

Address by Chairman

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Honorable government leaders, ladies, and gentlemen
Leading senior masters, masters, and Tao members:

I am delighted to extend my warm regards and welcome to distinguished guests, friends and Tao practitioners who have gathered for the centennial dedication ceremony of Grand Master of I-kuan Tao at the Chung Cheng (Chiang Kai-shek) Memorial Hall in Taipei.

To I-kuan Tao, the Confucian School of Thoughts has always been an essential religious element as it has exercised a profound influence on China's cultural development.

This ceremony will mark another significant milestone for I-kuan Tao, we have great pleasure to share with you the meaningful benefits arising from the Great Scholar Contest event:

- 6000 successful candidates from over sixty-eight countries are in attendance.
- Eleven scriptures to be examined are the Great Learning, the Doctrine of the Mean, the Analects, and the Book of Mencius, the World of Dah-torng; Platform Sutra of the Sixth Patriarch, Heart Sutra; Ching Jing Scripture, Tao Te Ching; the Salvation Sutra of Maitreya, and the Purpose of Tao.
- Five year old children to ninety-five year old seniors are attending the contest, hundreds of them represent three generations under one roof.
- The event has created a strong legacy of membership among the spiritual communities in Taipei. As a result, an integrated congregation is taking shape, which will be working to enrich the international movement.
- It is our sincere belief that the event will bring about stronger ties of brotherhood and understanding. Let us be side by side, continue all our efforts for a common purpose to create a more peaceful, just and sustainable world.

In closing, your participation is a symbol of hope, wisdom and harmony. Your support to the event will have an effect on the development and promotion of the Tao mission. My sincere wishes go to you for a very positive and rewarding future for you and all the members.

Thank you. May Lao-mu, the Almighty bless you.