



COMMUNAUTE BOUDDHIQUE ZEN VILLAGE DES PRUNIER

Official Announcement

Plum Village, November 14, 2014

*To all Plum Village Practice Centers,
To all Practice Centers and Sanghas World Wide,
To our Dear Beloved Friends,*

Re: Guidance on Visiting Thay and Plum Village, France to help Thay's recovery

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone for generating a powerful collective energy of healing and compassion for our dear Teacher as he continues his process of recovery from a severe brain hemorrhage.

We have received requests for guidance on whether it is appropriate to visit Plum Village to express your love and support for Thây. Our guidance is as follows:

1. To be with the Sangha is to be with Thây. Practicing together we can connect with the collective energy of practice, and the practices and insights Thay has transmitted to us. As a Sangha we can strengthen our dharma body, which is also Thay's dharma body. Please know that you are always welcome to come to Plum Village during our retreats to join the strong collective energy of the four-fold Sangha practicing together. Anyone wishing to come to Plum Village must please follow the normal procedure regarding online registration, Friday arrivals, financial contribution and so on. Please avoid telephoning if possible.
2. We are upholding the strict no-visit policy established by the specialist hospital medical team. It is not possible to visit Thay in hospital. The greatest support that we can offer our Beloved Teacher at this time is to generate a powerful collective energy of compassion and healing through our own mindfulness practice, wherever we are in the world.

Future reports on Thay's health and recovery will be posted officially at www.plumvillage.org, langmai.org, villagedespruniers.net, and www.facebook.com/thichnhathanh.

On behalf of the Monastic Dharma Teacher Council of Plum Village,

*Bhikkhu Thich Chan Phap Dang
Bhikkhuni Thich Nu Chan Khong Nghiem*