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2023年5月下旬，萬佛聖城全面對外開放。不久，馬來西亞登彼岸道場法界觀音聖寺也舉行21天的華嚴法會暨紀念宣公上人涅槃28週年法會。

當我們來到登彼岸法界觀音聖寺的時候，已經是華嚴法會的第一天。踏入寺院，法會首日可謂是人山人海。由於三年來的疫情影響，我已習慣了活動被取消或縮為小規模，但我仍然被登彼岸的法會盛況及梵唄給深深震撼了。

登彼岸位處吉隆坡的黃金地段，每天熙熙攘攘，車水馬龍，交通便利，不僅方便信眾前來廟上，且無形中也吸引了遊客。聽護法居士講，有遠從中東而來的遊客，他們會上香或會詢問有關佛法的問題，登彼岸的居士們都是很耐心為其解答。

無論是登彼岸，還是法緣寺（紫雲洞道場喬遷於此），或是其他大馬的法總道場，每天的日常功課都不停歇。令我動容的是，80多歲的恒祥法師迄今仍堅持隨大眾早晚功課，這既是傳承著上人流血汗不休

In late May 2023, the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas (CTTB) fully reopened to the public. Shortly thereafter (in June), Deng Bi An (Dharma Realm Guanyin Sagely Monastery) in Malaysia hosted a 21-day Avatamsaka Sutra Recitation Session and the 28th Anniversary Commemoration of Venerable Master Hsuan Hua's Entering Nirvana.

When we arrived at Deng Bi An, it was the first day of the Avatamsaka Session. The temple was bustling with people as we stepped inside. Given the impact of the pandemic in the past three years, I had grown accustomed to events being either canceled or reduced in scale. However, the grandeur of this ceremony and the resonating chants at Deng Bi An profoundly impressed me.

Deng Bi An Temple is situated in the prime location of Kuala Lumpur, abuzz with activities and bustling with traffic. Not only does the convenient transportation facilitate easy access of devotees to the temple, but also subtly draws the attention of tourists. According to Dharma protectors, there are tourists who come from as far as the Middle East. They may light incense or ask questions about Buddhist teachings, and the local laypeople at Deng Bi An are patiently dedicated to providing answers.

Whether in Deng Bi An, Fa Yuan Monastery (the relocated Zi Yun Dong), or any other DRBA Branches in Malaysia, the daily recitations never cease. What especially touches me is the fact that Dharma Master Heng Hsiang, over 80 years old, still steadfastly participates in daily recitations (Morning, Evening, as well as Meal



登彼岸二十一天華嚴法會。

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息的精神，也是無形中為後輩們樹立起良好的風範。法主恒章法師始終兢兢業業，帶領大眾熏修不見有絲毫懈怠。

這次華嚴經法會，依舊能看見幾位熟悉且長期護法的居士，他們都站在佛殿的第一排：陳立松居士、王建昌居士、張耀揚居士、莊鉅坤居士、成國明居士伉儷、林保龍居士等等。

其中，成居士出於對上人的信心與萬佛聖城的信賴，將五個孩子全送到聖城的男校女校唸書。而且五個孩子都以優異學業成績和良好品格，在師生中贏得了信任與尊重。成志喜同學還是廈門大學馬來西亞分校的佛學會長，社團經過他的努力，人數從原來的十幾人，增加到了一百多人。

7/9/2023 芙蓉觀音聖寺

華嚴法會圓滿於7月8日，我們在9日這天抽空去吉隆坡南邊的美蓉觀音聖寺。芙蓉道場地處偏僻的鄉下，我們的兩部車繞了好陣子才開到寺廟的正門——山門。下

Offering) with the assembly. This not only embodies and perpetuates the spirit of tireless dedication demonstrated by the Venerable Master but also sets an exemplary standard for the younger generation. The abbot and the Dharma host, Dharma Master Heng Jang, also remained committed, diligently leading the assembly in their practice.

