## 抄经新语

## Sutra Copying for Blessings



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修行有八僃四干種法阴，抄維就是其中一阴。抄維可以
益，一者可以親近如本，二者可以攝取福德，三者潩法亦是修行，四者可以受天人供養，五者可以蔵罪。」

In cultivation there are 84，000 kinds of dharma practices，and hand－copying sutras is one of them． Sutra copying can hefp us focus our minds，nurture our characters，and open our wisdom．The Bodhisattva Asanga once said：
＂There are five benefits from hand－copying a sutra：
（1）One can draw near to the Tathagata；
（2）One can gather in and gain blessings and virtues； （3）Praising the Dharma is also cultivating；
（4）One can receive offerings from heavenly beings； （5）One can eradicate offenses．＂

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In 2006, Gold Buddha Monastery started the tradition of sutra copying or also known in Chinese as "First Stroke of Auspiciousness, Sutra Copying for Blessings". This event is held on Chinese $\mathcal{N}$ ew Year Eve from 1:00 to 3:30 in the afternoom. $\mathcal{A} d \mathscr{L}$ those who participated brought forth their earnest sincerity to hand-copy sutras. Up until 2013, participants have copied several sutras such as "The Heart of Prajna Paramita Sutra", "Vajra Prajna Paramita Sutra", "Great Strength Bodhisattva's Perfect Penetration Chapter", "The Avatamsaka Sutra Preface", "The Sutra of the Eight Awakenings of Great Sages", "Vajra Prajna Paramita Sutra", "Medicine Master Sutra", and "Shurangama Mantra Verses by Venerable Master Hua".



























































































## 願以此抄維的功德，

普皆回向法界—切察生獲得盖提勝果位，

登大善提心，速成佛道。
May the merit and virtue of hand－copying sutras，
Be universally transferred to all beings in the
Dharma Realm to attain Bodhi fruition．
May all attain bliss and leave suffering，
Bring forth Bodhi resolve and accomplish the Buddha Way．

