“Leading to Liberation”
Sathira-Dhammasathan, Bangkok, Thailand
June 12 -18, 2011
Conference Program
**Sunday, June 12, 2011**

09:00  Chanting & meditation  
10:00  Cultural performance  
10:30  Welcome message by host Ven. Mae Chee Sansanee Sthirasuta and Dr. Christie Yu-Ling Chang, President of the Sakyadhita International Association of Buddhist Women  
   Words of welcome by international Buddhist leaders  
   - Ven. Shundo Aoyama, Abbess, Aichi Senmon Nisodo  
   - Ven. Myeong Seong Sunim, President, Korean National Bhikkhuni Association in Korea  
   - Ven. Tinh Nguyen, President, Vietnam Bhikkhuni Association  

11:00  Sanghadana for monastics and lunch for all participants  
12:00  Check-in and orientation  
14:00  12th Sakyadhita International Conference Opening Ceremony  
   Keynote address by  
   - Her Royal Highness Princess Srirasmi  

15:15  Panel Presentation: Buddhist Women of Thailand  
   - Thai Bhikkhu Sangkha and their Roles in Buddhist Education for Women  
   - Ven. Phra Dharmakosajarn, Rector of MahaChulalongkorn University (MCU)  
   - The Thai Nuns’ Institute  
   - Ven. Mae Chee Pratin Kwan-on, President of the Thai Nuns’ Institute  
   - Buddhist Women of Thailand and A Global Mission for Social Peace  
   - Ven. Mae Chee Sansanee Sthirasuta, Founder of Sathira-Dhammasathan & Savika Sikkhalaya, Buddhist University Nunnery  
   - Buddhist Women on the Practice Path  
   - Ven. Mae Chee Aree Kieatthubthew of the Khao Phu Luang Nunnery  

16:45  Break  
17:15  Panel Presentation: Buddhist Women of the World  
   - Leading Buddhist Women of Ancient India  
   - Rupali Mokashi  
   - Portrait of a Buddhist Women’s Community in Suburban Tangerang  
   - Venita Tanusuwito  
   - Sakyadhita: Expanding the Frontiers of Buddhist Women and Global Linking  
   - Thich Nu Nhu Nguyet  
   - The Effect of Japanese Feudalistic Residues on Lay Buddhist Women in Japan  
   - Aiko Mizuno  
   - Buddhist Women of Buryatia (Russia)  
   - Ayakova Zhargal  

19:15  Dinner
Monday, June 13 – Friday, June 17, 2011

07:00 – 08:00  Meditation
08:00 – 09:00  Breakfast
09:00 – 11:30  Panel presentation
13:00 – 15:00  Panel presentation
15:00  Break
15:30 – 17:30  Workshops
17:30  Dinner
18:30  Cultural performances
19:30  Shuttle to accommodation

Saturday, June 18, 2011

07:00 – 08:00  Meditation
08:00 – 09:00  Breakfast
09:00 – 10:00  12th Sakyadhita International Conference Closing Ceremony
10:00 – 11:30  Sakyadhita Meeting
11:30  Lunch

13:00  Thai Cultural Tour

Visit to the Temple of the Emerald Buddha (Wat Phra Kaew) on the grounds of the Grand Palace in Bangkok regarded as the most sacred temple in Thailand. The Emerald Buddha, enshrined in a beautifully decorated temple and compound, is deeply revered as the protector of the country -- a pinnacle of craftsmanship recently restored to sparkling glory.

Sunday, June 19, 2011

Thai Cultural Tour to the beautiful, ancient capital of Ayutthaya. Ayutthaya is the epitome of Thailand's unique cultural heritage and lifestyle. Despite the ravages of time, many fine sculptures and temples remain. This tour to Ayutthaya, Ven. Mae Chee Sansanee Sthirasuta’s hometown, is a rare opportunity to experience the richness and beauty of Thai art history and Buddhist culture through a personal lens.

