



Bodhi Mirror Presents

BHIKSHU SECK KAI HUNG

During the extended period of ceremonies and celebrations which marked the opening of the light of the ten thousand Buddha images in the Kuan Yin Hall of Ten Thousand Buddhas, many auspicious and rare events took place. Coinciding with the Opening was the culmination of the three-fold platform of Transmitting the Complete Bhikshu and Bhikshuni Precepts--the final platform of the Bodhisattva Precepts.

As a member of the Malaysian party of disciples and friends of the Dharma who came to participate in the Opening Festivities, Bhikshu Seck Kai Hung was among those who sought and received the Bodhisattva Precepts. Ordained in the Theravada tradition more than two years ago, Bhikshu Hung tells how he entered the Way.

"About two years ago when I was a layman, I found four postcards on the dusty street. They had photographs on them which depicted the Buddha Shakyamuni's birth, Enlightenment, first sermon, and Nirvana." The event left a vivid impression on Bhikshu Hung's mind. A little later, he felt his personality changing as he sought tranquility of mind and a more solitary existence. Upon recommendation by a friend of his father's, he went to Poh Oo Toong Temple to take refuge under Venerable Boon Keng. After a period of time, he left the home-life under the same master. As a layperson practicing in the temple, he helped cook and worked at various jobs while at the same time learning the doctrines of Buddhism from his teacher. Gradually he came to understand more and more of the Buddha's teaching and within six months had made the decision to leave the home-life and dedicate his life to spiritual practice.

Now as a left-home person he says he has come to realize there are wonderful treasures within Buddhism for all living beings in the world. Thus, he sought to receive and uphold the Bodhisattva Precepts, so as to learn the proper path to enlightenment of self and enlightenment of others, with the vow to save the limitless numbers of living beings.

The Vajra Brilliance Jeweled Precepts are the original source of all Buddhas, original source of all Bodhisattvas, and the seed of the Buddha-nature. All living beings possess the Buddha-nature. All with intent, consciousness, form, and mind--be it sentience or thoughts--are included in the precepts of the Buddha-nature.

-spoken by Shakyamuni Buddha in the BRAHMA NET SUTRA