During this Avatamsaka Session, many familiar and long-time Dharma protecting laypeople could still be seen, all standing in the first row of the Buddha Hall: Lawyer Tan, Derrick Ong, Chin Yang, Chu-Kuen Chuang, Mr. and Mrs. Seng, and Terri Lim, just to name a few.

Among them, layman Seng, inspired by his faith in the Master and trust in the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, sent all five of his children to study at the boys' and girls' schools of CTTB. All five children have earned trust and respect among their teachers and peers through their exceptional academic achievements and positive character. Student Chee Hee Seng even became the president of the Buddhist Society (2021-2022) at Xiamen University Malaysia Campus, where, through his efforts, the membership of the society grew from a dozen to over a hundred.

July 9, 2023 Seremban Guanyin Sagely Monastery

The Avatamsaka Session successfully concluded on July 8, and on July 9, we spent time visiting the Seremban Guanyin Sagely Monastery south of Kuala Lumpur. Nestled in a remote countryside area, Seremban's temple was a bit of a challenge to reach, taking our two cars quite a while to navigate to the temple's main entrance



芙蓉觀音聖寺山門。

The Seremban Guanyin Sagely Monastery's main entrance.

芙蓉觀音寺藥師懺法會。Seremban Guanyin Monastery hosted the Medicine Master Repentance Assembly.

車後，一股濃濃的田園氣息迎面撲來。回想多年前跟隨梵法師來到這裡，週末佛學班辦得風風火火，孩子們的歡聲笑語，始終銘刻在我心中。但是在三年疫情的衝擊下，導致佛學班的關閉，後院的菜園基本處於荒蕪狀態。有發心的居士從老遠開車過來，只有週末才能來打理。

據一位女居士提到，寺廟可以溯源到1988年，那是上人第一次來到芙蓉觀音寺址。上人幾次南洋弘法（1976、1978、1981、1988、1992），在1978年來到芙蓉位處觀音寺附近的妙應寺，拜訪住持寂晃法師。當時的妙應寺已是規模氣派，寂晃法師為了方便大馬佛教的發展，致力於醫療慈善與孩童教育。值得一提的是，法師素有以梵唄唱誦聞名遐邇的「道場王」之稱。然而寂晃長老圓寂之後，現在的妙應寺已由淨宗學會接手。

在上人德行感召與正法播種之下，1992年春，紫雲洞觀音寺首先納入法總道場；1993年春，登彼岸這座百年古剎及這間芙蓉小廟也正式收編為法總道場。這三座同名「觀音寺」皆隸屬於登彼岸系列，就

(the mountain gate). Upon arrival, as soon as we got out of the car, we were greeted by a strong, refreshing rural atmosphere. I recall visiting here years ago with Dharma Master Jin Fan to host Sunday Buddhism classes—the enthusiastic energy and laughter of the children was an experience that always stayed with me. However, the impact of the three year pandemic led to the closure of these classes, and the garden in the backyard has largely fallen into disuse. Only on weekends do volunteer devotees with a strong resolve drive from afar to tend to it.

A laywoman mentioned that the history of the temple can be traced back to the year 1988, when Venerable Master Hua first visited the site of Seremban Guanyin Monastery. The Master made several trips to Southeast Asia to spread the Dharma (1976, 1978, 1981, 1988, and 1992), and in 1978, he visited the abbot Dharma Master Jik Huang of Miaoying Monastery (Wonderful Response Temple) in Seremban, located near Guanyin Monastery. Miaoying Monastery then was already well-established and grand in scale, and Master Jik Huang was focused on medical charities and children's education to facilitate the development of Buddhism in Malaysia. Notably, he was renowned as the “King of Wayplace” for his sublime chanting. After his passing, Miaoying Monastery is now managed by the Amitabha Buddhist Society.

