

Biographic Statement

Lee Sun-Don

Being the Third Patriarch of the Buddhist Forshang, I commit myself to glorifying the supreme Buddhist dharma and through which to bring awareness and awakening to the Buddhahood inherent in all sentient beings. Instructed by my revered and beloved Buddhist mentor, Yuan-Dao Bodhisattva, I take up the challenge of glorifying the Indian-developed Buddhism in terms of four cultural-transcendent approaches—secularization of Buddhism, scientification of Buddhist learning, daily practice of Buddhist doctrines, and modernization of Buddhist institutionalization. Recognizing that spiritual cultivation is to harmonize and engage in, rather than retreat from, all existences, I have established Da-Yuan Lecture Halls as part of Forshang Buddhism World Center to transmit Buddha teaching and set up the Forshang World Foundations to provide social relief and promote international cultural exchange. In addition to these traditional realms that Buddhist organizations had being partaking in throughout history, I also write novels, compose music, introduce Buddhist science and cosmology (e.g., cosmic mathematics), and even create western oil painting to illustrate the ultimate true reality of the universe in its essence and transformations. I truly understand that Buddhahood is intrinsic to each single existence and therefore every existence—whether in form of Buddhist sutra, literary art, science, or everyday interaction—can be a means that manifests the path to enlightenment. In other words, every existence is an inspiration, and as a Buddhist mentor, my responsibility is to multifariously translate the omnipresent inspirations into cognitively recognizable and culturally accessible terms for people across the universe to understand, according to their individual causal-affinity and constitution. In all these diversities that I have been engaging in, my goal is one and only one: that is, I wish that the Buddha's wisdom and virtue that I have come to realize and been enlightened with could be easily comprehended and that the wonders of one's innate Buddhahood can be better appreciated.