

Sowing New Bodhi Seeds

有情來下種 因地果還生

in Melbourne for the First Time by Rev. Heng Sure

恒實法師墨爾本初轉法輪

澳洲墨爾本法界提供

By Melbourne Dharma Realm



DHARMA REALM NEWS | 法界音

(Continued from the front inner cover)

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.

(續封面內頁)

實法師的弘法行程始於二月二十八號的墨爾本皇家理工大學(墨市市中心)，之後隨即在北蒙特亞伯特(墨市東區)地區與大眾共結法緣；終場演說結束於三月三號、北墨爾本地區的墨爾本大學。在五天的行程裏，法師總共進行了九場弘法演說。

根據我們的記錄觀察，全程共有118位聽眾參與了這些豐富精彩的講座，其中一半以上是西方人。弘法的內容包括激勵人心的三步一拜朝聖之旅，以及如何報答父母的慈恩。實法師以吉他和斑鳩琴演唱佛法歌曲，甚至動用手偶來詮釋佛法。無論是大人還是孩子，都被他深深吸引和打動。法師不同尋常且觸動人心的說法方式，令墨爾本的大眾沉浸在深深的法喜之中。

為了向實法師表達敬意，墨爾本法界的義工們精心準備了各式各樣西式的素食和甜點。有趣的是，義工們被彼此精湛的廚藝所打動，並有所感悟地做出總結：那就是「有志者事竟成」，墨爾本法界向前走，加油！

得知實法師也通過影像來傳播佛法，我們便在週日上午安排了墨爾本皇家植物園之行，與法師一起攝影踏青。在實法師離開墨爾本的前夕，他與圓滿此次活動辛苦的義工們，有了一場意味深長的聚會；這場愉悅的歡聚，在功德回向的歌聲中劃下句點。

回顧此次活動，我堅信新的菩提種子已經在墨爾本播下，我期待著未來，當這些菩提種子成熟時所帶來的意外與驚喜，因為我們永遠無法預知這些種子會如何引領我們走向未來。