

## Premier of Western Australia

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Mr Kim Yen Chen President Buddha's Light International Association of Western Australia Inc 280 Guildford Road MAYLANDS WA 6051

Dear Mr Chen

It is with sadness that I heard of the death of the Venerable Master Hsing Yun on 5 February 2023.

As the founder of the Fo Guang Shan Buddhist monastic order, the Buddha's Light International Association, five educational institutions of higher learning, numerous Buddhist colleges, high schools and kindergartens, the Venerable Hsing Yun's life and work has touched millions of people around the world.

One of the temples established through the vision of the Venerable Master Hsing Yun, and with the aim of spreading humanistic Buddhism, is the Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple of Western Australia. Thousands of members of the Western Australian community, both Buddhist and non-Buddhist, have enjoyed the temple environment as a place for contemplation and learning.

With the passing of Venerable Master Hsing Yun, Buddhists around the world have lost a great spiritual leader but can take comfort in the inspiration of his teachings, wisdom and service for generations to come.

I offer my condolences to the members of the Buddha's Light International Association of Western Australia, the Buddhist community and all members of the Western Australian community who mourn his loss.

Yours sincerely

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