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Buddhist News in Free China*Translated by Mr. H. Y. Li**Edited by Dr. H. S. Levy*

Country Protecting Ritual Held by the Chinese Buddhist Association. Pray That Calamities Affecting Brethren on the Chinese Mainland Will Cease. The Mahatheras All Over the Island Invited to the Ritual to Recite the Sutra.

Taipei—For the praying for the ceasing of calamities to the three hundred thousand suffering brethren, for the memorial and release of the souls of the dead soldiers and for the praying for victory and prosperity, the Chinese Buddhist Association held an one-day ritual on nation-wide, protecting and calamity ceasing at the Shantao Temple of Taipei on October eleventh. All the Mahatheras from the whole island were invited to recite the Sutras. Governmental officials and diplomats were also invited to attend the service. The ritual was divided into exoteric and esoteric altars. The exoteric altar was headed by Ven. Taichang, Ven. Chenglien and Ven. Paiseng. The esoteric altar was headed by Hutuktu Kanjurwa. The movie news and television staffs of the United States recorded the ritual and made color films and tapes of it to be reproduced in other parts of the world.

Chinese Buddhist Association Requests Ministry of Home Affairs to Return the Temples Formerly Occupied by Japanese Monks.

Taipei—The Chinese Buddhist Association has felt that there are no big temples in Taipei good enough for foreign visitors. Those big temples formerly occupied by Japanese monks were offered and built by Taiwan Buddhists and they should be returned to Taiwanese monks instead of being collected by the government as were other Japanese private properties. The C. B. A. asked the Ministry of Home Affairs to return them.

Posted Bulletin Edited by the Lotus Club of Taichung

Taichung—On the restoration festival the Lotus Club of Taichung edited a posted bulletin in the park of Taichung to propagate Buddhism.

The President of Puhsien School Visits Remains of Old Chinese Palace.

Taichung—One of the members of the Philippine Overseas Chinese Buddhist Goodwill Mission to the Mother Country, Mr. M.S. Liu, the President of the Puhsien School, delayed his returning by observing education on the island. He visited Taichung with his associates. In Taichung they visited the Agricultural College, the Chihkuang Buddhist Library and the remains of the Old Chinese Palace.

Ven. Chanyuen Elected Abbot of the Tienlung Temple of Chiayi.

Chiayi—Because the aged Abbot Nengyuan of the Tienluog Temple of Chiayi, a temple belonging to the Pure Land Sect, had resigned, the disciples elected Ven. Chanyuan to be their new abbot. The Venerable is a native of North-east China, forty-five years old. He came to Taiwan eight years ago and strictly observed the Vinaya.

Huayan Buddhist College Established by Kaohsung Lotus Club.

Kaohsung—Ven. Taohsuan, the preceptor of the Kaohsung Lotus Club, established the Huayan Buddhist College to train Buddhist disciples.

Round-The-Island Preaching of Buddhism Today has Reached Taichung.

Taichung—The round-the-island preaching of Buddhism Today Publications headed by Ven. Chuyuan, arrived at Taichung after their east and north visits.

Sarila from the Relics of Upasaka S. K. Chen.

Tainan—After the cremation of the late Upasaka S. K. Chen who was a keen Pure Land-practitioner, there appeared one pearl-like Sarila among the bone relics.

Taichung Buddhists Preach at Hsinpu.

Hsinpu—Buddhists at Hsinpu invited the Buddhists of Taichung to come to preach the Buddha Dharma. They were warmly welcomed and received.