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It is with profound grief that I send my condolences on the passing away of the Great Zen Master Sungsan.

The Venerable Sungsan taught himself through relentless self-discipline. In the process, he helped develop Zen Buddhism in an authentic way while contributing immensely to the harmony and reform of the Buddhist community.

He established 120 temples in 32 countries and spearheaded the effort to propagate Korean Buddhism around the world. Because of Sungsan's endeavors, many non-Koreans now follow the teachings of Korean Buddhism.

Through his famous teachings entitled, *Only Don't Know* and *The Whole World Is a Single Flower*, he left invaluable lessons in the quest of humanity for harmony and world peace.

As I grieve for the Great Monk Sungsan, I reminisce on his remarkable achievements that spread wisdom of Buddhism and enlightened humanity.

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