



San Fran Dhammaram Temple

E-Newsletter September 2022



Recent Activities at Wat San Fran

Annual Retreat

We held our annual Wat San Fran retreat at the temple on June 20-26, 2022.

Asalha Puja Day

We observed Asalha Puja Day on Sunday, July 10, 2022 & Entering the Vassa Day on Thursday July 14, 2022.

Wat San Fran School Graduation Day

On August 13, 2022, Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo handed out certificates to our hard-working students who had completed the summer program.

Mae Yo's Birthday Fundraiser

On August 26, 2022, in honor of Mae Yo's birthday, we held a fundraiser as a sign of respect to our esteemed teacher. Mae Yo pledged to contribute the entirety of the fundraiser to Wat Pa Ban Koh's Kathina in order to support the cost of the Sanctuary of Dhamma project.



Thank you
for your contribution
in honor of
Mae Chee Yo's birthday fundraiser
to benefit the construction of
the Sanctuary of Dhamma
at **Wat Pa Ban Koh,**
Udon Thani, Thailand

This project will include a
Dhamma Library, a Dhamma
Hall, and a Dhamma bridge

The estimated cost for this grand project
is \$1.5M (37M Thai baht)

Together we have raised \$23,285 in USA
and \$27,556 in Thailand
It's not too late for you to join this worthy project!

The total amount of contributions from US donors was \$23,285; this amount has already been sent in full to the WSF Saphanboon Foundation on August 26, 2022. WSF Saphanboon has sent the donations to Wat Pa Ban Koh. Anumodana with your dana.

Wat Sat Fran's 2022 Kathina

Our Kathina is almost here! It marks a celebration of a completed rains retreat by the monks at a temple. It is an opportunity for the lay people to show their support to the monks by offering them new robes to replace their old ones. A Kathina is a very auspicious occasion to make merit.



Wat San Fran's
2022 Kathina

10 a.m. Sun Oct 16
Hall of Flowers (9th Ave & Lincoln), Golden Gate Park

Kathinas are only held once a year and we invite Wat San Fran members to sponsor and participate in Wat San Fran's 2022 Kathina. The fundraiser will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2022, at the Hall of Flowers (Lincoln Way & 9th Ave) in Golden Gate Park from 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM.

Upcoming Workshops

One of our main goals here at Wat San Fran is to help spread Buddhism. We offer students many opportunities to learn the wisdom style of practice as taught by our teacher, Venerable Ācariya Thoon Khippapañño.

“While I still have time, I must make haste to cultivate good deeds. The opportunity only lasts as long as the breaths do. Whenever the time for my last breath comes, the opportunity to cultivate goodness will cease immediately.”

[The Autobiography of Venerable Ācariya Thoon Khippapañño](#)
[Volume One](#) | Venerable Ācariya Thoon Khippapañño

Eight Precepts observance (in person workshop)

Friday, September 23, 7 AM to Monday, September 25, 7 AM

You will formally receive the Eight Precepts when you arrive. You will participate in daily chantings, the lunch offering, hear sermons, and read Dhamma books. If you have any questions, the monks and nuns are happy to guide you in your search for answers. Participants are allowed to spend the night at the temple (men) or Akaliko (women).

Reserve your spot now by contacting us at watsanfran@yahoo.com or 415-753-0857.

Dhamma class discussion (online via Zoom)

Every Saturday at 1 PM

How it works

You are invited to join the discussions through Zoom. At these classes, you will hear different Buddhist perspectives on real life situations.

Please email us at watsanfran@yahoo.com for a Zoom link.

Current Projects



Help spread the teachings of an arahant by sponsoring for the printing cost of

Luang Por Thoon's autobiography



two-volume color illustrated per set

Watsanfran has printed a total of 5,700 sets in both English and Thai.
The total printing cost is \$38,746
(1,356,118 Thai baht) not including shipping and distribution
All contributions are greatly appreciated

