

# Hanamatsuri in Taiwan Regional District



## Horai Nembutsu Association (Taipei, Taiwan)

- On April 8, the annual Hanamatsuri service to commemorate the birth of Sakyamuni Buddha and monthly memorial service for Shinran Shonin took place.

About twenty members joined in chanting the Sambutsuge and Juseige while they each took a turn bathing the statue of baby Buddha. The *amacha* or sweet tea prepared for the service was also served to those in attendance. Though the day had started being a nice clear day, as soon as the chanting commenced, it began to rain heavily, reminding everyone of the shower that rained on the baby Buddha at his birth. It was an awe-inspiring moment.

Following the service, a Netflix Indian drama entitled "Buddha" was shown, followed by a Dharma exchange session on a verse from the Shoshinge (left photo), and closed with participants watching videos of Hanamatsuri celebrations being conducted in Japan to get a feel of the joyous event.

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Below: Rev. Chen I-Hsin and sangha members showering baby Buddha with sweet tea





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