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Passing of Venerable Master Hsing Yun

The Griffith University community is saddened to hear of the passing of the Fo Guang Shan Founder, Venerable Master Hsing Yun. I would like to offer my heartfelt condolences to all the followers of the order.

Venerable Master Hsing Yun will be remembered through his life devotion to the propagation of Humanistic Buddhism globally. The Venerable Master established over 300 temples worldwide, founding five universities in Taiwan, USA, Australia, and the Philippines, as well as the Buddha's Light International Association (BLIA) together comprising millions of members, focusing on service and charity for those in need.

In recognition of the Venerable Master's distinguished contributions to the international community, he received an Honourable Doctorate from Griffith University on 26th May 2006. Throughout the years, Griffith has maintained a strong connection with Fo Guang Shan. For example, the foundation Pro Vice Chancellor of Griffith Health, Late Professor Emeritus Allan Cripps AO, always spoke fondly about his meeting with the Venerable Master in 2015 and the achievements of the Venerable Master.

On behalf of Griffith Health, my thoughts are with the followers of Venerable Master Hsing Yun, as they gather to celebrate his remarkable life.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AO'D", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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