“May the Dhamma protect you”
Panel Presentations

June 13 Morning
Leading Buddhist Women

Buddhist Women & the Universal Monarch Concept
Kustiani

The Question of Lineage from Women’s Perspectives: Buddhist Women & Political Power in Bangladesh
Wasfia Nazreen

Womens’ Leadership & the Buddhist Concept of Non-self
Eun-su Cho

The Invisible Heir
Yu-chen Li

The Question of Lineage in Tibetan Buddhism: A Woman’s Perspective
Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo

Learning to Lead & Leading to Learn: An Awakening Journey to Leadership
Christie Chang

June 13 Afternoon
New Directions for Buddhist Social Transformation

The Socio-religious Roots of Violence against Women in Thailand & Southeast Asia
Bhikkhuni Rattanaavali

The Alienation of Lay Buddhist Women in the Buddhist Reform Movements in Korea
Jong-in Kim

Theravada Bhikkhunis & Social Development in Thailand
Bhikkhuni Silananda

Dhamma Economics: a Radical and Creative Approach to Mindful System Change
Susmita Barua

Accessing the Temple
Diana Cousens

June 14 Morning
Buddhist Women & Global Sustainability

Earth as Mother, Woman As Mother: On the Environmental Impacts of Gender Essentialism
Hsiao-Lan Hu
The Mind of Sentient Beings as the Ontological Ground for Ecological Awareness  
*Nancy Feng-chu Cheng*

Compassion towards Mother Earth: The Earth Does Not Belong to Human Beings, Human Beings Belong to the Earth  
*Bhiksuni Chuehmen*

Self-realization: Ecological Consciousness in the *Lankavatara Sutra*  
*Susan Su-chen Wu*

Animal Release in Taiwanese Buddhism, the Intertwining of Religious Ideas, Animal Risk, and Ecological Risk  
*Chialuen Chen*

The Mystical Mass Migration of Elephants in Catastrophic Cambodia: Moral Chaos, Sanctuaries, & Voluntary Displacement  
*Napakadol Kittisene*

“May All Sentient Beings Be Well & Happy”: Let’s Make it a Reality for Our Animal Friends  
*Karma Tashi Choedron*

**June 14 Afternoon**  
The Many Forms of Compassion

The Brahmaviharas in Action: Compassionate Social Activism in Cambodia  
*Beth Goldring*

A Buddhist Nun’s Encounters with the Charter for Compassion  
*Guo Cheen Shi*

Teaching Dhamma in Prison  
*ARanjani de Silva*

The Triangulation of Vectors Where “Time Stops”: The Source of All Suffering  
*Barbara Wright*

**June 15 Morning**  
Buddhist Women as Scholars and Educators

Gender, Buddhism & Education: Dhamma & Social Transformation in the Theravada Tradition  
*Emma Tomalin*

Buddhist Nuns and the Educational Reform in Thailand  
*Monica Lindberg Falk*
Bhikkhuni Education in Fujian Province: The Case of Minnan Buddhist Nuns’ College
Rujing Mao

Monastic Education for Nuns at Dong Hak Temple in Korea
Dong Goen Sunim

Perceptions, Aspirations, & Opportunities: Bhutanese Women & Buddhist Scholarship
Tenzin Dadon (Sonam Wangmo)

June 15 Afternoon
Peaceful Mind, Peaceful World

From Zhaigu to Bhikkhuni: The Story of a Chinese Malaysian Buddhist Nun
Ong Yee Choo

Popular Guanyin Worship in Taiwan
Ruting Xiao

Why Walk? Walking Meditation & Spiritual Pilgrimage: Asian & Western Perspectives on Embodied Spirituality
Suellen S. Semkoski

Buddhist Representations of Spiritual Attainment: What Monastic Women Can Teach Westerners about Virtue
Carol L. Winkelmann

Buddhist Travel and Cultural Exchange in Thailand
Brooke Schedneck

June 16 Morning
Speaking of Other Religions...

The Establishment of Vedic Sannyas for Women
Sister Saradeshaprana

Birthing Liberation: The Blood & Ink of Leaving Oppression
Bonna Devora Haberman

When Silence Hurts
Malia Dominica Wong

Islam Means to Make Peace
Bhikkhuni Lee & Bayatee Dueraman

Mother Theresa & the Bodhisattva Ideal
Karma Lekshe Tsomo
June 16 Afternoon
Ethical Education

Ten-thousand Upasika Project: Young Buddhist Ladies as World Morality Revival Model
Boontha Learthevorntham

Children’s Ethics Programs at the Sakyadhita Center, Sri Lanka
Bhikkhuni Vijithananda

Than Hsiang Kalyana Mitra Centre in Pajam, Negeri Sembilan: A Case Study
Zhen Yuan Shi

Buddhism in Culturally Responsive Engineering & Science Education
Marisol Mercado Santiago

June 17 Morning
The Bhikkhuni Issue Revisited

Feminine Paradigms of the Buddha’s Life: The Case of the Biqiuini Zhuan
Severina Angelova Balabanova

