

# ***The Bodhi Mirror***



## ***Introducing Dharma Master Ru Tyan***

Dharma Master Ru Tyan is a native of Da Ywan in Tau Ywan (Peach Orchard) County, Taiwan. At age eighteen he expressed his wish to leave the home-life and become a Buddhist monk, but his parents objected; not until ten years later was he able to realize his wish. As it's said,

When one's faith is solid, the resolve to leave home will be granted.

At age twenty-eight he took the vows of a novice at Pure Lotus Monastery in Da Ywan under Venerable Master Jen Syng, and one year later he received full ordination. Repaying the kindness of his parents, Dharma Master Ru Tyan was able to instill faith in Buddhism in his parents, eventually receiving his mother into the Sangha order as a nun.

In 1978 he received the Dharma-transmission from the Venerable Gwang Chyn, and later he also became the Dharma-heir of Venerable Jye Dzung ( 玠宗和尚 ).

Dharma Master Ru Tyan first came to Da Syi Myau Fa Monastery (Big Creek's Wondrous Dharma Monastery 大溪妙法寺 ) in 1974, and lived in a cultivator's cottage while organizing plans for a major Way-place. He underwent countless hardships and suffering; for three months he had only rice gruel and salt to eat.

Wondrous Dharma Monastery has been growing for fifteen years, and occupies over two jya (甲) of land. The buildings comprise the exquisitely adorned Jewelled Hall, chapels devoted to Four Great Bodhisattvas, an Audiovisual Center, and the Treasury of Jewels

Library, all of which are devoted to furthering the cultivation and learning of the Assemblies of Disciples.

Dharma Master Ru Tyan in 1989 also inaugurated Great Kindness Buddhist School. His compassionate concern for humankind can be seen in this new school for developing healthy, good children.

In all his selfless endeavors for the Proper Dharma, Dharma Master Ru Tyan's Bodhisattva-like courage and spirit of self-sacrifice is most admirable.

His personal Dharma cultivation continues the legacy of Venerable Gwang Chyn, emphasizing reciting the Buddha's name, and combining both Pure Land and Chan meditation practice.