

感谢的话

本会宗教顾问^上西^下贺法师和委员会，非常感谢您们这一年来的支持，乐捐与合作使本会能顺利的实行所有的服务。希望您们会继续支持本会。

光临本会

一月一日，二零一一年，上午九时三十分迎春祈福仪式。

本会恭请您及家人来参加二零一一年的新年供佛及祝福法会。并祝大家好运，健康和快乐。

Daily Recitals - Metta

May I be happy;

May my parents be well and happy;

May my teachers be well and happy;

May my relatives be well and happy;

May my friends be well and happy;

May my neighbours be well and happy;

May all beings be well and happy.

It is good to begins your day by reciting these verses.



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*Wishing all a
Happy and Prosperous
New Year 2011*

Samadhi Buddhist Society is organizing a New Year gathering on :

Date : 1 January 2011, Saturday

Time : 9.30 am to 1.00 pm

Programme :

- Special Blessing services by Venerables
- Offering to the Buddha and recitation of suttas for good health and good luck for the new year
- Offering of new year oil lamps to fulfill your New Year wishes
- Dana to the Mahasangha
- Buffet lunch for all members and devotees

On behalf of Samadhi Buddhist Society, religious advisor and the committee members would like to extend our deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks for your kind support, generous donations and selfless services rendered to us all these years.

To commemorate the 2,600 Sambuddhathva Jayanti (which means 2,600 years of the Great Enlightenment of the Buddha under the Sri Mahabodhi tree) -

2555 B.E. + 45 years = 2,600

The society has been reciting the Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta every Sunday at 10.30 am. This chanting will continue till the next Vesak Day, 17 May 2011. All are welcome to participate in recitation of this first **dhamma sermon of the Buddha.**



The Blind Men and the Elephant

On one occasion the Blessed One was living at Savatthi in Jeta's Grove, Anathapindika's Park. Now at that time a number of ascetics and Brahmins, wanderers of other sects, were living around Savatthi. They held various view, beliefs, and opinions, and propagated various view. And they were quarrelsome, disputatious, wrangling, wounding each other with verbal darts, saying, "The Dhamma is like this, the Dhamma is not like that! The Dhamma is not like this, the Dhamma is like that!"

Then a number of monks entered Savatthi on almsround. Having returned, after their meal they approached the Blessed One, paid homage to him, sat down to one side, and told him what they had seen. [The Blessed One said:]

"Monks, wanderers of other sects are blind and sightless. They do not know what is beneficial and harmful. They do not know what is the Dhamma and what is not the Dhamma, and thus they are so quarrelsome and disputatious.

"Formerly, monks, there was a king in Savatthi who addressed a man and asked him to round up all the persons in the city who were blind from birth. When the man had done so, the king asked the man to show the blind men an elephant. To some of the blind men he presented the head of the elephant, to some the ear, to others a tusk, the trunk, the body, a foot, the hindquarters, the tail, or the tuft at the end of the tail. And to each one he said, 'This is an elephant.'

"When he reported to the king what he had done, the king went to the blind men and asked them, 'Tell me, blind men, what is an elephant like?'

"Those who had been shown the head of the elephant replied, 'An elephant, your majesty, is just like a water jar.' Those who had been shown the ear replied, 'An elephant is just like a winnowing basket.' Those who had been shown the tusk replied, 'An elephant is just like a plowshare.' Those who had been shown the trunk replied, 'An elephant is just like a plow pole.' Those who had been shown the body replied, 'An elephant is just like a storeroom.' And each of the others likewise described the elephant in terms of the part they had been shown.

"Then saying, 'An elephant is like this, an elephant is not like that! An elephant is not like this, an elephant is like that!' they fought each other with their fists. And the king was delighted. Even so, monks, are the wanderers of other sects blind and sightless, and thus they become quarrelsome, disputations, and wrangling, wounding each other with verbal darts."



Story extracted from
"In the Buddha's Words"

Public Dhamma Talk by Ven. Chuan Guan

Date : 12 March 2011, Saturday

Time : 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Venue : Tai Pei Buddhist Centre

Organised by : Samadhi Buddhist Society

Admission is free.