Inspired by the Master's virtue and his propagation of the proper Dharma, in the spring of 1992, Zi Yun Dong Guanyin Monastery became the first temple to join the DRBA. Then, in the spring of 1993, both the century-old temple of Deng Bi An and this small Seremban temple were officially included as part of DRBA. All these three “Guanyin Temples” fall under the Deng Bi An category and

順理成章地劃入法總名下。

度過蕭瑟寒冬，扛過了三年疫情，2023在法總分支道場正式對外重新開放，重新舉辦華嚴法會，來之不易，意義非凡。

7/10 - 7/11/2023 :

法總檳城分會、三慧講堂、洪福寺

十日清晨，我們兩部車從吉隆坡出發，趕往檳城。檳城有淵源歷史及人文薈萃的底蘊，給我留下非常深刻的印象。眾所皆知，馬來西亞是由多元種族與多元文化所成馬國獨特的歷史文化特色，各宗教林立，尤其在鄰近吉打州（Kedah）的檳城。所以近代漢傳佛教到了南洋，檳城幾乎都是首選之地。

上個世紀的中國內戰頻仍，諸多高僧避禍接踵南下，在南洋高豎法幢。比如，創建極樂寺（1904）的妙蓮長老（臨濟宗第45代）；極樂寺監院（1947）及湖濱精舍（1961）的伯圓長老；香林覺苑（1946）及香林學校（1951）的金明長老；青雲亭（1945）的金星法師；妙香林寺（1950）的廣餘長老；三慧講堂（1953）的竺摩長老；妙應寺的寂晃長老等等。

這些從中國南下至大馬的法師，還有備受南北傳佛教徒所敬仰的錫蘭佛寺住持達摩難陀法師，他們都在1970至1980年代，跟上人有過重要的互動。經歷了這麼多年，且挺過了疫情，早年跟上人有過往來的諸多長老都圓寂了，他們的道場都還安好嗎？

我們到檳城的時候，剛好是午齋時間。沒想到來迎接的，居然是2019年我們組團去法國的護法林忠義居士，還有兩三位居士，他們時不時的來兩三句閩南話——實在暖到心窩裡。

上人1978年曾造訪濱海城市的檳城，更是從無到有，現在已建立起法

were thus brought under the umbrella of the DRBA family.

Having endured the bitter cold of the winter and weathering the three-year pandemic, the official reopening of the DRBA branch Wayplaces in Malaysia in 2023 and the resumption of the Avatamsaka Ceremony signify a remarkable achievement and carry profound significance.

July 10-11, 2023

DRBA Penang Branch, Triple Wisdom Hall, and Hong Hock Temple

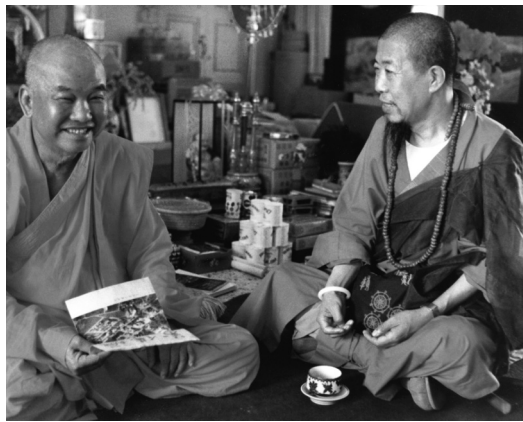
Early morning on July 10, our two cars set out from Kuala Lumpur, heading towards Penang. Penang, with its profound historical roots and cultural heritage, left a lasting impression on me. It is well known that Malaysia's unique historical and cultural characteristics stem from its diverse ethnicities and cultures, including multiple religions, and that is especially representative in Penang neighboring the state of Kedah. Therefore, when Chinese Buddhism spread to Southeast Asia in contemporary times, Penang was almost the first choice for its establishment.

