

## *The Bodhi Mirror*



*Dharma Master Kai Jeng*  
開證法師

Dharma Master Kai Jeng (Revelation of Enlightenment 開證) was born in Gausyung, Taiwan, in 1925. His family was poor, and so he stopped going to school after he graduated from elementary school. However, he studied diligently on his own, and in 1951 when his good roots matured, he left the home-life. For over thirty years, the Dharma Master has been actively involved in doing the Buddha's work, entering the world and yet transcending the mundane. His feeling is that, "Religion is not simply a matter of faith; it is an educational system based in true principle, and a call to wisdom!" The Dharma Master has pioneered projects in the area of educational cultural, and social service work. He has set up different trust funds and scholarships for young students, and established schools throughout Taiwan.

Wishing that the Buddhadharma could spread far and wide, he initiated the printing of the Buddhist Encyclopedia in 1981. Over the years he has also set up the Tz En (Kindness) Woman's Society, the Youth Society, the Society for Reciting the Buddha's Name, the Society for the Protection of the Sangha, a Buddhist orchestra, a Chinese medical clinic, childcare centers and kindergartens. His organization prints and disseminates numerous Buddhist textbooks for children.

The Dharma Master has built various Way-places, the largest of these being Hung Fa Monastery (宏法寺) in Taijung. He has invested his life's energy in educating children, introducing them to China's fine cultural heritage and instilling in them the basic virtues of filial respect, loyalty, humaneness, propriety, righteousness and so forth. From experience he has found that education, social service work, and culture form the foundation for all further Buddhist teachings.

In July, 1988, the Dharma Master and his disciples paid a visit to the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas. During his stay he lectured for the fourfold assembly. The Master spoke of his goals in education, humanitarian work and social service. In October, 1988, when a Dharma Realm Buddhist University delegation led by the Venerable Master Hua was invited by Taiwan Buddhists to hold a two week Great Compassion Assembly throughout the island, Dharma Master Kai Jeng visited the delegation and extended his warm welcome to his friends from the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas.

