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Fo Guang Shan Monastery  
Kaohsiung, Taiwan

## LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

On behalf of all members and devotees of the Dhammakaya Foundation worldwide, I express my deepest condolences on the peaceful passing of Most Ven. Master Hsing Yun – the Founder of the Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Monastic order and Buddha’s Light International Association. His passing was truly a disheartening loss for all Buddhist communities worldwide. There cannot be any amendment to the loss which has been incurred, but our sympathy will always be with all Sangha members and devotees of Fo Guang Shan monasteries.

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Most Ven. Master Hsing Yun was an exceptional Buddhist scholar. His lifetime dedication has tremendously promoted the Buddhist faith worldwide. He contributed significantly to Buddhist studies, which fostered the development of Buddhism in Taiwan and around the world in the modern era. His benevolence for the well-being of all sentient beings was exceptionally admired and inspired. He has graciously exemplified the life of a true monk through the exhibition of his remarkable life. His notable lifetime achievements have far exceeded what any person could accomplish in a lifetime. There are no words to describe the sadness we all share for the loss of such a renowned scholar.



The Dhammakaya Foundation was inspired by the endeavors and success of Fo Guang Shan monasteries, under the guidance and leadership of Most Ven. Master Hsing Yun. We have learned enormously how to administer and manage a global-scale Buddhist organization from the guidance and advice of the Master. The relationship between the two temples of different Buddhist traditions was an astonishing example and initiative for the development of unity among Buddhist communities.

Most Ven. Master Hsing Yun has lived an inspirational life. As every person shall part from this life and world, I convey my heartfelt condolences for the demise of the extraordinary Buddhist master. He graciously departed from this world with the blessing of the Noble Triple Gem. He will forever remain in my thoughts and prayers.

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With the Deepest Sympathy,

Most Ven. Phravitesdhammabhorn  
(Varapanyo Bhikkhu)  
President



## 泰國法身寺

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敬悼念一代偉人——<sup>上</sup>星<sup>下</sup>雲大師

哀聞悲訊佛光山開山宗長<sup>上</sup>星<sup>下</sup>雲大師住世緣盡，於二月五日下午五時，于莊嚴念佛聲中，安詳舍報於佛光山傳燈樓開山寮，享耆壽97歲。泰國法身寺及法身基金會倍感痛惜，謹致以最深切的哀悼！

大師一生弘揚人間佛教，開山56年來，在全球創建300餘所寺院、全球各地創辦5所大學、佛光會員數百萬人。

在一九九三年十月十七日和一九九四年二月二十五日，感恩大師兩度蒞臨泰國法身寺協議締結兄弟寺，立約共創人間淨土，共同發揚人間佛教，促進世界和平的偉大願景。為南北傳佛教交流開啓新頁。這是南北傳佛教融和的最佳表徵。

大師是最著名的佛教大師之一，在弘揚佛法上的貢獻令人鼓舞和欽佩。大師的仁慈感動了全世界數百萬人。雖大師已圓寂，但慈悲精神永存于世人心中。祈願大師能乘願再來，早回娑婆，普利衆生。

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