During the frequent civil wars in China last century, many eminent monks sought refuge by heading to Southeast Asia, where they established a strong presence of the Dharma. For example, Kek Lok (Ultimate Bliss) Monastery (1904) founded by Venerable Miaolian (45th generation Patriarch of the Linji lineage); Perdana Vihara (1961) founded by Venerable Bo Yuan, superintendent of Kek Lok Temple from 1947; Heung Lam Jok Yuan (1946) and Heung Lam School (1951) founded by Venerable Kim Beng; Ching Wan Pavilion (1945) founded by Venerable Kim Sen; Myo Heung Lam Monastery (1950) founded by Venerable Guang Yu; Triple Wisdom Hall (1953) founded by Venerable Chuk Mor; and Miaoying Monastery founded by Venerable Jik Huang, among others.

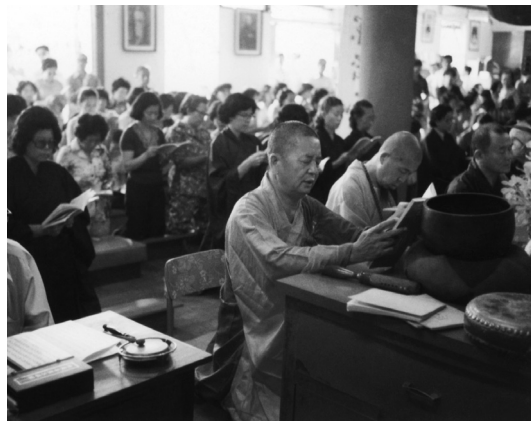
These Dharma Masters who traveled south from mainland China to Malaysia, as well as Dharma Master K. Sri Dhammananda, the highly respected abbot of Maha Vihara Buddhist Temple revered by both Mahayana and Theravada Buddhists, all had significant interactions with Venerable Master Hua during the 1970s and 1980s. After so many years, and having endured the pandemic, with many of the elders who dealt with the Master in the early years having passed away, I wonder how the temples are faring now?



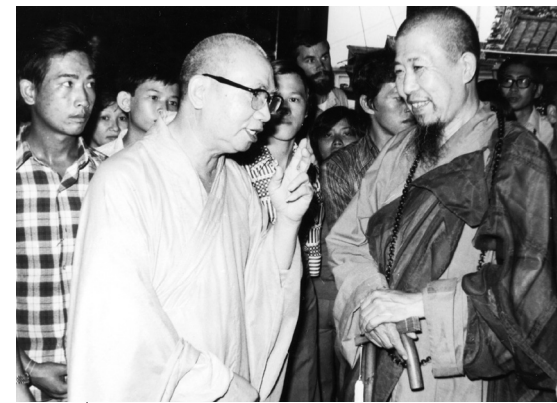
極樂寺監院及湖濱精舍伯圓法師(圖左)。
Venerable Bo Yuan (the left), the founder of Perdana Vihara, superintendent of Kek Lok Temple.



香林覺苑及香林學校金明長老(圖左)。
Venerable Kim Beng (the left), the founder of Heung Lam Jok Yuan and Heung Lam School.



妙香林寺廣餘長老(圖左)。
Venerable Guang Yu (the left), the founder of Myo Heung Lam Monastery.



青雲亭金星法師(圖左)。
Venerable Kim Sen (the left), the founder of Ching Wan Pavilion.



三慧講堂竺摩長老(圖中)。
Venerable Chuk Mor (the middle), the founder of Triple Wisdom Hall.



妙應寺寂晃長老(圖右)。
Venerable Jik Huang (the right), the founder of Miaoying Monastery.

總的檳城分會。上人住世時，交代阮金興居士，說檳城是個好地方，佛法在檳城可以大開弘揚。阮居士一直謹記這句話，2002年他捐出一棟五層辦公樓來做道場，這就是檳城分會的最初緣起。所有基礎設施，從規劃到成就，都不是一蹴而就的，而是經年累月的心力和時間的投入。

第二天一早，阮金興居士、成國明居士伉儷、陳立松居士父女及林忠義居士，我們先去三慧講堂，拜訪了住持繼傳法師。法師很慈悲，特地為我們開了竺摩上人文物紀念館，數百件文物目不暇給，有

When we arrived in Penang, it was just time for the midday meal. To our pleasant surprise, we were greeted by layman Lim Tiong Ghee, a fellow Dharma-protector who joined our 2019 trip to France, along with two or three other laypeople. They occasionally spoke a few sentences in Minnan (Southern Fujian) Dialect — it was truly heartwarming.

