

H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III

H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III is recognized by the World Peace Prize Awarding Council for His selfless devotion to an immensely wide scope of healing and rescue-relief activities directed at people from different communities throughout the world. His wisdom and benevolence embrace all races, ethnicities, cultures and religions: bringing kindness, peace and equality to all. Wherever He goes, His Holiness brings unity amongst people through His own humility and compassion. His Holiness' life-long contributions to humanity are living examples of the benevolent spirit of a Buddha, setting a model of humanitarian practices for all to emulate. His Holiness' noble character shines through His teachings, healing, art and philanthropy; leading people from all walks of life and from different parts of the world to tread the path of high virtue and charity. His Holiness' thinking and accomplishments have become the spiritual and cultural asset of all humankind.

The Buddha is also a distinguished artist. Through His teachings and practices, art and poetry, His Holiness has pointed out a bright path of nonviolence, charity and love for humanity. His Holiness has been the recipient of numerous awards including the United States Presidential Gold Award for His outstanding contributions to arts, medicine, ethics, Buddhism and spiritual leadership, and to American society. H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III is the first Buddhist leader to be awarded the World Peace Prize in the organization's history.

H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III is the Buddhist leader of the highest order. He is the Buddha Vajradhara, true incarnation of the primordial Buddha of the Buddhist faith, recognized as such in accordance with Buddhist rules and governance. His outstanding mastery of exoteric Buddhism, esoteric Buddhist, and the Five Vidyas is unprecedented in Buddhist history. His Holiness is most humble, and always refers to himself as a 'servant of living beings.' His Holiness' followers include great Dharma Kings and international dignitaries.

His Holiness teaches that each person, starting with oneself, should change one's environment, protect the earth, protect humanity, and promote peace and happiness amongst all living beings. As a result, they will attain liberation from distress and suffering, and become respectable and joyful individuals. Institutions and groups from all over the world have established schools and classes for the sole purpose of learning from His Holiness dharma teachings.

The Buddha leads by example the daily practice of selflessness, charity and humility. People from all over the world regard H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III as their model, His moral state as their standard, and His teachings as their guide. The teachings of H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III have become a vibrant social thought system and philosophy. Those who practice His Holiness' teachings naturally become committed in charitable endeavors: bringing joy and relief to local and international communities, promoting peace and equality amongst in humanity.

Wherever He goes, His Holiness brings unity amongst people through his own humility and compassion. In 1995, when H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III first visited Taiwan from mainland China, the people of Taiwan gave him an overwhelming reception. More than 10,000 people greeted him at the airport. The motorcade spans 1,700 cars proceeding from the airport into the city. It was the grandest reception ever witnessed in Taiwanese history. Chiang Yan-Shi, the Secretary-General to the President of Taiwan, conducted the opening ceremony for the art exhibition of H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III held at the Sun Yat -Sen Memorial Hall. During His three-week stay in Taiwan, H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III was overwhelmingly welcome and respected by civilians and government officials alike. Dignitaries sought to learn from His Holiness' noble ethics, morality, thinking and practices.

The revered Buddha has vowed to bear the sufferings of all living beings. In His own words published in *The Supreme and Unsurpassable Mahamudra of Liberation*, 'When other living beings and I are suffering, I want those other living beings to extricate themselves from suffering before I do... I dedicate to all living beings all of the merit and accomplishments from my cultivation in the hope that they will leave suffering and attain liberation.' Many people offer great fortunes in gratitude and appreciation for His Holiness teaching, but it is His Holiness' steadfast principle not to accept any material offerings from anyone. Rather, His Holiness the Buddha never hesitates to practice charity and offer relief to those in need.

Through His teachings and practices, art and poetry, H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III has pointed out a bright path of non-violence, charity and love for humanity; peace amongst mankind, societal progress and the advancement of civilization. Wherever He goes, H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III benefits people regardless of race, nationality, social status, age, religion, or culture.