



DDMBA Ontario is pleased to welcome **Gilbert Gutierrez** to Toronto in the coming Canada Day long weekend. Gilbert's visit to Toronto is a rare privilege for all DDMBA members, as well as an excellent opportunity for newcomers to learn about Chan Buddhism.

Gilbert is a Dharma teacher of Dharma Drum Mountain and a seasoned Chan practitioner. While practicing law in Riverside, California, Gilbert has been leading the Riverside meditation group and giving Chan practice guidance to DDM practitioners in Los Angeles area and North America.

Gilbert's practice has been well recognized as the only lay practitioner in North America having received Dharma transmission from Shifu Master Sheng-Yen. Lay practitioners will learn from Gilbert how to practice Chan in daily life be it at home or at work.

Gilbert will be giving a series of dharma talks in Toronto, directed at both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Chan, starting Friday June 29 and running until Sunday July 1, 2007.

The Events Schedule is as follows:

- **Friday June 29. 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm:** Gilbert will be giving an introductory lecture on **Chan Buddhism** at Snow Lion. The lecture will last one hour, and is to be followed by a half hour Question and Answer period.
- **Saturday June 30. 9:30 am – 4:30 pm:** Gilbert will lead a **One Day Teaching Retreat** at committee rooms 1&2 of Scarborough Civic Centre. The emphasis of the first part of the day will be on beginning practices, while the afternoon will be devoted to more intermediate and advanced practices. Although all members and guests are encouraged to stay for the whole retreat, beginning members are free to leave after the morning half of the retreat if they so wish. \* Lecture in English with Mandarin translation.
- **Sunday July 1. 9:00am – 12:30pm** Gilbert will be lecturing on the first volume of the **Surangama Sutra** at the Prajna Temple, in Kitchener. This sutra beautifully relates the story of Ananda's temptation away from his practice, and how the Buddha intervenes to teach Ananda how to cultivate a still mind. \* Lecture in English with Mandarin translation.

For those interested in attending any event, please R.S.V.P [ddmba.toronto@gmail.com](mailto:ddmba.toronto@gmail.com).

Carpooling can be arranged for those in Toronto who are wishing to attend the July 1 session in Kitchener. Please indicate if you need a ride or the number of seats you can offer. Thank you.

We sincerely hope you can attend these spiritual nourishing events.

### Directions to Events:

#### Snow Lion

**708 Pape Avenue, Toronto**

Driving: Public parking is available at north side of SL. \*Google for driving direction.

Public Transit: across from Pape subway station.

#### Scarborough Civic Centre

**Committee Rooms 1&2 150 Borough Drive, Toronto**

[Location map](#) (pdf: 1 page)

Driving: Public parking is available at south and east side of SCC. \*Google for driving direction.  
Public Transit: subway to Kennedy, then L.R.T. to Scarborough Centre. Enter SCC across Albert Campbell Square.

### **Prajna Temple**

#### **Unit 301 265 King Street East, Kitchener**

Driving from Toronto: [Prajna temple](#) is located at unit 301 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) of 265 King Street East. Take exit 278 on 401W and merge to HW 8 West. Follow the sign to Kitchener downtown, it will lead you to King Street E. Prajna temple is at the NW corner of the intersection of King & Eby Street.

For entrance to free parking, please drive passing the temple. Turn left at the first parking lot passing Prajna temple (around two or three or four buildings away), and make another left turn after passing the parking lot, drive for around 10 meter and make another left turn to get into the parking lot beside the plaza where Prajna temple is located.