

Sowing New Bodhi Seeds

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in Melbourne for the First Time by Rev. Heng Sure

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Rev. Heng Sure began his Melbourne Dharma talks at RMIT University (Melbourne CBD) on February 28th, followed by others held at Mont Albert North (Melbourne Eastern Suburb) and ended the last one at Melbourne University (North Melbourne) on March 3rd 2014. Within these five days, there were nine Dharma talk sessions in total.

A record of 118 participants (almost 57% Westerners) were treated to a tapestry of inspiring stories from his 3-steps-1-bow journey, from his talk about repaying parents' kindness, from his Dharma songs and guitar and banjo music, and even from puppet shows to engage both adults and kids. The Melbournian crowd found themselves immersed in Dharma joy from this unconventional and impactful delivery of the Buddha's teachings in Australia.

To express our gratitude, Melbourne Dharma Realm (MDR) volunteers offered a variety of Western food and desserts to Rev. Heng Sure over the weekend. Interestingly, we were all impressed by everyone's cooking skills, and through this observation, we concluded that if there is a will there is a Way! Go, go MDR!

Knowing that Rev. Heng Sure also uses photography in spreading the Dharma, we organized a leisurely Sunday morning photo-walk with him at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. We, the MDR volunteers who worked hard together to make this a successful event, had a meaningful meeting with the Reverend on the eve of his leaving Melbourne. The pleasant evening was concluded with dedicating the merits to all living beings.

Looking back at this event, I believe we have sown new Bodhi seeds in Melbourne and I am looking forward to another pleasant surprise when the seeds ripen as we never know how these seeds will take us into the future.



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