

## KMP PARTICIPATES AT WORLD BOOK FAIR IN SINGAPORE

24 May 2007

On Wednesday, 23 May, after months of preparation, KMP and KH volunteer Irene Lim finally drove down to Singapore. Eight of us took three cars packed with buntings, t-shirts, postcards, catalogues etc, all hot off the press – literally! Some of us stayed with relatives and some were hosted by very kind friend of friends, such as Ros Hong, sister of one of the KMP writers, Kelvin, who took in Shin, Yek Yee, Sharon and Susan, while Roland hosted Joseph, Andee and David. These generous people opened their houses to complete strangers - if that is not Dharma, I don't know what is.

Shin, Joseph, Andee and David went to Teo Lai Sing's factory on Thursday morning to collect the licence labels for the DVDs. Teo Lai Sing owns a printing and advertising company and is a long time student of Rinpoche's – having followed Rinpoche for over a decade. He has always helped us whenever called upon and this time was no different. Our participation in the book fair was due to his kindness in assisting us for the legal requirements such as compliance with Singapore's media censorship and licensing issues. He also organised logistics and storage of our publications upon arrival in Singapore.

Around 11.30am, JJ, Ben, Roland, Chia and Irene were on site at Suntec Convention Centre to put up the backdrops, designed by Ben. Jamie, Yek Yee, Susan and Sharon came to help after running some errands (and getting lost!). Soon after, Joe, Shin, Andee, David, Teo Lai Sing and Lai Sing's friend, Elvis, arrived.



Andee talking to Teo Lai Sing

The 3 metre by 3 metre booth became full of sweating KMP members as the aircon was off for the whole day! Some were meticulously sticking on the legally required labels on the DVDs, while others were unwrapping books and stacking them on shelves.

In the middle of all that chaos, a friend of a friend of a friend of Sharon's turned up to collect something from her and he bought the book, 'Nothing Changes', which was our first sale of the book fair!



Setting up



Sticking labels on all DVDs

Chia ran back and forth from Carrefour to get various stationeries and refreshments for the grateful labourers. Several small mishaps occurred, such as the shelves collapsing from the weight of the books, which required some creativity from KMP members!

By about 7.30pm, we finally finished putting everything in its place and took a photo to capture the moment.



Group Photo!

Tired but happy, we made dedications that may there be much auspiciousness and obstacles be removed so that HE Tsem Tulku Rinpoche's teachings may spread to benefit the many people who will come to the book fair.

Joseph then treated the remaining members of KMP to dinner at Tony Romas!

The book fair opens tomorrow... watch this space!