



12th February 2023

Dear Abbess Manshin,

Please accept my deepest and sincere sympathy on the passing of Venerable Master Hsing Yun.

I was privileged to be the Mayor of Manukau in Aotearoa, New Zealand from 1983 to 2007.

During this time I established a warm, working relationship with the Fo Guang Shan Chinese Buddhist leaders as they pursued with vigour, a dream to create a Temple and Community Centre in our wonderful City.

Back on 7th November 1999, I had the pleasure to officiate at the Sod Turning Ceremony to celebrate the commencement of construction of the Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple in Manukau.

Completed in 2007, I believe it will serve as a proud and lasting memorial to the Venerable Hsing Yun, ably supported by the Abbesses and volunteer members of Buddha's Light International Association.

May he Rest in Peace.

Sir Barry Curtis

Former Mayor of Manukau, New Zealand
1983 - 2007

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紐西蘭奧克蘭Manukau City 前市長 Sir Barry Curtis 弔唁信

Sir Barry Curtis 表示很榮幸在擔任 Manukau 市長的任期內，於1999年參與了北島佛光山的動土儀式，更在2007年北島佛光山的落成開光典禮與星雲大師見面。北島佛光山將傳承大師的精神與理念。