

## BUDDHIST FELLOWSHIP

### Teaching Tour



BF organised a series of teachings; Sutta Study, Meditation (Vipassana) and Dhamma Talks by Ven. Buddhara-kkhita during his teaching tour from 22 Nov to 3 Dec 2016 and one of his talks, “The Practice of Loving Kindness and Equanimity” on 20 Nov, 1030am-12pm had a full-house turnout at the BF West Dhamma Hall.

## BUDDHIST LIBRARY

### Annual Funfair 2016



The annual funfair was held on 20 Nov 2016 at the open field beside Aljunied MRT Station. The funfair featured many stalls of games, foods, souvenirs and there was even a special performance by children from The Buddhist Library Children Sunday School. Amongst all the festivities, was also the special appearance of a giant adorable mascot.

## TIBETAN BUDDHIST CENTRE



### Dharma Talk and Initiations

TBC held a Dharma talk by Ven. Thamt-hog Rinpoche titled, “What is Sutra and what is Tantra” on 27 Nov 2016, 7-9pm at SingPost Auditorium. Both the Medicine Buddha and Tara initiations were held separately on the previous day at the Chang Clan General Association.

## WAT ANANDA YOUTH

### 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration



WAY celebrated its 50th Birthday on 27 Nov 2016 at SAFRA Mount Faber with a dinner reception celebration. Previously known as Ananda Metyarama Buddhist Youth Circle, it had reinvented itself from the previously known name of AMBYC to WAY in 2006 to appeal to the youth of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and continues to organise Buddhist activities where most are held at Wat Ananda Metyarama Buddhist Thai Temple.

## VIMALAKIRTI BUDDHIST CENTRE

### The Vimalakirti Sutra



VBC organised a Dharma talk by Ven. Thubten Chodron on *The Vimalakirti Sutra*, one of the most popular sacred Mahayana texts on 28-29 Nov 2016, 8-9.30pm. Over the two sessions, Ven. Chodron gave insightful teachings on Vimalakirti's story with the focus on the first two chapters.

## SINGAPORE BUDDHIST MISSION

### 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



SBM celebrated 35 years of Buddhist work in Singapore on 3 Dec 2016 at SAFRA Toa Payoh with SBM Chief Resident Religious Advisor, Ven. K. Dhammika Maha Thera who gave the opening address urging all to treasure the foundation laid by late Ven. Dr. K. Sri Dhammananda and to continue with noble Buddhist work and mission.

## 20 Years of Youth Mission



Also, SBM (Youth) co-celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a series of reflective videos, inspiring Dharma music by Buddhist Music Hub, a dynamic dance performance and plans.

## KONG MENG SAN PHOR KARK SEE MONASTERY

### 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial

KMSPKS held a memorial service prayer for the late Ven. Hong Choon (1907-90), the second Abbot of KM-SPK on 7 Dec 2016. A special highlight on “Remembering Late Venerable Hong Choon” will be featured in the Feb 2017 Issue 334.

### New Year Wish-Fulfilling Lanterns



Wish-Fulfilling Lanterns will be lit and displayed at the Hall of Universal Brilliance and Hall of Great Compassion from 27 Jan to 11 Feb 2017 for those who wish to have blessings for the New Year for one's family. For more information on how to light a wish-fulfilling lantern to usher in the Year of the Rooster with blessings of health and prosperity, please visit: [www.kmspk.org](http://www.kmspk.org).

## POH ERN SHIH

### Avalokiteshvara Glass Lamp

Offering of lamps can dispel all darkness and help one to have proper understanding, discernment between what is virtuous and non-virtuous, be free from fears and increase merits for one. For more information and registration on the year-long Avalokiteshvara Lamp Offering, please call 6747 3926.

## AMITABHA BUDDHIST CENTRE

### Lama Tsong Khapa Day

The 25<sup>th</sup> day of the 10<sup>th</sup> month of the Tibetan lunar calendar marks the anniversary of the passing of Lama Tsong Khapa, the founder of the Gelug lineage which falls on 23 Dec 2016 this year. On this 597<sup>th</sup> anniversary, ABC commemorated it with a Guru Puja and Tsog Offering.



## BUDDHIST LIFE MISSION

### Auspicious Puja Offerings and Dharma Talk

BLM organised a 2016 year-end prayer session – Auspicious Puja Offerings Ceremony on 8 Dec at Defu Lane 2 from 2-9pm, led by Ven. Master Hai Tao and Ven. Zhuan Xi. Ven. Master Hai Tao who took Full Ordination under the Ven. Master Jie De at Miao Tong Monastery in Liouguei, Kaohsiung in 1994 and later, in 2009 Master became the 53<sup>th</sup> tantric preceptor of the Eastern Mantrayana and the Abbot of Fawang Monastery in Keelung.

All these years, he has been ceaselessly dedicating himself to the propagation of Dharma in many countries, temples and Buddhist organisations through various activities, teachings and charity work. On top of being the Abbot of various temples, he currently holds many other appointments and is also the Chairman of Life Culture Foundation, Director of Life TV and all the Life Education Centres and Temples in the UK, Chile, Japan, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Hong Kong and Macau.



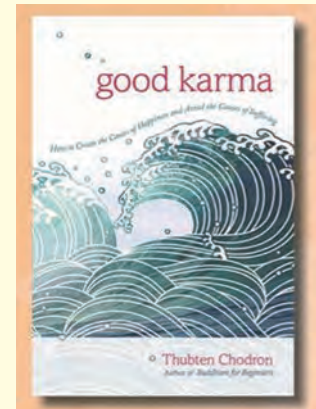
As part of Ven. Hai Tao's Singapore visit, he also gave two Dharma talks on 9 Dec from 3-9pm where he expounded on the Manjusri Eight Syllable Mantra “文殊八字咒” the meanings of om (唵), ah (阿), vi (味), ra (罗), hum (吽), kha (卡), ca (佳), rah (拉) and Brahma-visesa-cinti-pariprccha Sutra 《思益梵天所问经》.



An audience turnout of more than a thousand attendees packed both the inner hall and the outer compound of Zu Lin Temple Association.

## POH MING TSE

### Book Launch



On 3 Dec 2016, the book launch of Ven. Thubten's Chodron's new book, *Good Karma: How to Create the Causes of Happiness and Avoid Suffering* was held at PMT from 10am-12pm. Known for her wise, humorous and practical Dharma teaching and application into daily life, Ven. Chodron is an author of several books and is also the Teacher and the Founder and the Abbess of Sravasti Abbey, the only Tibetan Buddhist training monastery for Western nuns and monks in the US. She graduated from UCLA, and did graduate work in education at USC. Ordained as a Tibetan Buddhist nun in 1977, she has studied extensively with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Tsenzhab Serkong Rinpoche, and Kyabje Zopa Rinpoche.

In this new book, she expounds the wisdom on causes for a happy life and also how to avoid suffering through mind training. Also, get set for a powerful teaching based on the great Tibetan Buddhist poem, “The Wheel of Sharp Weapons” for long-term happiness.

To access the media library of her teachings and publications, please visit [www.thubtenchodron.org](http://www.thubtenchodron.org) and/or [www.sravasti.org](http://www.sravasti.org) to learn more about the Abbey.