



Latin America Vipassana News

CONSTRUCTION OF DHAMMA SARANA - SÃO PAULO - BRAZIL

The new Vipassana Meditation Center in São Paulo, Dhamma Sarana (Refuge in Dhamma), will be inaugurated on March 23, 2016, with the first 10-day course for old students. At present the meditation hall is being built and other renovations are going on, as well as a campaign for dana (sarana.dhamma.org/construcao). Old students are welcome to help with the daily maintenance of the Center (sarana.dhamma.org/periodo-de-servicos). **We are very happy with the establishment of yet another Center in Latin America. May this sacred land be of benefit to many beings.**

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UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES IN CENTER CONSTRUCTION AWAIT YOU IN PERU

In **February 2015**, a group of old students began construction of the new **Vipassana Center Dhamma Suriya** in a site located in the desert outside the city of Lima, Perú. A few of those students were experts in bio-construction (using natural materials and techniques that make anyone a builder) so they decided to put on a Bio-construction Workshop in which the hands-on practice would consist of building dormitories for the center.

This project is unusual and attractive because we are using bio-construction techniques and working with our hands building each structure one wheelbarrow load at a time. (Fortunately, we have many wheelbarrows!) Currently this is a bio-construction project that is supported both by Vipassana students and other volunteers who are interested in learning these sustainable techniques.

For the Bio-Construction Workshop, a camp has been set up outside the boundaries of the Center, where everyone lives in community, enjoying healthy food, making music and getting to know other volunteers from all over the world. No intoxicants are allowed. The conditions are rustic (we sleep in tents) but are slowly improving. In addition, many of the bio-constructors are Vipassana old students who meditate together twice daily in the temporary Dhamma hall set up on the site of the permanent hall on the Dhamma Suriya land.

The camp is populated by young people from many parts of the world, both old students and non-students. It is organized and operated by the bio-constructors, and is not an official Vipassana organization; therefore it has its own culture and customs. Learning bio-construction and sustainable living are important aspects of the camp at this time, where everyone lives together as an ever changing family as people from all over the world come and go. You are welcome to join us in this wonderful and unique opportunity to give service, meditate with Dhamma brothers and sisters and learn bio-construction - with your own hands!

We encourage you to bring your friends; we welcome old students and non-students alike.

For more information, please write to: dhammabioconstruccion@gmail.com.

You can watch this two-minute video of the first dormitory built in February, 2015. <https://vimeo.com/124213437>

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20 day course: May 13 to June 3, 2016

Dhamma Makaranda, Mexico
20 day course: October 7-28, 2016

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