

## Mission



The Hoa Nghiem Buddhist Temple is a non-profit religious organization committed to serving the community, providing educational programs as well as religious ceremonies.

Our mission is to preserve and practice Buddha's teachings and share our understanding with others so everyone can lead a peaceful, happy and beneficent life.

## Vision

Buddhism enhances our spiritual qualities by developing wisdom and compassion. Hence, we learn to cultivate wisdom, necessary for clear understanding and love of both the universe and the human spirit.

## Objectives

- \* To facilitate the teaching of Buddhism by conducting classes and activities
- \* To promote Buddhism through cultural and religious activities
- \* To foster harmony among all people
- \* To engage in social, charitable work according to Buddhist principles
- \* To provide Buddhist texts and other teaching and learning resources
- \* To conduct, should the need arise, some of the above activities in the English languages.

## Religious and Cultural Activities

### Ceremonics

The Temple also arranges solemn wedding and funeral ceremonies for Buddhists from various ethnic backgrounds. The Temple provides the necessary facilities and advice for conducting ceremonies. Marriage certificates are available upon request.

### Daily Sultra recitations

Sultra Recitations take place every evening Monday to Saturday as well as every Sunday morning.



### Weekend Retreats



The Temple aims to provide the opportunity to experience relaxation, peace and mindfulness. Our participants are able to join many activities such as meditation, Dharma talks and chanting.

### Chaplaincy services

Temple Chaplains are available to privately discuss numerous relationship and belief issues. Chaplains are able to provide a visitation service to patients in hospital and nursing homes, offer prayers and guidance to sick and dying people.

## Education Activities

### Buddhist Sunday Morning School

From 1996, the Hoa Nghiem Temple has been holding Sunday class for the study of Buddhist Dharma in Vietnamese including group discussions and retreats.



### Hoa Nghiem Education Centre



Hoa Nghiem Education Centre is for development of ethical and spiritual knowledge as well as understanding of Vietnamese culture. The learning of Vietnamese and Mathematics are some of the children's activities.

### Computer classes

There are a number of courses available from beginner to advanced level. Computer courses are held every Saturday and Sunday.

### Flowering arranging

This is an opportunity for flower lovers to learn about the flower arranging basics including maintaining freshness and skillful design. Flower arranging courses range from beginner to advanced level.

This including cassettes, DVD, CD, MP3 and Video containing the teaching of many well-known monks.



## Hoa Nghiem Buddhist Library

Established in 2001, Hoa Nghiem Buddhist Library has accumulated an impressive number of books (including Sutras) and multimedia materials on Buddhism.

The Collection was referenced to database in September 2004 with the provision of rapid cataloguing and borrowing system.

## Establishment



Hoa Nghiem Buddhist Temple was founded in 1987 as the first worship place in the United Vietnamese Buddhist Congregation of South Eastern Melbourne (UVBCSEM).

The Most Venerable Thich Phuoc Hue and the Executive Committee purchased the house at 22 Princess Avenue, Springvale as a temporary location.

Toward the end of 1990, Venerable Thich Thien Tam was appointed Abbot of the Hoa Nghiem Temple and Acting President of the UVBCSEM. Venerable Thich Thien Tam was replacing the out going Abbot Venerable Thich Nhat Ton who went to continue studying Buddhism in Taiwan.

At the end of 1995, Venerable Thich Thien Tam and the Executive Committee, purchased three properties around 5000spm in area, situated at 444-448 Springvale Road, Springvale South. The Temple was designed by Architect Chau Dinh Le and construction started in 1999 and was completed in 2003.

## Special Cultural Events



### Lunar New Year Eve and New Year Day

With thousands of participants, a variety of musical shows, tasting vegetarian food.

### Vesak Day (Buddha's Birthday)

The Vesak Day symbolises peace and harmony in the world. It occurs in May.

### The Vu-Lan Day (Ancestor Appreciation Day)

When people show their loves and gratitude toward parents and ancestors

### Mid-Autumn Festival or Children's Festival

All visitors are welcome to participate at the workshop centre.



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