

Background

Gift of Premises (Senāsana)

Before receiving premises

Since inception in 2010, the Nirodha City Centre of Colombo, Sri Lanka, has been functioning in rental properties. This meant that relocation was required after every few years. Among difficulties this prevented us from continuing our meditation programs regularly and meeting the requirements of many who wanted to join in for meditation practice.

Although there has been a need for an independent City Centre, Nirodha lacked the finances for the outright purchase of centrally located premises. Not having a centre also meant our teacher Bhikkhu Samādhikusalà lived in rented places and had to go through many difficulties to keep to his monastic rules and practices.

Informing of potential donor

In Feb of of 2022, the Hon. Secretary of the Samādhikusalà Foundation, Yogi Dr. Nileeni Meegama of USA, informed us that her aunt Mrs. Mignonne Wickramasingha and uncle Mr. Ranjith Wickramasingha were looking for a worthy teacher of Buddha Dharma in Colombo to offer their premises. After some conversations with her relatives Yogi Dr. Meegama introduced them to Bhikkhu Samadhikusala.



Second from left the donor Mr. Ranjith Wickramasingha with his mother Mrs. Enid Atapattu and brothers.

In March 2022, Mr. Wickramasingha was delighted with meeting Bhikkhu Samādhikusalà and explained his intention of wanting to donate their home for Buddhist work in keeping with the practice of giving mahadāna where the property will be used as a meditation centre for generations to come. He also explained that this property was built on ancestral land that belonged to his mother Mrs. Enid Atapattu.



Signing the transfer of deed in the presence of the attorney and yogis.

Signing the deed

On the morning of June 9th, 2022, after lighting of the traditional oil lamp, offering flowers to the Buddha and chanting, the deed of gift (Pūja) was then signed by Mr. Ranjith Wickramasingha and offered to Bhikkhu Samādhikusalà to sign and acknowledge his acceptance.

Handing over the premises

On January 19, 2023, Mr. Ranjith Wickramasingha and Mrs. Mignonne Wickramasingha handed over the keys for the premises to Bhikkhu Samādhikusalà. A small ceremony was held with a few yogis and friends and included the traditional lighting of oil lamps followed by partaking in milk rice and sweets.



Handing over the premises to Bhikkhu Samadhikusala. Also present are the donors, yogis and friends.