

佛教新聞英文版 Buddhist News in Free China

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We Sent Delegates to Echo on the 2500 Janyanti of Thailand.

On the Return Journey They Vistited Cambodia

Taipei—For the celebration of 25th. century of Buddhist Era the government of Thailand invited Buddhist delegates of many countries to meet on the full moon day for one week. Our government sent Kanchuerhwa Hutuketu as the chiet delegate, Ven. Yin Shun as the delegate, Ven. Tao An, Ven. Tao Yuan and Mr. Hsuen Teh Chow as observers, Mr. Kasol Hung Trakul and mr. Kwan Hai Lo as advisers, Mr. Huang Chung, Mr. Lien Tseng Lien, and Mr. Shou Chi Peng as guests and Mr. Chu Fei as correspondent.

Hongkong—The Chinese delegates arrived at Hong kong on May 7th. Mr. C. T. Chen, Ven. Youtan and a few tens of Buddhists met at the airport. The delegates stayed for two days visited Ven. Tanhsue, Ven. Tinghsi and Ven. Taihsue's Pagoda.

Bangkok—The Chinese delegates arrived at Bangkok on may 9th, The Chinese ambassador, his secratory and Buddhists of China and Thailand met on the airport, The chief delegate delivered a short address to express the sincerity. The dress of Bhikshu delegates was yellow coat covered with yellow robe and that of lay delegates was gray Western dress, The delegates visited Chinese embassy, Chinese societies, temples in Bangkok and the Sangharaja. Two sets of Chinese Tripitaka were sent to the National Buddhist University.

The celebration began on May 12th and ended on May 18th. The delegates were as follows: China, 4 Bhikshus 7 laymen; Burma, 4 Bhikkhus 12 laymen; Cambodia, 2 Bhikkhus 4 laymen; Ceylon, 5 Bhikkhus 3 laymen; Laos, 3; France, 1; Hongkong, 1; India, 1 Bhikkhu 2 laymen; Japan, 4 Bhikshus 3 laymen; Korea, 3; Malaya, 2; Nepal, 2; Netherlands, 1; Penang, 2; Singapore, 2; U. S. A., 1; Vietnam, 2 Bhikkhus 1 layman. Messages of greetings from the foreign Governments' representatives were read. There were parade of decorated floats through the city and procession of royal barges passing in review on the 3rd day, local celebration at Changwat Nakorn Pathom

on the 4th day, that at Changwat Saraburi on the 5th. day and that at Changwat Ayuthia on the 6th. day,

Our delegates gave many speeches to the oversæ Chinese and many of them converted into Buddhists.

Cambodia—Chinese Buddhist visitors arrived at Cambodia on May 24 th. Ven. Chaochen, Ven. Chihjui, Ven. Faliang, Ven. Sheng yang and more than hundred Buddhists met at the airport. They visited the ministior of religion, president of Buddhist university, Sangha hospital, Chinese temples and Sangharajas. Speeches were delivered and many converted,

Cambodia—The Chinese communists. sent four delegates to Cambodia, headed by Ven. Chihshung. They had little contact with oversea Chinese. They gave no speeches and received no conversions. Even they did'nt attend and invitation. Apparently they were not free.

Bangkok—Chinese guests to Camdbodia returned to Bangkok on May 30th and received more conversions.

Hongkong—Our delegates came to Hongkong on June 3rd. They were hotly received by Mr. C. T. Chen, Mr. L. C. Lin, Ven. Youtan, Ven. Chiaokuang and Ven. Tanhsue, They met Ven. Wagner, an American Bhikshu.

Taipei—Delegates came back on July 7th.

Hutukotu Kanchurhwa Went to Tainan to Preside over the Aniversary of the Chanjan Vihara

Tainan—To celebrate the aniversary of the Chanjan Vihara and to congratulate the promotion to abbotship of Ven. Huifeng a great ritual was held. At the same time they arranged a seven-day Buddha repeatition directed by Ven. Chingnien. They invited Hutukotu kanchurhwa to preside over the ceremony. During the arrival of the Hutukotu a mass of Buddhists met at the railway station. The Hutukotu gave speeches, visited famous scenes and big factories and also performed rites in Tantric tradition.

The Third Aniversary of the Passing Away of Ven. Chihhang

Hsichih—Three day memorial was held for the third aniversary of Ven. Chihhang. They decided not to open the coffin.

Buddhist Library in Tienchung

Tienchung—A Buddhist library was established by the Lotus Club of Tienchung.