

**Dear respected elders, brothers, and sisters,
Dear kind benefactors,**

THE LETTER FROM THAI PLUM VILLAGE MINDFULL LIVING – Toronto Canada

On December 18, 2024, the Thai Plum Village Mindful Living Fund (TPVMLF) transferred 15,000 CAD to support the daily operations of the Thai Plum Village monastery, which is home to approximately 150 monks, mostly young people who are practicing and teaching Dharma.

Before 2024, the number of monks at Thai Plum Village was usually over 200. However, after years of training, many have been sent to other Plum Village monasteries around the world. These monks are sent out to serve and learn about the cultural differences in the practice of Buddhism in various countries. Of course, the ultimate goal is to bring back diverse and rich experiences to Vietnam, further enriching and strengthening Vietnamese Buddhism. This follows the path that our teacher, Thay, walked and accomplished during over 50 years in the West.

This is also what Venerable Thanh Quý Chân Thật, who is Thay's teacher, clearly stated about the future of Thay's Dharma work in the West in the verse given to him:

*“Walking toward spring, with vitality and energy,
Walking with no thought, and without conflict,
The lamp of the mind shines to reveal the original nature,
The wondrous Dharma East and West can naturally succeed.”*

The total amount transferred to the monastery in 2024 was done twice: the first in April with 15,000 CAD, and the second in December with 15,000 CAD, totaling 30,000 CAD.

With this funding, the sangha has been able to cover the costs for Dharma programs as well as the essential needs of daily life at the monastery.

You can find the list of contributions for 2024 and the remaining funds from 2023 here:
[Google Spreadsheet Link](#)

Here is the letter acknowledging the money received from Thai Plum Village:
[Google Photos Link](#)

Images from the monastery's activities:

- The ordination ceremony for 20 new monks on January 19, 2025, in Thailand:
[Google Photos Link](#)
- The ordination ceremony for 25 new monks on January 12, 2025, in Vietnam:
[Google Photos Link](#)

We were granted permission from the government to conduct the ordination ceremony for 25 new monks at the Ni Xa Dieu Tram on January 12, 2025, within the sacred grounds of Tu Hieu Pagoda, a place rich in spiritual tradition deeply connected with the history of Vietnamese Buddhism. **The**

new monks will gradually transition to Thai Plum Village to participate in new learning and practice programs.

This is a significant milestone, not only for Ni Xa Dieu Tram but also a source of happiness for all of Thay's children. This approval is not just a legal recognition but a confirmation of the value of the monastic path we have been preserving. It opens the opportunity for younger generations to wholeheartedly embrace a life of mindfulness, following the compassionate and wise teachings of the Plum Village monastic community.

This ordination also marks the unity of the Dharma and the nation, demonstrating that the teachings Thay has so diligently nurtured not only benefit individuals but also spread peace and happiness in society. We believe this event will inspire many to continue spreading the spirit of mindfulness across all regions, contributing to the development of a mindful, loving, and peaceful community.

The new monks are being well-trained and are spreading out to various places, organizing retreats for people from all walks of life.

- **Mindfulness Retreat for Young People in Thailand**
[Watch the video here](#)
- **Business People Retreat for Middle-aged Individuals in Vietnam**
[View the images here](#)

LETTER FROM THAI PLUM VILLAGE – Pakchong, Thailand

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Plum Village Thailand, Apr. 24, 2024

Dear Board of Management of Thai Plum Village Mindfull Living Fund (TPVMLF)

The Thai Plum Village Monastery would like to thank the TPVMLF for supporting the monastery's rainwater reservoir project with a net financial amount of 387,378 baht (CAD 15,000.00). The reservoir will have an area of 1000 square meters and a depth of 1.5m and will serve and support the lives of 56 monks, 85 nuns, and meditation practitioners who come to attend retreats at the Village.

Building a rainwater reservoir has been a dream of the monastery for many years. Many places in Thailand, particularly the Pak Chong region, are severely affected by water scarcity. Every day, the monastery grows more and more, and learning events and retreats are held continuously. The reservoir support our growth of the monastery is doing a number of ways, such as:

- Planting a vegetable garden to supply the kitchen,

- Planting fruit trees along the walking meditation path to provide fresh offerings to the Buddha and fresh food for public health,
- Planting more ornamental trees to create beauty and shade for the monastery,

All plants and soils require water, but water resources in Thailand are both scarce and costly. Therefore, constructing canals to collect rainwater from the highlands and direct it into reservoirs is a vital solution. However, it is only now, after more than 10 years of building the Thai Plum Village, that we have the conditions to begin constructing this reservoir.

Original Thank You Letter in Vietnamese

[Link to Letter](#)

Photos of the Start of Digging the Reservoir and the Night Celebrating Its Completion

[Link to Photos](#)

Photos of Tree Planting

[Link to Photos](#)

I hope that we all can share in the joy of this spiritual gift as we move into 2025 and the end of the Year of the Snake.

With deep respect,
On behalf of Thai Plum Village Mindful Living Fund (TPVMLF),
Nguyen Minh – Chan Bo De