

THE EIGHT AUSPICIOUS SYMBOLS



Right-coiled white conch:

The white conch which coils to the right symbolizes the deep, far-reaching and melodious sound of the dharma teachings, which being appropriate to different natures, predispositions and aspirations of disciples, awakens them from the deep slumber of ignorance and urges them to accomplish their own and other's welfare.



Precious umbrella:

The precious umbrella symbolizes the wholesome activity of preserving beings from illness, harmful forces, obstacles and so forth in this life, and all kinds of temporary and enduring sufferings of the three lower realms, and the realms of men and gods in future lives. It also represents the enjoyment of the feast of benefit under its cool shade.



Victory banner:

The victory banner symbolizes the victory of the activities of one's own and other's body, speech and mind over obstacles and negativities. It also stands for the Buddhist Doctrine over all harmful and pernicious forces.



Golden fish:

The golden fish symbolizes the auspiciousness of all living beings in a state of fearlessness, without danger of drowning in the ocean of sufferings, and migrating from place to place freely and spontaneously, just as a fish swims freely without fear through water.



Vase of treasure:

The treasure vase symbolizes an endless rain of long life, wealth and prosperity and all the benefits of this world and liberation.



Lotus flower:

The lotus flower symbolizes the complete purification of the defilements of the body, speech and mind, and the full blossoming of wholesome deeds in blissful liberation.



Endless Knot:

The endless knot symbolizes the mutual dependence of religion doctrine and secular affairs. Similarly, it represents the union of wisdom and method, the inseparability of emptiness and dependent arising at the time of path, and finally, at the time of enlightenment, the complete union of wisdom and great compassion.



Wheel:

The golden wheel symbolizes the auspiciousness of the turning of the precious wheel of Buddha's doctrine, both in teaching and realizations, in all realms and at all times, enabling beings to experience the joy of wholesome deeds and liberation.