Siksamanas in Korean Nectar Ritual Paintings
Hyangsoon Yi

Launch of a Bhikkhuni Order in Thailand: Monastic Education & Establishment of Tradition
Tomomi Ito

Diverse Strategies for Supporting the Revival of the Theravada Bhikkhuni Sangha
Susan Pembroke

Sri Lankan Buddhist Nuns in Transition: From Religious Rights to Social Power
Hema Goonatilake

Establishing the Bhikkhuni Sangha in Nepal
Bhikkhuni Dhammananda (Chatsumarn Kabilsingh)

June 17 Afternoon
Mr. Dharma, Ms. Samsara: Challenging Stereotypes

Lipstick Buddhists & Dharma Divas: Buddhism in the Most Unlikely Packages
Lisa J. Battaglia

Can LGBTQ People Attain Enlightenment?
Kulavir Prapapornpipat

Robina Courtin: An Unconventional Buddhist?
Anna Halajoff

A Comparison of Menstrual and Birth Impurity in Brahminical Dharma texts & Buddhist Vinaya
Amy Langerberg
Workshops
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Monday, June 13

1) Dhamma Lecture “Buddhism and Gender: Lessons from Dogen’s Point of View” (Master Aoyama Shundo Roshi)
2) Hatha Yoga Practice
3) How To be An Authentic and Compassionate Woman Writer
4) The Place of Women in Thailand
5) Buddhist Women in the Interfaith Movement
6) Meditating Through Singing
7) Live A Bhikkhuni in Korea-the Most Venerable Myeong Seong Sunim
8) Domestic Violence
9) Meditation by Tenzin Palmo
10) Buddhist Women in The Global Information Era
11) Citta Prapatsorn: Serene Mind Project

Tuesday, June 14

1) Hatha Yoga Practice
2) Live a Bhikkhuni in Korea-the Most Venerable Myeong Seong Sunim
3) The Place of Women in Thailand
4) How to be An Authentic and Compassionate Woman Writer
5) Arokhayasala: Healing from the Heart
6) Dharma Rap
7) Healthy Body, Healthy Mind: Moxibustion and Taichi
8) Meditation that works in daily life and makes Buddhist Teaching priceless!
9) Listen to Your Heart: Introducing Dharma through Broadcasting
10) Painting the Mind
11) The Rise of Female Meditation Teachers
12) Qin
13) Unmasking Esther: Liberation from Gender-Based Oppression – From Beauty Standards to Sex Trafficking
14) Working with Survivors of Sexual Violence
15) Forgiveness Practices
16) Buddhist Chanting to Western Sacred Music
17) Being a Peace Leader, Healing Conflicts using Social Intelligence
18) Meditation on the Four Immeasurables (Brahmaviharas)

Wednesday, June 15

1) Hatha Yoga Practice
2) Unmasking Esther: Liberation from Gender-Based Oppression – From Beauty Standards to Sex Trafficking
3) Live a Bhikkhuni in Korea-the Most Venerable Myeong Seong Sunim
4) Painting the Mind
Thursday, June 16

1) Hatha Yoga Practice
2) Meditation that works in daily life and makes Buddhist Teaching priceless!
3) Music, Life force, and Holistic Well-being
4) How to be An Authentic and Compassionate Woman Writer
5) Mindfulness Yoga: Liberating the body and the mind
6) Listen to Your Heart: Introducing Dharma through Broadcasting
7) Healthy Body, Healthy Mind: Moxibustion and Tai Chi
8) Being a Peace Leader, Healing Conflicts using Social Intelligence
9) Empowering Buddhist Women through Grant-making
10) New Roles for Vietnamese Buddhist Nuns and Laywomen
11) Offerings of Buddhist Chanting
12) Women are not Allowed: Taboos on Menstruation
13) LGBT across Cultures
14) Introduction to Engineering integrating Tibetan Culture and Buddhism
15) Buddhist Women in the Interfaith Movement
16) Parenting School

Friday, June 17

1) Creating Change in Society and Breaking the Cycles of Fear and Violence (Venerable Mae Chee Sansanee Sthirasuta)
2) Hatha Yoga Practice
3) How To be An Authentic and Compassionate Woman Writer
4) Meditating Through Singing
5) S.O.S.—Seeds of Spirituality
6) Empowering Buddhist Women through Grant-making
7) Creative Watering of Seeds of Consciousness Or BIJA, Through Art, Writing And Poetry
8) Listening, Listening, Listening