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Dhamma Kamala, meaning ‘The Lotus of Dhamma’, was established after Goenkaji, Mataji, and other senior teachers had traveled to Thailand to conduct several non-centre Vipassana courses. Old students decided to establish the first Vipassana centre in Thailand in 1992. The site is in a quiet rural village, a two-hour drive from Bangkok and half way to the Cambodian border.

The development of the Centre started in 1992 and the first course was conducted in November 1992. In August 1998, Goenkaji inaugurated the main building in the centre, composed of a golden pagoda in the top centre, a spacious meditation hall, and 144 individual cells.

Dhamma Kamala, serving students arriving from all over the world, can accommodate approximately 120 meditators, 55 males and 65 females. Built in a modern Thai style, two residential quarters for men and three for women provide simple yet comfortable accommodation. The complex is surrounded by serene ponds and moats of colourful lotuses in keeping with the name of the Centre. Flowering shrubs and trees, especially teak, give a shady and pleasant environment for meditation. Ten-day, twenty-day, and thirty-day courses as well as Satipaṭṭhāna courses are regularly held. Occasionally special courses for monks are also held.