



Dear Readers,

Here our minds meet again!

Time flies when you are having fun. HeShang (Venerable Haiyun Jimeng) completed his annual spring North American tour in May. To listen to his lectures or see pictures of the Chan retreat, please go to our website: <http://www.huayen.org>. We are working on his schedule for the fall North American tour and the next retreat (probably in late April or early May of 2008). If you have any suggestions or would like to help out in any way, please feel free to contact your local chapter.

On May 20, we held our second slide show of Tibet in Mississauga. The second presentation was more enjoyable than the first because we had better equipment and a longer time. Special thanks to Stephen for his time and generosity. He had offered to give us a presentation of his previous trip to India.

Also Mr. Danny Floh Back has agreed to do a slide presentation of his trip around the world for the Toronto Chapter. He just finished traveling extensively in the Far East, Asia and Australia. The cover photo "Indoor Tower – Melbourne" is one of his shots from this trip. Danny has traveled extensively in South America, Africa, Europe, South-east Asia and Australia. He majored in Journalism and has great sense for photography. He wrote: *"Gold put Melbourne on the map. Character keeps it alive. Australia's hidden gem city can be enjoyed on foot, no cover charge or ID required. Its quirky alleys and lively arts scene are infectious, and it shines through on the faces of the fiercely proud people. Each face tells a story, each wall worth a thousand words, and each laneway yearning to be explored."* I was going to put some of his Melbourne photos in this issue of the journal; however we ran out of space. His photos can be viewed at his website: <http://flohback.spaces.live.com>.

The Toronto Chapter is organizing a bus trip to Washington, D.C. during the Ontario Civic holiday long weekend (August 4-6). Last year we went to Chicago and it was so much fun. We intend to have an even better time this year as more people are joining us --15 of them are youngsters. We have booked the full bus and the itinerary is tailor-made. We have made friends with our tour guide Kevin and he loves working with us. Appreciate all circumstances, make good use of all opportunities, enjoy every moment of life – that's the Huayen spirit.

So much for fun... We have been practicing well too. Rebecca and Stanley had their virgin Chan retreat. They both loved it so much that they are looking forward to the next retreat. Sue of Ohio mentioned that she has learned a great deal from the retreat and she is practicing at home. Rosanna and Liana of Chicago were non-Buddhists, but they both benefited much from the training.

Relax, focus and be mindful – that is the Magic Wand to having a FUNTASTIC summer!



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