The Master visited the coastal city of Penang in 1978, and it was from nothing that the DRBA Penang Branch has been established. During his lifetime, the Master instructed layman Kim Heng Guan that Penang had great potential for the propagation of Buddhism, a statement that layman Kim took to heart. In 2002, he donated a five-story office building to serve as a Wayplace, marking the founding of the Penang Branch. All the infrastructure, from planning to completion, was not achieved overnight but rather the result of years of dedication of time and effort.



達摩難陀法師（左一）率僧侶為訪問團祝禱。
Venerable Dhammananda (first from left) led the monks to pray for the DRBA visiting delegation group.

宣公上人（左三）、達摩難陀法師（左二）以及訪問團在馬來亞大學佛學社。
Venerable Master Hua (third from left), and Venerable Dhammananda (second from left), with the visiting delegation at the Buddhist Society of Malaya University.

圖文並茂的竺摩法師生平事蹟（年譜）。其中個人比較印象深刻的是：早期竺摩法師的書法已是聞名遐邇，擅詩書畫，經常以詩文會友。

離三慧講堂不遠，出了山門沒幾分鐘就到了洪福寺。十幾年前，我們就拜訪過文建長老——那次長老對我們的來訪特別禮遇。其禮遇程度令我終身難忘，想這次無論如何要再去拜會長老。

慶幸的是，十幾年過去了，老和尚的健康狀況依然良好，雖鬚髮皆白，但精神矍鑠，爽朗樂觀。

老和尚早年受英文教育，1978年去機場迎接上人的人群中就有文建老和尚。據他的口述，1987年萬佛城水陸法會時候，上人邀請他來美國。另外兩位法總比丘，當年因為簽證問題，無法來美參加剃度儀式，於是上人請文建法師代刀圓頂。

Next morning, we, along with layman Kim Heng Guan, Mr. and Mrs. Seng, Lawyer Tan and his daughter, and layman Lim Tiong Ghee, went to Triple Wisdom Hall to visit the abbot Dharma Master Jichuan. Master Jichuan, with compassion, specially opened the Venerable Chuk Mor Memorial Museum for us. The hundreds of artifacts were too numerous to take in at once, including an illustrated chronology of Venerable Chuk Mor's life. One thing that particularly stood out to me was that Master Chuk Mor was skilled in poetry, calligraphy, and painting since his early days, with his calligraphy already famous; he often used his literary talents to engage with friends and practitioners.

Not far from Triple Wisdom Hall, just a few minutes' drive from the mountain gate, we arrived at Hong Hock Temple. More than a decade ago, we visited Elder Master Wen Jian, whose exceptional hospitality left such an indelible impression on me that I was determined to visit the Elder again this time no matter what.

Fortunately, despite more than a decade having passed, the elder is still in good health. Though his facial hair has turned white, he remains hale and hearty with a cheerful and optimistic demeanor.

The Elder Master, who received an English education in his early years, was among the group that greeted Venerable Master Hua at the airport in 1978. According to his account, during the 1987 Water and Land Ceremony at CTTB, the Master invited him to the U.S. to attend. Also that year, two DRBA bhikshus could not attend the leaving-home ceremony in the U.S. due to visa issues, so the Master asked Elder Wen



宣公上人在洪福寺與大眾留影。宣公上人(前排正中)、文建法師(左)、本道法師(右)。

Venerable Master Hua at Hong Hok Temple posing with the assembly. The Master Hua (front row, ninth from left), Master Wen Jian (eighth from left), and Master Ben Dao (tenth from left).

