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## 50 YEARS CELEBRATION OF FO GUANG SHAN

This year will be the 50th anniversary of the Fo Guang Shan organization. Consequently it is also this year's 20th anniversary of the Fo Guang Shan organization in The Netherlands. There will be special photo exhibition in celebration of these milestones on May 16.

## GUIDED TOUR IN HE HUA TEMPLE 30 AND 31 MARCH



School visit on the 30 and 31st March, Ivan, Marx guided the groups. There are many groups that request special tours to experience Buddhism in a temple. The He Hua temple gladly facilitates these requests. Here follows a brief description by one of the guides in Dutch.

Twee dagen op rij kregen we een bezoek van een totaal aantal van 120 scholieren. Elk scholier kreeg bij binnenkomst een bezoekerspas en de groep werd vervolgens in tweeën gesplitst. De eerste groep ging rustig de trap af naar de Jade Buddha Hall en de tweede groep bleef achter in de Guan Yin Shrine, bij mij. Nog voordat ik begon uit te leggen zaten de de scholieren al op de grond met pen en papier in de hand, een prachtig gezicht. Voor velen was het boeddhisme nog een totaal onbekende religie. De scholieren luisterde aandachtig, zo nu en dan werd er gevraagd of ik een woord voor hen kon spellen.

Het was nu onze beurt om naar beneden te gaan. Ook hier luisterde ze aandachtig hoe ik het verhaal van Boeddha beschreef. Na mijn verhaal kwamen de vingers al gauw omhoog. "Heeft het boeddhisme ook een 'hemel'" stelde één van de scholier, "kent het boeddhisme ook een 'doop'" vroeg de ander. "Waarom zijn boeddhisten kaal" stelde ik op mijn beurt weer terug aan de scholieren. De vragen en antwoorden waren leuk en creatief. De eerwaarde was er inmiddels bijgekomen, ze zou een stukje van de instrumenten laten horen. Met verbaaste gezichten keken de scholieren toe hoe de eerwaarde de bijbehorende kniebuigingen deed. De rondleiding eindigde met een korte quiz over de dingen dat ik had verteld. Iedereen kreeg na afloop een klein hangertje om mee naar huis te nemen.



# DUTCH STUDY GROUP

Sunday 3 April

The Dutch study group is once a month and this time had a special topic on “speech”. This topic was based on the book “Being good” by Venerable Master Hsing Yun. One of the temple volunteers Sven was giving a short presentation about this topic. Every one is free



## A TALK ABOUT MASTER XUAN ZHANG BY VEN. MIAO YI

Sunday 17 April

Following the Ching Ming Dharma Function, there was a special talk by Venerable Miao Yi on the journey of Master Xuan Zhang. This was a very interesting talk on how Master Xuan Zhang traveled from China to India and back again through hazardous paths. Master Xuan Zhang’s journey was also compared to the famous novel “journey to the West”. Venerable Miao Yi explained how the novel was loosely connected to the actual journey of Master Xuan Zhang. Apart from unmeasurable value Master Xuan Zhang had to the Buddhism, bringing it to China and translating texts, it was also journey of cultural significance. Master Xuan Zhang also discovered a lot of new cultures and was able to map them out geographically.

Finally people who are interested can view an encyclopedia with a lot of collected Buddhism history. The encyclopedia is open to be viewed in the library.



## FREEDOM DINNER AT HE HUA TEMPLE

Thursday 5 May

Once again, Fo Guang Shang He Hua Temple participated together with the neighborhood to celebrate The Netherlands’ liberation day in order to build a lasting and meaningful relationships among our neighbours.

The working committee led by our BLIA Chairperson, Mrs Winnie Wong other team leaders, Advisor, Mrs Loh (Kitchen), Mrs Hollauf (Reception), Mrs Man (Serving/Dance) and other volunteers.

The registration began at 17:00 hr. The event started



with speeches given by Mrs Hollauf, President of BLIA The Netherlands Mrs. Wong and our YAD member, Mr Yau at 18:00 hr.

Dinner started after both Venerable prayed for the World Peace and Harmony, and transfer of merits. Theme of the menu is A Trip Around The World, it started with a Tomatoes Soup, Starter with small fried spring roll, cucumber, radish and salad, Main Course was served with rice, noodle, vegetables and sweet sour pork and Dessert with skewed mix fruits and a piece of cake. Beverages like tea and coffee were also served.

The evening ended with a Dance, (si hai dou shi fougang ren) in which some of the guests stood up to join in a little of the movements. A souvenir was given out by the Venerable as a sign of affinity. It was a very meaningful and fruitful evening. The diners are very happy some still hang around to look at the photographs on the wall and one of them pointed that is their friend's grandchildren. A lady asked for vegetarian cooking lesson, another guy from another table said, "I have never eaten such a nice vegetarian food, I am amazed by eating without meat and yet it is so nice".

Volunteers together sang "Buddha's Light Shines on you" to wish them all well at the doorstep as a sent off. It ended around 19:45 hr



## CALENDAR

14/5 Buddha's Birthday Celebration  
16/5 50 Years Fo Guang Shan, photo exhibition  
29/05 Sunday One day Retreat  
10/06-12/06 BLIA social event  
01/07 FGS 50th anniversary, One-stroke Calligraphy exhibition  
09/07-15/07 European Short-term Monastic Retreat, Paris.  
16/07-17/07 European Five Precepts & Bodhisattva Precepts Retreat, Paris  
24/7 The Great Compassion Repentance Service  
31/07 One day retreat

## YAD SPORT EVENT



30 April

The YAD participated in a sports team building event. The sports event was organized by the Chinese Sport Manifestatie. Some member have been involved with the event in the past and this is the first time the YAD participated as a team. There were 6 other teams competing which ranged from groups of friends to sport groups.

The competition was very high and the YAD gave their best at every game to win points. It was a great opportunity to compete in this event and hopefully the YAD and create team spirit. This event was about having fun and promoting sports. YAD members got excited and might participate next year or at least play more sports.



Sunrise and sunset give us rose-pink clouds.  
The changing month gives us a bright full moon.

The sorrow of parting and joy of meeting  
let us cherish the time we are together.  
The suffering, emptiness, and impermanence  
of the world manifest the truth.

Extract of Eternal Wisdom  
"Thoughts and Dharma" by Master Hsing Yun

