

# News From The Dharma Realm

## MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR PRESIDENT SADAT, HONORARY CHANCELLOR OF DHARMA REALM BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY

On October 8, 1981, in the midst of a Recitation Session honoring Kuan Yin Bodhisattva, the four-fold assembly joined together to bow to the Buddhas in memory of the late Mr. Sadat. The President was supportive of Dharma Realm Buddhist University and wished to join in its work by acting as as Honorary Chancellor.

The Venerable Abbot, commenting on the tragedy, said: "Although Mr. Sadat met with this unfortunate end, basically birth and death are empty and false. What he did for the cause of world peace is true. As a single individual, he was able on many occasions, regarding many different events, to maintain peace and avoid disasters. His efforts will live on forever, for he is truly worthy of veneration."

## PERMANENT PRECEPT PLATFORM ERECTED

An unique and adorned permanent precept platform is in the final stages of construction at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas. This unprecedented platform will be ever-available to those who wish to transmit and receive the Orthodox Precepts of the Thousand Buddhas. The first transmission will take place on this platform in 1982, when novices now in training will become fully ordained Bhikshus and Bhikshunis.

On the outer walls external to the platform itself are meditation seats where cultivators with true and sincere resolve will be able to participate in long-term Ch'an sessions for the purpose of ending birth and death. The first such session, ten weeks in duration, will be held in the winter of 1982-83.