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VENERABLE DHARMA MASTER SIEW CHIN

Dharma Master Siew Chin left the home-life at age 11 in 1929 at Yung Ch'üan (Bubbling Spring) Monastery at Ku Shan (Drum Mountain) in Fukien Province. At age 28, after graduating from the Buddhist Studies Academy at Yung Ch'üan Monastery, he took up living in a hut for five years.

At age 33 he became manager (Tang Chia) of Yung Ch'üan Monastery in 1952. He served in this position for three years. In 1959 Dharma Master Siew Chin left Ku Mountain and went to Penang, Malaysia to become manager (Tang Chia) of Chi Le (Ultimate Bliss) Monastery in Penang. He served there until 1968 when he moved to a hermitage in the mountains overlooking Penang. He has remained there alone from 1968 to the present.

Dharma Master Siew Chin also served as Editor-in-Chief of Wu Chin Teng (Everlasting Light) Buddhist monthly publication for two years. He began serving as the Way Teacher (Tao Shih) of the Kelantan Buddhist Association in 1961, a position which he continues to hold, travelling there to lecture the Sutras several times a year.

Among the five basic approaches--Ch'an, Pure Land, Secret, Vinaya, and Teaching, Dharma Master Siew Chin places emphasis on the Teaching School in his cultivation, concentrating especially on the Four Infinite Contemplations, a teaching based on the Four Unlimited Minds of kindness, compassion, joy, and giving.