

佛教新聞英文版**Buddhist News in Free China****The Darma Study Class of Kaohsung Buddhist Church established.**

Kaohsung—Although the building of the Kaohsung Buddhist Church was partly finished, the work on Darma was started already. Recently the Darma Study class was established. The students are trained three times a week. They are forty-two in number. The teacher is Mr. W. H. Tang.

The Lutos Club of Taoyuan established. The Buddhist of Taichung invited to preach Darma.

Taoyuan—Conquered all difficulties, the building of the Lotus Club of Taoyuan was finished at last. There are a shrine and a few living rooms. The opening was from November 15th to 20th. There was Darma preaching in those six days. The Buddhists of Taichung were invited to speak and to show lantern slides.

The Holly Relic of Ven. Hsuanchuang welcomed. It was placed in the shrine of Shantao Temple in Taipei for the time being and will be placed inside a Pagoda at The Lake of Sun and Moon.

Taipei—More than two thousand Buddhists gathered at the air-port on 25th November to meet the Holly Relic of Ven. Hsuanchuang which was sent from Japan by air. Ven. Hsuanchuang, who was a famous Chinese monk in the Tang Dynasty, had translated a large amount of the Holly Tripitaka from Sanskrit into Chinese. It is surely an invaluable work on Mahayana Buddhism. The Relic, which stayed in Japan for eleven years, was greeted from Japan by the representative of Chinese Buddhist Association in Taiwan. Five Japanese Monks accompanied on the plane.

After the arrival of the plane, Ven. Kuramochi, a Japanese Monk, carried the Relic and decended. It was carefully received by Ven. Yanpei, a representative of Chinese monks. Hutukotu Changchia, the president of Chinese Buddhist Association, in his yellow robe, saluted. All Buddhists followed. The band played the music of "praising the Triple Gem". The officials come to meet were Mr. Y. J. Yu, the head of Supervission Yuan, M. C. Chang, the member of Examination Yuan, Mr. W. Y. Teng, vice chief of the Board of

Internal Affairs, Mr. K. K. Yan, the president of Taiwan province, Mr. Y. S. Kao, the chief of Taipei Municipality Council, Mr. H. C. Chuan, the head of people representatives, Mr. C. Fang, the chief secretary of the Relief Association, Mr. K. C. Li, the District Chief of Nantou, T. L. Chai, the district people representative, other people representatives and other representatives.

The Relic was placed inside a quartz bottle which was placed in a wooden box. A line of "The Holly Head Relic of Ven. Hsuanchuang, the Holly Teacher on the Tripitaka" was written on the front of the box.

The monks of China and Japan rested a moment and the Relic was then carried to Shantao Temple of Taipei. The procession was magnificent. It was leaded by the band and more than one hundred automobiles followed. It extended to more than one kilometer. Beside the road, worshipers crowded to salute the Holly Relic.

The Relic was placed inside the shrine of the temple and saluted by all. And holly praise songs were sung. The Relic were opened to public worship for three days. At the same time lectures on the events of Ven. Hsuanchuang were given. Then the Holly Relic had a round the island trip for the convenience of all worshipers. It will be placed in a pagoda beside the Lake of Sun and Moon when the pagoda and temple are built.

The events and establishments of Ven. Hsuanchuang were broadcast over the radio broadcasting stations. The five Japanese monks interviewed the important Chinese Buddhists and also got a sight of temples and famous Buddhist places of Taiwan.

One thing should be reported and that was the people greeted at the airport all brought with them the international Buddhist flags which showed the prosperity of the world Buddhism.

Another item worth mentioning was that all people in the airport saluted by the Buddhist custom which was seldom seen beyond temples.

Again another was the queer robes of the monks absorbed all the cameras of foreigners.

An extraordinary event was told that the box of the Relic was not opened by the custom house and this was the only exception since the airport was built.