



MESSAGE FROM THE HON. MARK COURE MP

Minister for Multiculturalism

Passing of Venerable Master Hsing Yun

I express my deepest sympathies to all followers of the Fo Guang Shan movement for the passing of your founder, Venerable Master Hsing Yun

While it is saddening to hear of the Venerable Master's passing, there is a lot of his life that we should celebrate and honour.

I understand that for more than 80 years the Venerable Master served the Buddhist community as a monk and teacher, influencing the Buddhist community both here in NSW and abroad. Over the many decades he focused on placing the needs of others first and helped create a better world for all.

He leaves behind an inspiring legacy of meeting the needs of others, including the founding of the Buddha's Light International Association, whose Australian chapters are highly respected for their charitable work. In addition, he led the establishing of hundreds of temples—one of them the striking Nan Tien Temple near Wollongong—monasteries, universities, colleges, schools and kindergartens, media organisations, art galleries and libraries.

I have no doubt his legacy and memory will be honoured and many will be saddened by his passing.

May this remarkable man swiftly attain the bliss of Nirvana.

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