

## DRBU Alms Club Students Participate in the Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony

### 法界佛教大學佈施社團參加「供僧衣節」

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On October 12 2025, sixteen of us—students, staff, and volunteers—set off together to Abhayagiri Monastery for the annual Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony. Over hundred people from around the world gathered with bright smiles and open hearts to attend this event and celebrate the beautiful bond between the monastic and lay community.

As Ajahn Sudanto said, “Generosity is selfless giving, it feels good to give and it is how we relate to self and the world.” And that’s exactly how it felt! The air was filled with kindness, gratitude, and laughter. We could truly feel the warmth of everyone’s giving heart.

After the ceremony, the monks began the amazing process of hand-sewing and hand-dyeing the offered cloth into new robes. We even stayed to watch the magic moment when five pieces of cloth were sewn together into one robe; we stood outside together in the dark of night while the monks dyed the robe by hand—cold externally, warm internally. Finally, the Abbot of Abhayagiri relinquished his old robe and changed to the newly-offered one

When Venerable Master Hsuan Hua, the founder of the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas and Dharma Realm Buddhist University, was still in the world, he not only devoted himself to interreligious dialogue but also strongly advocated for unity between the Northern and Southern traditions of Buddhism. Part of the DRBU curriculum consists of studying Buddhist scriptures from both the Northern and Southern traditions. This year, the DRBU Alms Club participated for the second time in Abhayagiri Monastery’s “Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony,” thereby responding to Venerable Master Hua’s call for unity between the Northern and Southern traditions of Buddhism. ❀

2025年10月12日，法界佛教大學（法大）佈施社團的學生、大學職員、義工等一行16人，前往無畏寺參加一年一度的「供僧衣節」。來自全球各地逾百人，帶著燦爛的笑容與開放的心態，共聚一堂歡度這個節日，並慶祝僧俗之間的殊勝因緣。

正如蘇丹陀法師說：「布施是無我的付出，喜悅油然而生，付出讓自我和世界和合。」這正是我們的感受。現場的氛圍充滿慈心、感恩與笑聲。我們真實感受到每個人付出的暖心。

供衣儀式之後，無畏寺的僧眾將大家所供的布料，以手工縫製、染色成為全新僧衣。我們留在無畏寺看著僧眾將五塊布料縫成一件僧衣，過程令人驚嘆！夜幕低垂時，我們依舊在無畏寺外，目睹僧眾手工染衣。夜涼如水，我們的內心卻溫暖無比。最後無畏寺方丈汰舊換新，穿上大家新供布料做成的僧衣。

萬佛聖城開山祖師暨法界佛教大學創辦人上宣下化老和尚住世時，不僅致力宗教交流，也大力提倡佛教南北傳的團結。法大課程的一部分，即為研讀佛教南北傳經典。法大佈施社團此次二度參加南傳無畏寺「供僧衣節」，也正響應了宣公上人「團結佛教南北傳」的呼籲。❀