



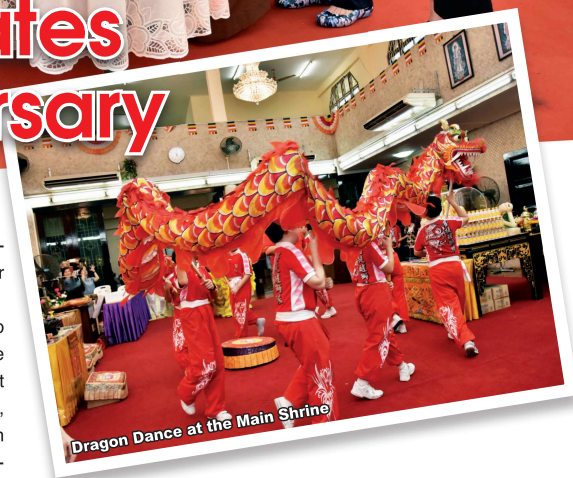
Ven Bao Shi, Ven Bao Tong and invited guests cutting the Anniversary Cake

The Buddhist Union celebrates 80 Anniversary

■ Bro Phua Keng Chuan ■

The Buddhist Union celebrated her 80th anniversary on the 18 Nov 2018. This was a moment of joy for The Buddhist Union which was established in 1938.

About 500 members and friends were invited to the celebration. The Guest of Honour was Venerable Seck Kwang Phing, President of Singapore Buddhist Federation. Special guests were Mr Yeo Guat Kwang, Chairman, Migrant Workers' Centre and Dr Ong Seh Hong, both of whom were former Members of Parliament, Mr Gerard Ee, Chairman, Charity Council and many other Sangha members and distinguished



Dragon Dance at the Main Shrine

guests. The occasion started with singing of the Song of Triple Gem where everyone sang along.

In her welcome speech, The President of The Buddhist Union, Venerable Bao Shi traced a short history of our founders, the late Venerable Dhammasukha and Venerable Dhammarakshita who later was known as Venerable Seck Kong Poh. She mentioned that under the guidance and advice of the two late Venerables, many activities had been organised from the Youth Section, to the study of the Dharma, the chanting of the sutras in both Pali and Chinese, meditation and Yoga.

Venerable Sek Bao Shi took over the leadership together with Venerable Sek Bao Tong when Venerable Seck Kong Poh passed on in 1986. Both the



Students from Maha Bodhi School Symphony Band giving their performance



Invited guests having a sumptuous 8-course vegetarian lunch

Venerables took their Higher Triple Ordination in Fo Guang Shan Hsi Lai Temple in Los Angeles, under Venerable Master Hsing Yun and are fully qualified in the Mahayana Tradition. Venerable Bao Shi mentioned that although we keep a low profile, we fully co-operated with other organisations when we are being approached.

To commemorate this occasion, donations were presented to the Singapore Buddhist Federation, the

Singapore Buddhist Free Clinic, Buddha of Medicine Welfare Society, Maha Bodhi School, Sakyadhita (National Kidney Foundation), Institute of Mental Health and Metta Welfare Association.

The Symphonic Band and the Lion and Dragon Troupe from the Maha Bodhi School gave us a tremendous performance. We appreciate the teachers, students and all present for making it a success and memorable occasion.



Ven Bao Shi and Ven Bao Tong posing a photograph with the invited VIPs