also extended beyond aesthetics to include functional improvements in the learning spaces. Classrooms have been reorganized to provide better layouts that facilitate interactive and collaborative learning.





## KATWE COMMUNITY JOINS WEEKLY DHAMMA SESSIONS AT OUR BUNGA CENTRE

Every Saturday, the Uganda Buddhist Centre conducts a Dhamma session at our Bunga Centre in Kampala. Recently, we had the pleasure of welcoming a group of individuals from Katwe, where Bhante Buddharakkhita conducted his PhD research. His research focused on the role of Right Mindfulness and African traditional wisdom in healing transgenerational trauma. This discussion deeply resonated with those who participated in his study, stimulating a profound interest in mindfulness practices.

Inspired by the transformative potential of mindfulness, this group from Katwe has decided to continue their practice and join our Bunga Centre. Now, every Saturday, they come together with our community to practice yoga, meditation, and engage in guided Dhamma discussions. Their commitment and enthusiasm enrich our sessions, fostering a deeper sense of connection and shared purpose within our growing community.



Some of the members from Katwe area in Kampala

## ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

To improve our communication during events and gatherings, we have purchased a new P.A. sound system. This system will ensure clear and effective communication, fostering better engagement during community activities. Whether during meditation sessions, educational programs, or special events, this sound system will enhance the overall experience for everyone involved.

The system includes a professional power Amplifier P-3000 200; one free-range top speaker and one base; DBX power sequence controller; DBX graphics equalizer; DBX 3-way crossover and a 4-channel microphone kit along with their accessories.



# SUPPORTING UGANDA BUDDHIST CENTRE

UBC activities are made possible by many supporters from around the world. Therefore, we are eternally grateful Buddhist Global Relief of USA, Huong Tu Lovingkindness Foundation USA, Buddhist Fellowship of Singapore, Tan Teo Charitable Foundation, and all our beloved donors from around the world.

## UBC still needs your support:

To maintain resident teachers/monastics

To maintain the Temple

To build monks accommodation facilities

To construct and operation of Buddhist Secondary School

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