跟文建長老告別時候，我匆匆問：「法師，您這邊還存有上人早期的照片嗎？」印象中，上次看過兩三張，這次或許還能看到。法師隨手一指我對面的玻璃，我連忙繞過桌角，定睛一看，是一張不大的照片就壓在玻璃下。

這是上人在洪福寺與大眾留影的珍貴照片：前排正中的是宣公上人，其左邊一位高個子的是文建法師，位於上人的右邊是本道法師。本道法師是金馬崙高原的萬佛寺前住持。1978年，上人拜訪本道法師時候，他正閉關，上人邀請他出關時來萬佛城一起弘法；本道法師沒有答應，表示還是想繼續閉關——從對話中，都能讓我們感受到上人的禪機。

7/13/2023：鶴鳴寺

鶴鳴寺地處吉隆坡市中心，雖然周邊盡是小商販，但這裡是個歡迎法總訪問團籌委會的總聯絡處。在大馬有大型的佛事法會時，一般都在中華會館舉辦；法會後，團員們住宿或供齋、打皈依、會客等都在鶴鳴寺。它誠然不大，正如謝其華居士說的「鶴鳴寺是個小地方，比不上其他富麗堂皇的廟宇，但廟上是至誠懇切地歡迎你們的光臨。」

Jian to perform the head-shaving ceremony on his behalf.

As I bid farewell to Elder Wen Jian, I hurriedly asked, “Master, do you still have any of Master Hua’s early photos here?” I remember seeing two or three of them last time and wished to see them again. Master Wen Jian casually pointed to the glass exhibit opposite me, and upon quickly walking around the corner of the table and focusing my gaze, there was a small photo pressed under the glass.

It is a precious photo of Venerable Master Hua at Hong Hok Temple posing with the assembly: in the center of the front row is the Venerable Master himself, to his left is the tall figure of Master Wen Jian, and to his immediate right is Master Ben Dao, the former abbot of Sam Poh Temple at Cameron Highlands. In 1978, when Master Hua visited Master Ben Dao who was in retreat at the time, Master Hua invited him to come to CTTB to help spread the Buddhadharma when he came out of seclusion, but Master Ben Dao did not respond, expressing his wish to continue his retreat — we can feel Venerable Master Hua’s Chan bantering even from his conversation.

July 13, 2023 Hoeh Beng Temple

Hoeh Beng Temple is located in downtown Kuala Lumpur. Although it is surrounded by small vendors, it serves as the central liaison office for the DRBA Visiting Delegation Welcoming Committee. Whenever there are



宣公上人在湖濱精舍與大眾留影。宣公上人(二排正中)、慧僧法師(左)、伯圓法師(右)。

Venerable Master Hua at Perdana Vihara posing with the assembly. The Master Hua (second row, sixth from left), Master Hui Seng (fifth from left, and Master Bo Yuan (seventh from left).

林保龍居士提到自己與上人的殊勝緣。1988年，上人帶團來大馬弘化，弘法團住在鶴鳴寺。當時大部分信眾不知道上人駐錫處。林居士的福報因緣所致，當時他是鶴鳴寺的義工，得知上人行程中會來鶴鳴寺兩宿，所以事先來此駐點；等到上人來的時候，抓住機會親近善知識，上人也為之摩頂。

黃逢保居士，在2000年之前，他在大馬佛教界扮演著舉足輕重的角色，諸多佛事活動，他義無反顧地擔當起牽頭人、協調員、以及活動幹事等。1978年，經黃居士伉儷熱忱的懇求，上人專門去了一趟黃居士的老家，素有小福州之稱的霹靂實兆遠住了一宿；這天下午，法席中有數百人皈依三寶。

1977年，黃居士參加金馬崙三寶萬佛寺開光的時候，入住於梅倫酒店，第二天清晨五點，聽到從萬佛寺傳來的晨鐘聲，深為感動，於是去參加了開光典禮。看到眾多僧人之中有一位「鶴立雞群」的洋人和尚。黃居士經過竺摩法師的介紹，拜訪了這位美國來的洋和尚——恒觀法師。恒觀法師用華語向黃居士介紹，說自己的師父是宣化度輪法師，宣化法師非常有道行。

large-scale Buddhist events in Malaysia, they are generally held at the Chinese Assembly Hall. Hoeh Beng Temple became the major site for all DRBA Delegation's activities: including meetings, the transmission of the refuge ceremony, room and board among others. It is indeed small, but as Layman Tse Kee Wah said, "Hoeh Beng Temple is a modest place not as grand as other temples, but it welcomes you all with utmost sincerity and warmth."

