

The Bodhi Stand



Introducing Lim Ching Kim

In 1981, when Lim Ching Kim heard that a Buddhist Sangha delegation from America would be visiting Malaysia, he thought it might be of great importance. One night he went to the Buddhist Association building in Kuala Lumpur and listened to Venerable Master Hua lecture on cause and effect. He did not expect that such a brief encounter with the Master would have any immediate effect, but he says, "...probably because of the Master's great compassion and vows, I was able to continually keep in contact with the Buddha's profound teaching, which is hard to encounter nowadays."

Wishing to find out more about the Venerable Master's virtue, he and his wife visited the Sagely City of Ten Thousand Buddhas in 1982 for the opening ceremonies for the Mountain Gate. Of that visit, he says, "The Dharma lectures were wonderful and enlightening. Having been able to observe several interesting phenomena showing and affirming the Master's great wisdom and the power of his spiritual penetrations, I took refuge with the Triple Jewel. Shortly after returning to Malaysia, I became a vegetarian."

His quest for more Dharma inspired him to visit the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas again and again. He attended the graduation ceremony, the Water/Land/Air Repentance Ceremony, and the Ten Thousand Buddhas Repentance Ceremony. During one of his visits, he received the five precepts. Now all the members of his family have visited the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, have taken refuge with the Triple Jewel, and are vegetarian.

During one of his most recent visits to the Sagely City, he felt fortunate to have the opportunity to hear Professor Men lecture on the five elements [These lectures regularly appear as a series of articles titled "The Three Realms, the Four Domains, and the Five Elements: An Investigation into Human Nature" in Vajra Bodhi Sea]. He commented on the benefits of this knowledge, "Understanding the functioning of the five elements can enable me to see myself clearly and help to change any negative habit force, thus maintaining harmony with myself and with others. Less afflictions, less suffering from bodily sickness, and more peace will greatly enhance the practice of the Way."

Regarding the appearance of this article in Vajra Bodhi Sea, he requested, "May I transfer the merit to my parents, and may all beings be free from suffering and attain happiness and take Dhyana bliss as food."