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Dear Dhamma friends,

We wish all of you a Happy Myanmar New Year.
May the New Year bring peace and joy to the whole world.



BBAO Events for January 2025 to March 2025

- International New Year Day celebration was held on 01 January 2025. The event was sponsored by Dr Aung Win and his mother Daw Yee Yee.
- The event for “Memorial of Sayadawgyis (Patrons)” was held on 26 January 2025. The event was sponsored by Dr Daw Phyu Phyu Khin and family.
- Htamanae Pwe (Myanmar Traditional Sticky Rice Cooking) took place on 08 February 2025. Htamanae was cooked by volunteers led by Ko Sithu Soe and friends and more than 200 boxes of Htamanae was distributed to BBAO members. The event was sponsored collectively by BBAO members, and Ma Khaing Khaing Lin and family were the main sponsor. Daw Khin Thein and family donated food for the volunteers.
- Ovada Patimokkha ceremony was held on 09 February 2025. The BBAO members offered a collective lunch Dhana for the monks.
- The Tabauing Pwe Festival was held on 24 March 2025. U Maung Maung Latt-Daw May Thinn Htut family and U Thet Ko Aung-Daw May Zin Htut family sponsored this event.

Other News and Announcements

- On March 28th 2025, a devastating earthquake struck Myanmar, affecting thousands of families, damaging infrastructure, and leaving communities in urgent need of support. With the support of our community and generous donors, more than C\$ 100,000 and US\$ 7500 have been collected and C\$ 55,000 have been donated to the affected areas. The relief report and progress are updated on BBAO's social media.
<https://www.facebook.com/BBAOntario>
<https://www.bbaontario.ca/myanmarearthquake2025.php>
- White Lotus Metta Scholarship Program has been launched for the students who are actively involved in the Burmese Canadian community, especially through volunteering activities with BBAO. The information can be found on the following social media site.
<https://whitelotusmetta.com/>
- Vesak Festival; Buddha's Birthday Celebration 2025 will take place on 24 May 2025 at Mississauga Celebration Square and BBAO will be participating. More information can be found on the following social media site.
<https://vesakcelebration.org/>

Financial Report for January 2025 to March 2025

Bank Balance	January	February	March
Beginning balance of the month	334,304.19	349,158.63	349,433.45
Ending balance of the month	349,158.63	349,433.45	362,701.40

CASH IN

Donations (\$)	January	February	March	YTD
Total donation received in the month	15,882.59	6,775.00	7,508.00	30,165.59
				<< Amounts as-received are shown even if donation is to be spread over the whole year
Other income: HST Rebate (\$)				-
Other Deposit		240.00		-
				Duplicated E-Transfer to be refunded
Other Income-Government Rebate	986.25			986.25
Ontario Gov. grant (\$)	7,500.00			7,500.00
Myanmar Earthquake Relief Funds			12,086.00	12,086.00
	24,368.84	7,015.00	19,594.00	50,977.84
				It will be transferred in cheques in April.

CASH OUT

Regular Services (\$)	January	February	March
Electricity		1,076.73	2,370.70
Gas	668.94		780.84
Enercare	215.80	215.80	217.17
Tel & Internet	250.76	248.54	248.54
Garbage pickup	120.65	123.12	123.12
Water/Sewer		587.72	
Regular Service Expense Monthly Totals =	1,256.15	2,251.91	3,740.37

Other major expenses (\$)

	January	February	March
Insurance for monks travel to USA			270.40
Pest control	305.10	152.55	152.55
Hygiene & medicinal items for resident monks		120.17	25.99
Food items for temple		479.21	243.66
Kitchen and cleaning supplies		334.96	
Office expense	124.30	140.12	
Gas burner		303.88	
Building improvement	4,790.39	942.54	
New gas range	2,795.62		
Donation refunded for sending by mistake			240.00
Donation to monks (Ovada Padimokka)		250.00	
Donation to monks (Tabaung Pwe)		300.00	
Donations to monks (Myanmar New Year Blessing)		300.00	
Expenses for Htamanaw Pwe		294.12	699.36
Zoom Subscription Annual	242.84		
Food containers, plates, cups		720.72	803.72
Contribution to funeral		150.00	150.00
Other Expenses Total	8,258.25	4,488.27	2,585.68
TOTAL EXPENSES OF THE MONTH	9,514.40	6,740.18	6,326.05
Remove earthquake funds			(12,086.00)
Cash Flow +/-	14,854.44	274.82	1,181.95

Notes: Account balances in “the start-of-month” and “end-of-month” amounts shown are as per monthly bank statements.

Donations from Dhamma friends and devotees are highly appreciated, as Mahadhammika Temple needs regular donations for monthly expenses and maintenance costs.

We have set up the “auto-deposit” option for BBAO account so that Dhamma friends can now send their donations by e-transfer to bbaodana@gmail.com without providing a security question.

With metta,

BBAO Executive Committee Team (2025-2026)