Dhamma Suvanna

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Dhamma Suvaṇṇa, meaning 'Gold of Dhamma', is located in Khonkaen, one of the important cities in Northeast Thailand. Easily accessible by car, bus, train, or by plane, the city is approximately 500 km northeast of Bangkok and 300 km from Vientian, Laos.

The Centre is located 30 km away from Khonkaen city. The first portion of the land was donated by old students. With a later purchase, the site has now 28 acres of shady and quiet forestland with different kinds of local trees, two large beautiful ponds in the front serve well as water reservoirs for the whole year. This natural environment helps the land retain its pleasant coolness even during the hot season from March to May.

Presently under construction is a main building with a pagoda on the rooftop, as well as a meditation hall, and individual cells. In the meantime, old meditators have benefited from this site by organizing different Vipassana courses. Since 2003, this site has held one 10-day course, three 3-day courses, six 1-day courses, and courses for children.

A tent with a mosquito net accommodating 30-40 persons serves as a temporary substitute for a meditation hall, and meditators sleep in individual camping tents. Expected to be fully ready by 2007, Dhamma Suvaṇṇa will serve northeastern communities in Thailand and neighbouring countries such as Laos and Vietnam.