



### How Can I Help?

Many women from developing countries are anxious to come to the Sakyadhita Conference in Malaysia, but need your support. A contribution of \$500-800 will enable a laywoman or nun from Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Laos, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Tibet, or Vietnam to attend the conference. We welcome your ideas, suggestions, and participation in the conference planning!

Please let us know if you are qualified and would like to help with the translation and editing of papers, simultaneous interpretation, informal interpretation during discussion groups, or can help in other ways.

### DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION, WITH PAYMENT: MAY 15

Send registration in US dollars (check or money order) to:

Sakyadhita International  
923 Mokapu Blvd.  
Kailua, HI 96734

Participants outside the U.S. may send the registration fee by wire transfer to:

Sakyadhita International Conference Malaysia  
Bank Name: EON Bank Berhad (Brickfields Branch)  
(Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)  
Address: No. 150, Jalan Tun Sambanthan  
Brickfields  
50470 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Phone: 603-2274 7100 Fax: 603-2274 9568  
Account Number: 0061-10-002958-6  
SWIFT Code: EOBB MYKL

For conference updates, visit the Sakyadhita website:  
[www.sakyadhita.org](http://www.sakyadhita.org). For further information, contact:  
[sakyadhita@mac.com](mailto:sakyadhita@mac.com).

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

## REGISTRATION FORM

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE

Includes registration, accommodations, and vegetarian meals for five days.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$300 for members  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$350 for non-members  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$120 for temple tour

### AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 (round trip on days indicated)

### DONATIONS

\$\_\_\_\_\_ To sponsor a participant from a developing country  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor a laywoman  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor a nun  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor someone from:  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ General conference donation  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor someone to attend  
the conference from:

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Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
Languages spoken: \_\_\_\_\_

## 9th Sakyadhita International Conference on Buddhist Women



## Buddhist Women in a Global Multicultural Community

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
June 17 to 21, 2006



## Sakyadhita, “Daughters of Buddha”

Sakyadhita International Association of Buddhist Women was founded in 1987 in Bodhgaya, India. Sakyadhita is an alliance of Buddhist women dedicated to nurturing women’s potential for compassionate social action through networking, education, publications, and training. Since 1987, Sakyadhita has held conferences regularly to unite Buddhist women worldwide and work towards gender equity in the Buddhist traditions.

### Sakyadhita Conference Aims

- to unite Buddhist women worldwide
- to promote their welfare
- to foster gender equity
- to encourage mutual understanding
- facilitate Buddhist women’s work for the benefit of humanity



### About Malaysia

Malaysia is located in Southeast Asia, with Thailand to the north, Singapore and Indonesia to the south, the Philippines to the east, and the Indian Ocean to the west. The provinces of Sabah and Sarawak are located on the north coast of Borneo across the South China Sea. Malaysia’s climate is tropical and its rich landscape includes dense jungles, sandy beaches, lush rain forests, picturesque towns, and the bustling urban metropolis of the capital city, Kuala Lumpur.

In 1963, Malaysia was formed from the former British colonies of Malaya, Sabah, Sarawak, and Singapore. In 1965, Singapore broke away and became independent. Malaysia’s diverse population includes Malays, Chinese, Indians, indigenous tribal peoples, and other groups. Muslim mosques stand nearby Buddhist temples and Hindu shrines. The Malays (55%) are Muslim, the Chinese and Sinhalese (35%) are generally Buddhist, and the Indians (10%) are generally Hindu or Muslim.

Malaysia is a constitutional monarchy with nine hereditary sultans who select the head of state every five years. The official language is Bahasa Malaysia, with English spoken widely. Other languages include Iban, Tamil, and Chinese dialects such as Mandarin, Cantonese, Hokkien, and Hakka.



## Buddhism in Malaysia

The earliest historical record of Buddhism in the Malay peninsula is the visit of the Chinese monk Fa Xian in 413 CE. Archaeological artifacts excavated at Kedah (north of Penang) are evidence of the first phase of Buddhist cultural development, between the fifth and tenth centuries CE. The second phase of Buddhist influence dates to Chinese immigration in the seventeenth century. The current phase is a flourishing of international influences from Sri Lanka, Taiwan, and Tibet.

### Conference Program

The 9th Sakyadhita International Conference on Buddhist Women will be held at Sau Seng Lum (Puchong) Exhibition Center in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia. The theme of this year’s conference is “Buddhist Women in a Global Multicultural Community.”

June 16	Arrival in Kuala Lumpur
June 17	Opening Ceremony
June 21	Closing Ceremony
June 22-24	Temple Tour to Ipoh, Penang, and Melaka
June 25	Departure

### Discussion Topics

- Buddhist Women of Malaysia
- Buddhist Women Across Cultures: New Roles and Opportunities
- Dharma and Crosscultural Communication
- Images of Enlightenment
- Dialogue Across Cultures: Links and Common Ground
- Bhikshuni Vinaya and Full Ordination for Women
- Race, Class, and Gender in the Buddhist Diaspora
- Innovative Institutions: New Communities for Buddhist Women
- Translating the Dharma: Buddhism, Multiculturalism, and Language

### Workshop Topics

- Unlearning Racism/Classism/Sexism Through Narrative
- The Heart in Buddhist Activism
- Hospice Care from a Buddhist Perspective
- Peacemaker Circle Practice
- “You Don’t Understand Me”: Developing Respectful Listening Skills
- Getting Organized: Buddhist Women and Organizational Development
- Enhancing Leadership Skills for Buddhist Women

## Daily Schedule

6:00 am	Meditation
7:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 am	Panel Presentations
10:00 am	Small Group Discussions
11:30 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Panel Presentations
3:00 pm	Tea
3:15 pm	Workshops & Discussions
5:00 pm	Chanting of the Buddhist Traditions
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Cultural Performances



### Travel Tips

The climate in Malaysia is sunny and warm, with occasional tropical showers. Summer clothes are best, but out of respect for our host culture, shorts, tank tops, and revealing clothes are not appropriate.

### Conference Fees

The conference fee is \$300 for Sakyadhita members and \$350 for non-members. The fee includes conference registration, simple accommodations, and vegetarian meals for five days. The cost of the temple tour is \$120, inclusive of transportation, temple accommodations, and vegetarian meals. Hotel accommodations are also available upon request, at an additional cost, for both the conference and the tour. Transportation from the airport to the conference site will be provided for arrivals on June 16, and for departures on June 22 and 25. The fee for round-trip airport transportation is \$30. Registration and payment must be received by May 15, 2006.