
Buddha's Light International Association (BILA)
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Dear BLIA members,

On behalf of the City of Markham, I would like to extend my sincerest condolences to all the disciples and members of your association on the passing of your founder, Venerable Master Hsing Yun.

For nearly half a century, Venerable Master Hsing Yun has devoted his efforts to transforming the world through the practice of Humanistic Buddhism. He had a profound impact everywhere he visited, and our community was no exception. The Groundbreaking Ceremony in 1994, which he personally led, marked the beginning of the construction of the Fo Guang Shan Temple of Toronto, which eventually led to the development of a satellite Dharma centre right here in our very own community – the Markham Buddha's Light Centre. Our community will eternally be grateful for what he has brought to our city and his legacy will forever be remembered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Frank Scarpitti'.

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor of Markham