

佛教新聞英文版 Buddhist News in Free China

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Bodhi Cup photo contest opened,

Taichung.....The Bodhi Cup photo contest, sponsored by our editor board, opened. We had received forty-one photos of Buddhist art. We invite Mr. C. S. Lang, the World famous art photographer, to criticize the works. The result was as follows. The number one was Ven. Kuangchih's "Kuanyin Temple". The number two was Mr. C. Y. Lue's "The moon of the Temple". Prizes will be given on Buddha's birthday. The number one prize will be a big silver Bodhi Cup.

Darma propagation in the spring.

Taichung.....Twenty members of the Lotus Club preached on Darma for five days.

Ilan.....Twenty-two members of the Lotus Club preached on Darma for three days. The preaching prolonged one day more for the arrival of Mr. F. Chu. He delivered a speech on the fourth day.

The Buddha Repeating Society showed a film sent by American Buddhist Mission describing the Buddhist orphanage and kindergarden of the U. S. A. and also the aids of U. S. Buddhists to the Korean refugees during the Korean war.

A library and an young men's hall were under preparation by the Buddhists in Taichung.

Taichung.....Since the hall of the Lotus Club is too small to contain much people, the Buddhist in Taichung planned to build a larger hall with a library inside.

The Voice of America interviewed Hutukoutu Changchia.

Taipei.....A reporter of the Voice of America interviewed Hutukoutu Changchia and asked many questions about Ven. Hsuanchuang, whose relics were welcomed from Japan to Taiwan. It was broadcasted afterwards.

Collecting Buddhist News.

Taichung.....For the sake of introducing news of the world Buddhism to the readers in Taiwan, Bodhedrum requests to send in news items and photos on Buddhist activities every where in the world. Good photos will be printed on the frontispiece. We also want the number of Buddhists in your place. Please notify the number of oversea Chinese Buddhists.

sts. We shall send Bodhidrum for the reward.

Requesting English writings.

Taichung.....We want English articles especially questions and answers on Buddhism. The present article on the questions are translated from Chinese texts. We hope to receive questions directly in English so that we can open an article on the discussions of the Darma. Please send in letters and papers to the editor.

Lectures on the Sutras.

Taichung.....Lectures on the Sutras at the Lotus club of Taichung was held once a week on saturday evening. Now the subject is Vajracchedika-prajnaparamitasutra (the Diamond Sutra) lectured by Mr. P. N. Li.

Taichung.....Lectures on the Sutras at the Lungshan Temple was held once a week on sunday afternoon. The present lecture is the Saddharmapundarika-sutra (the Lotus Sutra) by Mr. P. N. Li.

Kaohsung Buddhist Church.

Kaohsung.....The Buddhist Church established a book store selling Buddhist books. The construction work on the second part of the Church is underway. Ven. Hsingyuen is now directing the work on propagating Darma.

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Questions on Buddhism

Q. There are five divisions of Buddhism namely, Venaya (the discipline), Pravacana (the doctrine), Dhyana (the meditation) Mantra (the esoteric) and Sukhavati (the paradise). Please explain the first four.

A. Tripitaka (teachings) are divided into three sections, the Sutra (classics), the Vinaya (discipline) and the Sastra (discourses). The Vinaya is the discipline and commandments. Those who specially study this belong to Vinaya sect. The Pravacana is the doctrine or teachings of Buddha. Those who specially study theoretical aspects belong to the Pravacana sect. Dhyana is the meditation, contemplation, or concentration of the mind. The Dhyana sect is also called Chan sect or Zen sect which does not depend on words but directly investigates the mind. The Mantra sect is also called the esoteric sect or Singon sect which practices the Darani (secret words) by mouth, the Mudra (symbols) by hands and Vipasyana (insight) by mind. By these means one can see his atyadevata (the chief object of worship).