

**Carry on Our Tao Will and Behave Ourselves
according to Our Conscience
Cultivate Ourselves, Harmonize Our Families and
Help Accomplish a Flourished Country and a Peaceful World**

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For all the Tao-cultivators around the world, today is the most important day. Today, Tao-cultivators from different continents of the world, with their highest honor and sincerity, meet together here in Taipei. With the Great Scholar Contest, the garden party and the musical concert, we commemorate the 100th Tao's propagation anniversary from the 17th Patriarch, Great Master and Great Mistress. This is one of the most honorable events for all the Tao-cultivators in our generation nowadays. First, let us thank heaven's grace, our teacher's good deeds and the merciful protection and blessing from the gods above. Besides, let us also appreciate the sacrifice and efforts of all the senior masters, the support and encouragement from the governmental officers, and the participation of all of you in this great event. All of these help contribute this special opportunity of the celebration between gods above and human beings today.

In the human history records, the origin of Tao's propagation can be traced back to the ancient Fu-xi saint. We always hear of "One stroke separated the heaven and earth" and the "Great creation of I-Ching Eight Divine Patterns." These phrases are to praise our Fu-xi saint, who pointed out the constant origin of every being and the mystical way of coexistence of every being in the universe. This constant origin and mystical way of coexistence is "Tao." Since the Fu-xi saint, all the great emperors never lead and taught his people without "Tao". Till the Confucius saint and the Mencius saint, "Tao" was directly approved as not only the transcendent order of heaven, the Heavenly Decree, but also as the concrete conscience, the goodness, and the ethics on each human being. In the position of human being, if one can carry out his life in a good way, he can experience and prove the never decayed "Tao", the Heavenly Decree, in his limited lifetime. From this point of view, the real meaning and the utmost value of the human life can be held constantly, which then further makes the happy family, the solid society, the flourish country and the peaceful world possible. The principle of the Tao-propagation is to continue the Heart Dharma from the Fu-xi saint and the historical great emperors and saints, wishing "To transform the world into a peaceful, honest, and orderly society, to enlighten the minds of people and enable them to return to a state of benevolence and, by pursuing this path, to bring the world into a state of equality, fraternity, harmony, welfare, and justice – the World of Da-Tong" as our aim. This is also one part of our Great Master's advices in the forewords of the book "Extemporaneous Buddha Rules": "The Tao of the ancient emperors was based on rectifying their hearts and cultivating their bodies. The teaching of the great saints was started by propriety and righteousness." Thus, we understand that the fulfillment of the Heart Dharma of the ancient great emperors and saints was located on the personal cultivation of heart and body and was

started from carrying out the propriety and righteousness in their lives. Let us realize the real meaning of Tao and cultivate ourselves. The forever peace of human being is then expectable.

Since the past 400 years, I-Kuan Tao has been continually propagating the Heart Dharma from the ancient saints and clarifying the mystical meanings of the Great Tao according to the time. From the Patriarch Huang De-hui to the Patriarch Liu Qing-xu, rules of Tao-transmitting had been systematically set up. 100 years ago, Patriarch Lu Zhong-yi became the 17th Patriarch and was followed by our Great Master and Great Mistress. Our Great Master and Great Mistress received the special heavenly decree of world salvation through transmitting and propagating Tao. Thus, Tao was then spread from Shan-Dong province to He-Bei province and then prevailed step by step to the whole China. Since 60 years ago, Tao has been spread from Taiwan, Hong Kong and prevailed in more than 75 countries in the world. Propagation of I-Kuan Tao can really be found in different kinds of areas, no matter in the east, west, south or north, no matter in the country or in the city center, no matter in the humid areas or in the rainless areas. And Tao cultivators can also be met in different kinds of human races, no matter they are seniors or juniors, rich or poor. In every place and at every moment, blessings from the heaven above, grace of the patriarchs always lead the human beings in the world to a enlightening broad way.

The transmitting and propagation of I-Kuan Tao in the past 100 years could be seen as the recurrence of the Heavenly Decree, which previously was transmitted from one single saint to another, into the reality of normal human being's life. The 17th Patriarch, our Great Master and Great Mistress took over the heavenly kismet and carried out the Tao on their own. And then the senior masters of every I-Kuan Tao groups followed them to civilize and awake their next generations by sacrificing themselves and thus built up the ideals of Tao cultivation. Their behaviors with the guidance of their own conscience and their upgrade with their sincere honesty have become very importance basements for the benign cycling power inside the peaceful world. No matter how many kinds of difficulties and sufferings, the mercy and strong will of the Tao cultivators to spread and propagate the Tao had never been hindered, which created the I-Kuan Tao court worldwide nowadays. We believe that this is only a good beginning. We will keep going forwards without any hesitation, keep spreading and propagating the Tao, keep cultivating ourselves and doing merits, in order to go on strengthening the benign power collected from the past hundred years and help everyone keep this benign cycling power inside them. We believe, the meeting today is the most concrete action to show our utmost sincerity and will toward the effects above.

Reading the scriptures of the saints is to read our hearts and to lead a life based on the conscience in everyone that doesn't differ from the ancient saints. We discovered that, no matter at which age, in which kind of races or languages, all kinds of life has a commonality. That is the conscience, the self-nature which the enlightening master pointed out to us. We found out that, in all kinds of scriptures of the saints, although they are in different languages, the efforts to point out the conscience, the self-nature inside ourselves are the same. The Great Scholar Contest today is not only to present our thanksgiving to the 100 year Tao's propagation anniversary from the 17th Patriarch, Great Master and Great Mistress, but also to promise us the strong determination and the long-term wish that we will keep carrying on our Tao will and behave ourselves according to our conscience and that we will cultivate ourselves, harmonize our families and help accomplish a flourished country and a peaceful world. Besides, through the

garden party, we advocate the health caring and merciful deeds by being vegetarians delightfully. With this activity, we learn to respect all lives and to cherish different relationships in our daily life. Based on this, we wish to reach the goal of a beautiful and peaceful coexistence with every life in the world, where “people’s virtues are illustrated, people are loved, and all things are taken care of”. At the last, with peaceful and touching musical concert, we try to recognize all life. Let us enjoy the music and join in the harmonized and peaceful world of Tao, since “Tao carried by the literature and Tao is carried by the art.” All of us here are to be encouraged to try our best to help build up a heaven in the mortal world of human and to achieve the forever peace and glory of human beings in the world.

At the last, the Republic of China I-Kuan Tao Association is very pleasant to welcome all the officers, guests, and the seniors and peers of all I-Kuan Tao organizations from every countries. We believe, today’s meeting is the best starting power that will certainly lead to a new era and a blooming period of I-Kuan Tao in the world. Let us make wishes and encouragements to each other. Under the blessings of God and teachers and with the mercy from every senior master and enlightening master, let us work together and make our greatest efforts on accomplishing the purposes of propagating I-Kuan Tao. I wish everyone health and peace, and every I-Kuan Tao organization prosperity. Thank you very much!