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BUDDHIST PEACE SCHOOL AND AFRICAN BUDDHIST HIGH SCHOOL RESUME CLASSES FOR TERM TWO

Term Two of the 2025 academic year has officially begun on 26th May 2025, at both the Buddhist Peace School and the African Buddhist High School under the Uganda Buddhist Centre.

Students are back in their classrooms, teachers have returned with fresh energy, and the rhythm of school life is picking up again. There's a shared sense of purpose and anticipation as we continue building an education rooted in Buddhist values.

These schools are more than just places of learning. They are spaces where education is intertwined with mindfulness, compassion, and ethical living.

Guided by the teachings of the Buddha, our approach emphasizes peace, inner discipline, and respect for all beings. For our students, education is not only about

passing exams but also about becoming thoughtful, kind, and responsible members of society.

Our teachers and staff have spent the past weeks preparing lesson plans, organizing materials, and setting up classrooms to create a supportive environment for students to thrive.

Many of the learners returned with smiles and stories to share, eager to reconnect with friends and dive into their studies. This term is particularly exciting as we continue to grow and strengthen our programs.



At the Buddhist Peace School, we remain focused on providing a solid foundation for our nursery and primary students, blending academic learning with life skills and meditation practice. Meanwhile, the African Buddhist High School, which opened its doors not long ago, is steadily taking shape as a space for teenagers to engage in deeper learning, critical thinking, and character development. Both schools reflect the larger vision of the Uganda Buddhist Centre: to offer holistic education that is accessible, meaningful, and grounded in timeless wisdom. Whether it's

through daily meditation, community service projects, or simply learning to be present and attentive, our students are encouraged to develop not just intellectually, but emotionally and spiritually as well.

As the new term begins, we are reminded of the powerful role education plays in shaping not only individual futures but also communities and societies. We are deeply grateful to our teachers, parents, supporters, and friends around the world who continue to support our programs.

Together, we continue planting seeds of peace, one child at a time. May this term be filled with learning, growth, and peace for all.





GLOBAL VOICES UNITE FOR A MORE COMPASSIONATE WORLD

From May 25 to 28, 2025, leaders from around the globe gathered for the Stockholm World Peace Award Conference, a unique meeting of spiritual figures, diplomats, peacebuilders, and global citizens committed to a shared mission: peace.

Among the distinguished honorees was Venerable Dr. Kaboggoza Buddharakkhita, Abbot and President of the Uganda Buddhist Centre. His presence at the Stockholm Concert Hall, where he received the World Peace Award 2025, was a moment of pride not only for Uganda but for all those who see peace as a lived, daily practice.

Known for his pioneering role in establishing Buddhism in East Africa, Bhante Buddharakkhita has long championed a path of inner stillness as a foundation for social transformation.

We must not only talk about peace we must live it, practice it, and nurture it in our communities; he reflected during one of the conference dialogues.



The award ceremony underscored the spiritual and practical dimensions of peace, aligning with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Sessions tackled challenges like poverty, injustice, climate change, and inequality, all through the lens of compassion and cooperation.

Bhante Buddharakkhita's leadership at the Uganda Buddhist Centre has long modeled this approach.

Through education, interfaith dialogue, and meditation programs, the Centre fosters holistic growth across boundaries of religion, age, and background.

His recognition in Stockholm affirms that local action rooted in values of kindness and mindfulness can echo on a global stage.

For many, the image of Bhante receiving the award beneath the blue and gold seal of peace wasn't just symbolic.

It was a call to action. Peace is not an abstract hope it is something we choose, build, and protect every day.

Clad in his saffron robe, Bhante stood among a sea of voices and traditions a mosaic of monks, civil society leaders, and international delegates united not by doctrine, but by a common longing: to build a more compassionate world.





VESAK: A DAY TO REFLECT, PRACTICE, AND RENEWAL

The Uganda Buddhist Centre joined millions of people around the world to celebrate Vesak a day that honors the birth, enlightenment, and passing of the Buddha. It's one of the most important days on the Buddhist calendar, and it carries deep meaning for anyone on a path of peace, compassion, and mindfulness.

Speaking to the community, Ven. Bhante Buddharakkhita reminded listeners that Vesak isn't just a day for ritual, it's a call to return to what matters most. "We're not here just to mark a date," he said. "We're here to remember the Buddha's example and to put his teachings into practice."

Bhante spoke about the threefold meaning of Vesak: the historical events it commemorates, the symbolic reminder of our potential to awaken, and the practical opportunity to recommit to our spiritual path. "Avoiding harm, doing good, and purifying the mind that's the heart of the Buddha's message," he shared.

The reflection also highlighted the relevance of Buddhist teachings in daily life. Bhante emphasized how mindfulness isn't just for monks it's for everyone, including students preparing for exams. "Back then when I was a student, I used to meditate before my tests. While others were cramming, I focused on my breath. It helped me stay calm and clear-minded," he said.

He urged young people at the Centre to take mindfulness seriously not just for academic success, but as a way to navigate life with more clarity, compassion, and focus.

Bhante also spoke about his recent visit to Vietnam for the international Vesak celebration. He described the warmth and kindness of the Vietnamese people and how their culture of peace left a strong impression. "Despite their history of conflicts, they've become one of the most peaceful places I've visited," he said. "That's a powerful lesson for us in Uganda."

Andrew Mukomazi, one of our staff at Uganda Buddhist Centre joined Bhante in Vietnam, shared his own reflections. "The hospitality was beautiful. The food, the people, the spirit of peace, it was unforgettable," he said. "I didn't know you could go seven days without meat and still eat so well!"

Bhante closed his reflection with a reminder that Vesak isn't just a celebration it's an invitation. "It's not about just eating and relaxing," he said. "It's about making a difference. In your life. In your community. In this world."



GRATITUDE MESSAGE FROM THE ABBOT: VEN. BHANTE BUDDHARAKKHITA

I am eternally grateful to all our supporters around the world who have supported the Uganda Buddhist Center projects, like Compassion Care Center, to provide education, food and accommodation for the orphans. And the Buddhist Peace Schools, preschool, primary school, and African Buddhist High School to help us educate children from our community, who are underprivileged, and do not have access to holistic education. Through your support, women in our com-

munity have acquired skills that have enabled them to earn income, sustain their families and take their children to school.

We are grateful for all your continued support. And also, I would like to welcome more support so that we can continue to help people in Uganda.

Thank you very much. This is my blessing to you all.

May you have long healthy life, May you be happy, May you be peaceful, May you have spiritual strength, May you be free from suffering and its causes.

Sadhu, sadhu, sadhu.

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