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THE PASSING OF THE VENERABLE MASTER HSING YUN

I send my deepest condolences to the Fo Guang Shan community on the passing of the Venerable Master Hsing Yun.

Master Hsing Yun's work as a force of harmony and unity has had a positive impact on the lives of Buddhists around the world over his long life. Master Hsing Yun's 'Humanistic Buddhism' has helped Buddhists work toward enlightenment within their communities, embracing the altruism, joyfulness, and universality that can be found when practicing Buddhism in daily life.

As the Venerable Master said, 'Community transcends the individual, and in doing so fulfils the individual in the most complete way possible.' Master Hsing Yun's influence among Fo Guang Shan Buddhists in Australia will leave a long legacy of respect and altruism.

Through this time of reflection, I hope that the Venerable Master's memory will be a source of inspiration as you continue to promote the Buddha's message of compassion and enlightenment in the Australian community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Giles".

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