INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

COURSE OF LESSON – SECONDARY LEVEL II

OBJECTIVES

The students will be able to:

- understand what conditions have led to Buddhism gaining a foothold in the West.
- explain what makes Buddhism attractive to people in Western cultures.
- relate scientific statements to Buddhist statements.

(OPTIONAL) ANCHORING	Buddhism in the West and its appeal	Students make poster/collage Students present synopsis
KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER	Science and Buddhism Quotes	**Material 3** **WS 2 and Answers to WS 2** Students evaluate quotations Students create an overview and take a stand
(OPTIONAL) EXPLORATION	Spirit of optimism of the 60s, hippie era	Students watch movie clips
EXERCISE	How Buddhism came from Tibet to the West	**WS 1 and Answers to WS 1** Students read text and answer questions **Material 2** for illustration and discussion
INTRO	Buddhist symbols in our everyday life - what makes them so attractive? How did they find their way here?	**Material 1** Students give answers from their previous knowledge

BASIS

What might interest the students about the topic:

- Why are people in the West interested in Buddhism?
- Is the peace-loving nature of Buddhism what makes it so attractive, or the wisdom that emanates from it?
- What can Buddhism give to well-educated and modern Westerners?