

Dear Readers,

Here our minds meet again!

How was your summer?

The first Group Circumscribed Practice held by the Toronto Chapter received a very good response and support. It was wholesomely ended on August 3, after 53 days of commitment by all of the practitioners. The merits of the Circumscribed Practice are dedicated to the straightforward incorporation of the Toronto Chapter. Amazingly with the blessing from all of you, fortune has been on our side for the past couple of months.

The Toronto Chapter is incorporating as a charitable organization, headed by Grace Ng Listkowski as our president and Simon Fong as our vice-president. The two of them have initiated great new ideas and contributed fresh energy to our community. Of course we are grateful to Miles Murphy, our ex-president, for his past and present contributions.

Special thanks to Mr. Derwin Wong of *Morrison, Brown & Sosnovitch, Barristers and Solicitors*, who is providing free legal service for the incorporation. Derwin is not a Buddhist, but he has a big heart and has been involved in many charitable works. It has been our great privilege to get to know Derwin.

The bus trip to Washington, D.C. organized by the Toronto Chapter during the Ontario Civic holiday long week-end (August 4-6) was fun. There were 54 of us and we even had to say “no” to some who wanted to join us, as the bus was already full. On August 12, we held a Vegetarian Banquet in Scarborough. There were 4 tables and 45 people joined in. This was our second annual banquet but the restaurant was a bit too crowded. Next year we will look for some place more comfortable. Photos of the trip and the banquet can be viewed at <http://huayentoronto.com> under activities.

Sue from Ohio flew in to Toronto to partake in the above activities. It was very nice of her to come all



the way from Ohio. She has given us great support in sponsoring our journal, joining our membership and suggesting ways we could improve our programs. It is fellowship like this that warms our hearts and brightens our lives. Thanks Sue!

Commencing September 24, 2007, Grace will give an Introductory Buddhism course – “*Gateway to Inner Peace & Joy*” in English one Monday night each month. The textbook “*The Teachings of the Buddha*” will be used as curriculum. The class is being held at Dixie Park, Mississauga. Pre-registration is required.

We are grateful to Mr. Tommy Tong who is letting us use his office space to hold our English Buddhism class free of charge. His generosity is very much appreciated.

The third annual Chanting retreat of Toronto will be held on October 8, 2007. This time we are trying for a 10-hour non-stop chanting. For further information on the English Buddhism course or the retreat, please look up the details on the websites.

Huayen Detroit Chapter has invited all members and friends to join them for a 53-day circumscribed activity dedicated to Chan practice, starting August 18 till October 9. In Ann Arbor, their Sunday activities have now moved to Saturday.

HeShang will be giving Dharma lectures in Vancouver from October 24 to 28, and in Chicago from October 31 to November 4. Topics, location and time will be posted on the website <http://www.huayen.org> soon.

So much for now...autumn is harvest time. Let's enjoy of the fruit of the crop that we worked so hard to plant!



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