



Dear Sudhanas:

Thank you for all of the hard work you have put in over the past year. The Huayen World Community is growing steadily thanks to your diligent efforts.

The Dharma is invaluable because it points to the Truth.

The Benevolent Teacher is invaluable because he or she provides guidance for your cultivation.

The Practice Setting is invaluable because it consolidates our will to cultivate our faith.

Thus the world is as vast as the heart's desire; the beauty of our garden will be measured by the effort of our cultivation; and the road will be as long as our vision can take us.

In this New Year, may your wishes come true, may you have good health and prosperity!
May you be rewarded in your cultivation! May your will to practice be forever strong!

**Haiyun Jimeng
Spring 2006**

In the eighth year of Samanta Prabhasa Era of Huayen

Dear Reader,

Here our minds meet again!

Above is the spring greeting we received from Haiyun HeShang. He stated that "The Practice Setting is invaluable because it consolidates our will to cultivate our faith – “道場之所以可貴，在於它凝聚了道心”。 Although our organization is still in the plantation stage, with group efforts and consolidated willpower, we have confidence that someday it will blossom and benefit all sentient beings. The Practice Setting encompasses all Huayen activities held by local chapters as well as this journal.

We just have to look back into the summer of 2002 when the first Toronto Huayen Quarterly Journal was printed to see the progress we have made. Over the past three years we have printed twelve issues and now we are printing our first North American Issue. None of us has any journalism background. We have learned by trial and error: word processing, writing, photography, computer graphics, fundraising, translating, editing, proofreading, and so on. The process has sometimes been painful but in the end it has been very rewarding. The encouragement and support we have received from readers is overwhelming. We will like to thank all of you who have contributed in so many ways to help make this journal possible. We are all learning together and this is another way to practice.

In April, HeShang and his Sangha team will be visiting us in Vancouver and Ann Arbor, giving Dharma talks and hosting retreats. It is a very precious opportunity for us to intensify and to deepen our practice. As well, it is a terrific time for newcomers to experience Huayen. We hope that many of you will be able take advantage of these retreats and broaden your horizon.

The Boston and Toronto Chapters are planning to invite HeShang to come over for Dharma lectures in October of 2006. For all of these events we need both manpower and financial help in order for the planning to come to fruition. If you can help out in any way, please let us know. Best wishes for a marvelous spring!

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