INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

COURSE OF LESSON – SECONDARY LEVEL I

OBJECTIVES

The students will be able to:

- distinguish between fate, divine influence, coincidence and karma (= cause and effect).
- explain the term "karma" from a Buddhist point of view.
- reflect on the consequences of actions.
- reflect on whether and to what extent everyone is responsible for his or her own luck and life.

SECURING KNOWLEDGE	"Everyone is the architect of his own fortune?" What do you think about this statement?	**Material 3** Students also discuss and reflect on the Buddhist perspective
TRANSFER	Where is the interplay of cause and effect readily apparent?	Students collect examples Students examine a context in more detail
DEEPENING	How karma matures? "Seed and Fruit" A Buddhist analogy of cause and effect	**WS 2** **Variations A, B, C** with different levels of difficulty Students understand the analogy **Answers to WS 2**
EXERCISE 2	What is Karma? The Buddhist explanation on cause and effect	**Material 2** Students complete table from **WS 1** Students collect results **Answers to WS 1**
EXERCISE 1	Is there a force that guides the world? God, fate, chance,...	**Material 1** **WS 1 and Answers to WS 1** Students find definition, examples and scope for action Students collect results
INTRO	"Everyone is the architect of his own fortune"	Students deal with proverb

BASIS

What might interest the students about the topic:

- Is there a force that directs the world?
- How much influence do I have?
- Can I do anything at all to change what is happening around me?