Dear Respected Monks and Nuns of the Dharma Realm Buddhist Association

We, the delegation of Buddhists from Vietnam, hereby bow in respect.
Since returning to Vietnam, the feeling of joy still lingers in our hearts. We are profoundly grateful to the Dharma Masters for your compassion in opening the expedient door for us to receive the Precepts for the Deceased.

We are deeply grateful to Ms. Karen and Ms. Tam when we came to know that they flew from the U.S. to translate for us. We are truly touched by the kindness of the lay community in Taiwan who welcomed us and took the time to thoughtfully show us what to do. We are also very grateful that the Monastery had dinner ready for us when we arrived at Amitabha Monastery in Hualien. Afterwards Dharma Master prepared a special lecture, recounting the time that Venerable Master Hua traveled to Vietnam to propagate the Dharma despite the ongoing war with the bombardment of bombs like flying arrows.

In our hearts, we never expected to have the chance to take part in the Evening Ceremony together with the Sangha, yet because of wholesome affinities, we were able to do so — what joy it was for us! We will always remember the sacredness of that experience. The Eightfold Vegetarian Precepts was followed by the Meal Offering; after that we proceeded to take the noon meal. The Great Assembly took the meal in noble silence; we can taste the aromatic flavor of the food and feel the adorned atmosphere of the Great Assembly.

At this point of writing, we try to hold back our emotions, being deeply touched by the Dharma Master's kindness and compassion. Knowing that our time at Amitābha Monastery was brief, Dharma Master made use of the time during lunch to show the Assembly a short clip of the Venerable Master's Dharma teachings in Taiwan.

The Three Refuges and Five Precepts took place in the early afternoon. It can be said that this is one of the happiest moments of our lives to be able to take Refuge and receive the Precepts under a Good Knowing Teacher, Dharma Master Sure, and the Sangha of Dharma Realm Buddhist Association. We are deeply joyful beyond words! Dharma Master Sure explained to us each of the Precepts in detail. Afterwards, he took the time to answer questions posed by the Preceptees.

The joyful feeling still remains even after returning home. We are truly blessed to be disciples of the Sangha of the Dharma Realm Buddhist Association! We will try our best to practice what the Dharma Masters and Venerable Master have taught.

Namo Amitabha Buddha.
Bowing in reverence,

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