Layman Pao-Long Lin recounted his special affinities with the Venerable Master. In 1988, when the Master led a delegation to Malaysia to propagate the Dharma, the group once stayed at Hoeh Beng Temple. At that time, most devotees were unaware of the Master's place of residence. Due to Layman Lim's meritorious karma, he was a volunteer at Hoeh Beng Temple at the time and learned in advance that the Venerable Master will be staying there for two nights. Layman Lim therefore stationed himself there beforehand, and when the Master arrived, he seized the opportunity to draw close to this good and wise advisor, and the Master anointed his crown.

Layman Ng Fung Pao, who wholeheartedly took on leading roles, coordination, and organization for numerous Buddhist activities, played a significant role in the Malaysian Buddhist community before 2000. In 1978, following the earnest request of Layman Ng and his wife, the Venerable Master made a special trip to Ng's hometown of Sitiawan, Perak, known as "Little Fuzhou," and stayed there for a night. That afternoon, in the Dharma Assembly hosted there, hundreds of people took



金星法師（左一）、黃逢保居士（左二）、
宣公上人（左三），金明法師（左四）。

Venerable Kim Sen (the left), Ng Fung Pao
(second from left), Venerable Master Hua (third
from left), Venerable Master Kim Beng (fourth
from left).

恒觀法師又說，上人很慈悲，但他年
事已高，不是很容易出來（弘法）的；但
如果有很多人願意請他，可能會感動他來
大馬。黃居士回來後就跟金明長老商量，
同時也邀請恒觀法師到湖濱精舍見伯圓長
老，並給長老介紹萬佛城和剛剛創立的法
界佛教大學。安排恒觀法師在湖濱精舍掛
單，然後再跟金明長老商量邀請宣公上人
的事宜。上人是國際著名高僧，一定要辦
得很隆重；以此因緣，黃居士聯絡了很多
佛教團體。他每次聯絡，都會謙虛的自我
介紹：我的名字叫黃逢保。如此這般，他
在大馬佛教圈很快就聲譽鵲起。

refuge in the Three Jewels.

In 1977, when Layman Ng attended the consecration of Sam Poh Temple at Cameron Highlands, he stayed at the Merlin Hotel. The next morning at 5:00 am, when he heard the morning bell from the temple, he was deeply moved and decided to attend the opening ceremony. It was there where he noticed a western monk in the assembly that stood aloft (as the idiom says, “someone standing out like a crane among chickens”), and through the introduction of Master Chuk Mor, he met this western monk from America — Dharma Master Heng Kuan. Master Heng Kuan used Mandarin to introduce himself, saying that his Master was Venerable Master Hsuan Hua (formerly known as Du Lun), a cultivator highly accomplished in the Dharma.

Master Heng Kuan continued to say that Master Hua was very compassionate, but being advanced in age, it was not easy for him to travel for Dharma propagation. However, if many people were willing to invite him, it might persuade him to come to Malaysia. Upon returning, Layman Ng discussed inviting Master Hua with Elder Kim Beng and made arrangements for Master Heng Kuan to visit and stay at Perdana Vihara to meet Elder Bo Yuan and introduce him to CTTB and the newly established Dharma Realm Buddhist University. Given that the Venerable Master was an internationally renowned monk, the event had to be conducted with great significance, so Layman Ng contacted many Buddhist organizations. Every time he reached out, he would humbly introduce himself by saying, “My name is Ng Fung Pao...” In this way, he quickly gained a reputation in the Buddhist community in Malaysia.