



Collaboration of Hearts Inheritance of Missions

In the recent years, natural and artificial disasters became frequent. We who reside in safety should be grateful at all times, and remain vigilant.

Tzu Chi began with charity, undertaking the well-being of families in difficulties and advance; in the process, Tzu Chi discovered that poverty and illness are like twins, as illnesses were often the consequence of poverty, and hence the medical mission was initiated.

Education is the vital force harmonizing the society, yet even though the general education level has improved, without humanities, the society would remain in turmoil. I often mentioned, knowledgeable and intelligent are not necessarily good; only together with wisdom and virtues can be qualified as humanities. Everyone should promote the benevolent nature of human beings in order to launch the virtuous talents of the society and the country, and that is the goal of our humanities mission.

Our four missions, charity, medicine, education, and humanity, collaborate in unison. For example, after the earthquake in Sichuan, our charity and medicine mission travelled together into the disaster areas, genuinely expressed their selfless love, with the integration of humanities strength such as sign language songs, to truly comfort the victims of disaster; otherwise, simply shedding tears together cannot efficiently ease the pain residing deep within their hearts. On the other hand, on every Tzu Chi members, doctors and nursing staffs, we could witness humanities in practice, which provoked many feelings amongst the local medical personnel, and that is education in action; they treated patients as their own families, allowing the patients to experience the kindness of the medical staffs. First treat the patient's heart, and once that is done, the physical illness will soon recover, alleviate them from pain and suffering; that is the positive capability of Four-missions-in-one.

As we arrive in this world, we should undertaken missions. With charity in the face of disaster and poverty; with medicine in the face the illness and disease; with education to focus on our hearts and nurture hope. Charity, medicine and education can never be apart from humanities, and with Four-missions-in-one, we can save the world and every heart.

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