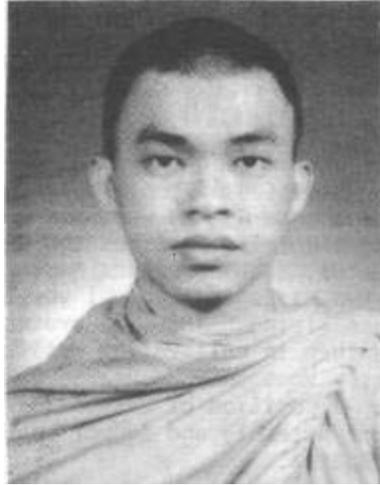


BODHI MIRROR

presents Bhikshu Seck Heng Seet



During the 1982 OPENING CELEBRATION AT THE CITY OF TEN THOUSAND BUDDHAS, Bhikshu Seck Heng Seet joined a Malaysian delegation of devout Buddhist disciples who practiced rigorously with the great assembly for more than two months. He participated in the Kuan Yin Recitation session immediately following the Opening festivities, and then followed faithfully the schedule of the Ch'an session which continued for ten weeks through the winter. But in the interim, an extremely important event transpired in the life of Bhikshu Seck Heng Seet: He was fortunate to join the final stage of the transmission of the Complete Precepts, and to receive the Bodhisattva Precepts on the Adorned Precept Platform. Having been ordained in the Theravada tradition, this aspect of the Precept Transmission had not been available to him. Now, three and half years after his full ordination, he received the "Precepts of the Self-nature" atop his crown along with others in the four-fold assembly during the profoundly moving ceremony.

He comments, "As I find that Buddhism helps every living being to find the way to end suffering in this world, I give rise to a deep faith in the Dharma."

Disciples of the Buddha, the limits of the different afflictions of living beings in the ten directions can be known, but the limits of the good roots of the Bodhisattva who first brings forth the mind for Anuttara--samyaksambodhi cannot be known...It is because he desires to completely know the afflictions of coverings and the afflictions of obstructions that he brings forth a mind of great compassion and of rescuing and protecting. It is in order to cut asunder the net of all afflictions and to cause the nature of All-Wisdom to be purified that he brings forth the mind for Anuttarasamyak--sambodhi.

AVATAMSAKA SUTRA
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Bhikshu Seck Heng Seet, trained as an electrical technician, found a profound difference took place in his life when he made the decision to pursue pure and wholesome practices and to find ways to benefit all beings. He comments, "Since I began learning Buddhism, I have found that I am happier in my daily life, and that my perspective regarding this world has begun to broaden to include an understanding of the truth of the human condition, and the means to help myself and others transcend the bonds of mundane existence. At last I have found a method to bring my own personality to its fullest perfection and a path to guide my life in a proper course which will bring benefit to this world and to the beings in it. Day by day I become more satisfied and my mind becomes clearer and more open to the wisdom inherent in us all. As these changes take place and new insights and experiences open to me, my faith simultaneously deepens and my vows become ever more solid. I resolve to follow the compassionate path of the Buddha to the end of my lives.