

The Bodhi Stand



Dr. Situ Hansun

In 1985 Dr. Situ joined the staff of the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas Medical Center and the faculty of Dharma Realm Buddhist University. An extremely skilled licensed acupuncturist, Dr. Situ has practiced acupuncture and Chinese medicine for over forty years, twenty-eight of which were spent at Shanghai's First Peoples' Hospital and combined Shanghai's Red Cross Hospital complex. For the seven years from 1978 through 1984, she served as Deputy Director of the Acupuncture Department of that major double hospital complex in Shanghai. Dr. Situ was born in Kai-ping, Guangdong Province, China. She graduated from the Shanghai Chinese Medical College and earned lifetime membership in the Shanghai, Yi-chang Institute of Herbal Medicine and Acupuncture.

Upon her graduation in 1940, she was described thus:

Miss Situ is a serious and sincere student, conversant in the literary classics and arts, as well as being an extremely gifted acupuncturist. She has completely mastered the *Nei Nan*, the *Shang Nan*, and the *Wen Bing* (the three major medicinal texts). Her insights are innovative and those who receive her prescriptions have quick and unusually effective healing responses.

Miss Situ's articles are well-written, precise, and devoid of prejudices. Her literature is thought provoking and exceptional in its field. Both her teachers and her classmates look up to her. She is a brilliant member of the medical profession, and that is no exaggeration!

The truth of those early comments has proved itself over the forty years since then Dr. Situ is held in very high regard by all who know her well--whether colleagues or patients, students or friends. Her personal composure and quiet bearing attest to her high moral character. Her professional competence expresses and proves itself again and again. She combines a solid traditional foundation with innovative techniques to find sure ways for acupuncture and herbs to alleviate pain, cure illnesses, and preserve vitality.

As Dr. Situ and her colleague Dr. Sun Shu-ching, who introduced her to the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, draw near the Triple Jewel, they are becoming aware of the depth and breadth of the Buddha's teaching, and of the inconceivable responses that occur within it. One such significant incident happened just recently on the 15th of the first lunar month. Dr. Situ was invited to share the holiday meal with close friends. But when the meat dishes were served, although they were quite attractively prepared, Dr. Situ could not bring herself to eat them! "How strange it was," she comments. "I simply could not bear to eat the flesh of another living creature. I believe it is best to be vegetarian. I'm going to try that from now on."