

KMP PARTICIPATES AT WORLD BOOK FAIR IN SINGAPORE

27 May 2007

Our first “Meet the Editors” session and launch of “Compassion Conquers All” was at 11am on Sunday morning. Susan Lim kick started the session with a brief power point presentation to introduce HE Tsem Tulku Rinpoche to the audience.



Susan Lim giving a presentation to introduce HE Tsem Tulku Rinpoche



Audience watching presentation

There were about a dozen non-KH faces in the audience, which wasn't bad, considering it was the first session of the day and it was a Sunday morning! As you can see in the picture, some people didn't want to sit down but merely hovered in the back, some even standing beyond the barricades.

After Susan finished her presentation, she passed the mic over to Andee Uetz, who introduced the 'Compassion Conquers All' book, followed by Jamie Khoo, who read a chapter of the book.

A few of the people who attended the session came to visit our booth so it was time well spent. Well done to Susan, Andee and Jamie! The only question that was raised during the Q&A was from Jamie's aunt, who asked.. Why does the Rinpoche have hair? She said she asked that because others would've wanted to know.

This hair issue came up again later, when a man asked Shin at our booth the same question. After Shin explained, he seemed to accept her points, but still refused to buy anything from us – saying, “I don’t want to buy anything because Rinpoche has hair.” Truly hair raising.



Valentina and Andee

Valentina, Rinpoche’s student from Indonesia, visited us and was our star purchaser for the day – she bought the ‘Gaden pack’ of 8 DVDs and 5 copies of ‘Journey to Gaden’, totalling SGD195!

Chia was technically the top salesman of the day, selling his brother-in-law a ‘Gaden Pack’ of 8 DVDs and 2 copies of ‘Faces of Enlightenment’ and 1 copy of ‘Compassion Conquers All’, totalling SGD182.

But our star saleswoman for selling to a complete stranger was Liaison Maple Keh, who popped by our booth with President, Tan Sio Chian.

Maple was standing next to a lady somewhere in the hall, and the lady turned to her and asked her what would be a good book to buy and showed Maple a book she was holding and asked if that was good for her. Maple said it could be or it could not be. The lady then said she was looking for a book for her daughter, so Maple asked if her daughter was happy. She replied no. So Maple led her to our booth and the lady asked Maple to pick for her. Maple promptly picked the whole pack of DVDs and several books, which totalled SGD177!

Amazing!



Jamie Khoo, Tan Sio Chian, Maple Keh and Andee Uetz

The group from JB came with Maple and Sio Chian and also helped distribute bookmarks and explain things to visitors to our booth. A few of Sharon and Susan’s friends also came and bought many books between them.

We had a couple of interesting visitors to our booth. There was a couple from another Buddhist centre who met Chia and started talking to him. It turned out that they were from Dro-Phen Ling centre and they said they were very impressed with our booth. They said it looks very high-class and we are very organised!

Closing sales for the day was SGD1075! At the end of the day/weekend, several volunteers left Singapore – Ben, Joy, Justin, Kelvin... thanks for all your help, everyone – we’ll miss you!

MORE PHOTOS!



Joseph Chan, Maple Keh, Chia Soon Peng, Tan Sio Chian
and Alan from JB



Joseph (in his best Peter Parker impression) working so hard
for the Dharma...



Yek Yee beaming away as usual...



Chia helping someone with 'Faces of
Enlightenment!



Susan Lim explaining to a pensive friend...