eBook

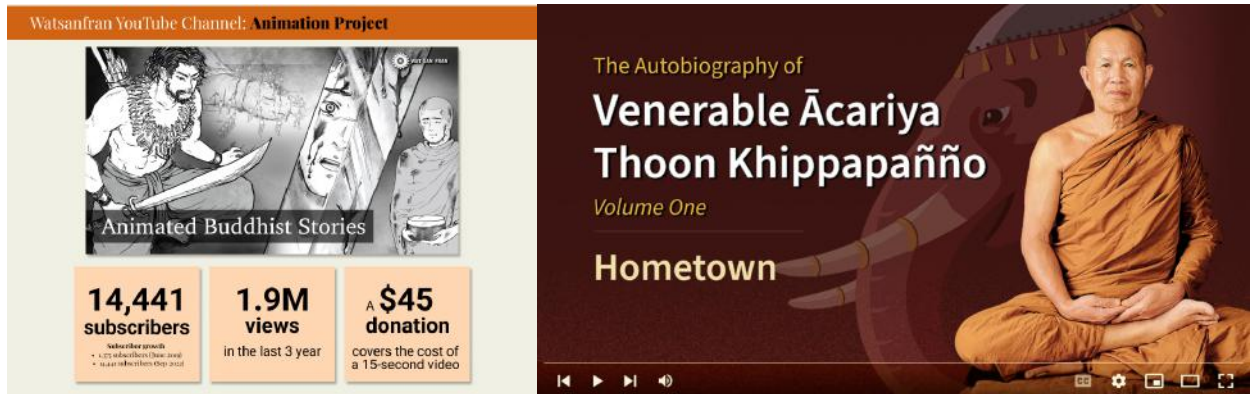
We invite you to check out our digital library at <http://luangporthoon.net/> where you can find Dhamma books available to download for free.

We just launched Luang Por Thoon's color illustrated two-volume autobiography both in English and Thai.

Click here: [English eBook](#) [Thai eBook](#)

Anumodana with the many individuals whose hard work and dedication went into "The Autobiography of Venerable Ācariya Thoon Khippapañño" and anumodana with all the generous donors who made the printing of these books possible. If you'd like to contribute to our mission of disseminating Buddhism, you may do so here:

<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1902037>



YouTube

At our Watsanfran YouTube channel, we upload videos regularly: Luang Por Thoon’s sermons, Taste of Dhamma with English subtitles, Q&A with Mae Yo, Daily Sermon by Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo, Animated Buddhist Stories, Dhamma Audiobooks, and Thai language and music lessons.

A new audiobook chapter from Luang Por Thoon’s English narrated autobiography will be published every Sunday.

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVuzoIVk88hh8990RHQScfPPDRD3fdICH>

Thai audiobook:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVuzoIVk88hjx1eUaiu1DN8mHvVmVNMnD>

Save the Dates

Eight Precept observance

September 23-25, 2022

End of the vassa

Monday October 10, 2022

Kathina prepwork

Saturday, October 15, 2022

Kathina fundraiser event

Sunday, October 16, 2022



Wat San Fran School

Past - Graduation Day

The Wat San Fran Summer School concluded successfully on August 13, when the school awarded graduation certificates to all the students. The students and teachers performed Thai classical dances and played Thai instruments. [Watch the performances here](#)



Thanks Kru Oat & Kru Aof

We would like to express our thanks for Kru Oat and Kru Aof. They were here with us for the past year and worked hard to ensure the happiness and success of our students. They were well loved by all the students and we wish them success in their continued journeys.



Fall Semester

The Fall semester has begun. We are accepting children 5 years old and older. Classes will be on Saturdays and Sundays starting on September 3, and ending on December 18. The students will be separated into five distinct levels according to their proficiency in Thai (space is limited). If you wish for your young one to learn Thai, Thai instruments, Thai culture, and Buddhism, you can contact us at watsanfranschool@gmail.com.

Online class material

Learn the Thai language

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVuzoIVk88hiDYSphDf_xEb2Y518k8641

Learn Thai instruments

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVuzoIVk88hhG4gcphjI7cBwU4Q01mJQa>

Donation Methods

You can be a part of our work by supporting us through donations:

1) Checks

Checks made payable to:

San Fran Dhammaram Temple
2645 Lincoln Way,
San Francisco, CA 94122

2) Venmo

[@watsanfran](#)



3) PayPal Giving Fund

<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1902037>



If donating through Venmo or PayPal, please include a note/memo about which project you wish to donate and send your transaction receipt to LINE: [@watsanfran](#) or Email: watsanfran@yahoo.com. For more information, call (415) 753-0857.

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