

The Thai Plum Village monastery has built 7 classrooms to offer dharma classes in a “7-year program”. These classrooms have been used frequently since 2010.

The six classrooms were built sequentially over several years with support from the following contributions:

Classroom # 1: A layer made of leaves, bamboo and wood built by the Thai monastics

Classroom # 2: Miriam Van Husen Welsh (VND 250,000,000)

Classroom # 3: Dr. Ton That Chieu (USD 10,000) and Khue Nguyen (USD 5,000) = USD 15,000

Classroom # 4: Dr. Pham Huu Dieu (CAD 5,000), Dr. Hang Chu (CAD 3,000), Khue Nguyen (USD 500), Diep Yen Binh (USD 500) = CAD 8,000 and USD 1,000

Classroom # 5: Tran Phuoc Ngoc Tran (CAD 10,800 + USD 3,600 + VND 30.000.000)

Classroom # 6: Bodhi Sangha - Toronto, Canada (CAD 15,000)

By 2017 the monastery has completed offering a "7-year program" with 7 dharma classes in total. Every year, after completing 3 semesters of studies, everyone graduates to the next class. The classes are named the following (in the order of moving from basic to advanced levels): "Dwelling", "Arrived", "Interbeing", "No Birth", "Emptiness (Sunyata)", "Non Self", and "Aimlessness".

In addition, the monastery also been offering 7 language classes: 2 levels of Thai and 5 levels of English. All the monastics enjoy going to class. As such the Thai monastery can now also be referred to as the Institute Monastery.

The following is required of all dharma teachers:

- Studying, reviewing, and preparing lesson plans are an opportunity for teachers to practice learning and teaching.
- Lesson plans must be submitted to the Dharma Teacher Council for review, correction and supplementation before class
- Approved teaching plans will be kept in archive for next year of classes.

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