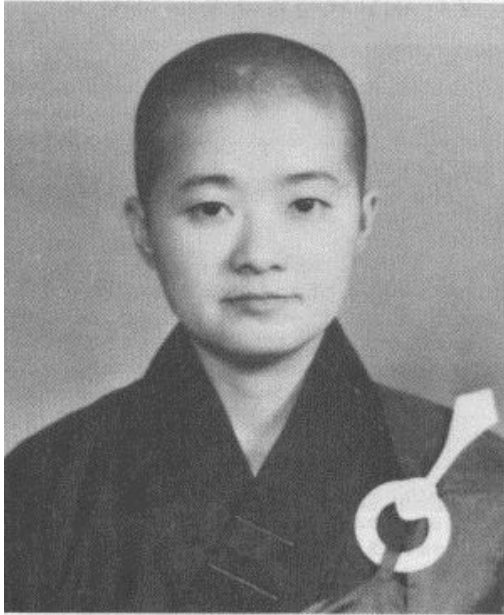


# *The Bodhi Mirror*

*Bhikshuni Tyan Jau*



Bhikshuni Tyan Jau met the delegation from Dharma Realm Buddhist Association in 1978 on their tour of Southeast Asia. Those affinities led to her decision to join a Malaysian delegation that traveled to the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas in 1982 to attend the Opening. She stayed at the City for three weeks, joining in the events and activities, and contributing her time and energy in whatever ways she could.

In 1983 Bhikshuni Tyan Jau shaved her head and left the home-life under Dharma Master Wen Tung in Malaysia. In 1984 she traveled to Taipei, Taiwan, and joined a fifty-three-day Precept Platform at Lin Ji Monastery. At the culmination of the platform, she received the Complete Precepts in the full ordination ceremonies.

In 1985 Bhikshuni Tyan Jau returned to the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas for an extended visit. Prior to her coming, she had a dream in which she saw the Venerable Abbot from afar. It confirmed her feelings that she had affinities with the Sangha at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas.

Affinities grow unobtrusively at the City; one joins the monastic life that is rigorous and yet quiet. Bhikshuni Tyan Jau works hard and yet never calls attention to herself in what she does. She is a librarian at Dharma Realm Buddhist University Library and she joins in the daily practice and study that everyone in the four-fold assembly follows at the City.