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It is with deep sadness that Nan Tien Temple announces the passing of our beloved founder, Venerable Master Hsing Yun at the age of 97 years on 5th February 2023.

Venerable Master Hsing Yun devoted his life to the propagation of Humanistic Buddhism and the realisation of the Fo Guang Pure Land. In the past 56 years since the founding of Fo Guang Shan, he had established over 300 temples worldwide and founded five institutions of higher education in Taiwan, USA, Australia and the Philippines, as well as the Buddha's Light International Association.

In addition, the Venerable Master founded 16 Buddhist colleges, 27 art galleries, libraries, publishing houses, television and radio stations, daily newspapers, bookstores, mobile libraries, high schools and kindergartens. He was also a prolific writer and had authored the *Complete Works of Venerable Master Hsing Yun* totalling 365 volumes. In philanthropy, he established homes and clinics for the underprivileged.

Venerable Master successfully revived the Bhikkhuni ordination lineage in India which marked a significant milestone in Buddhist history, as the lineage had been lost for over a thousand years.

Throughout his lifetime, the Venerable Master dedicated himself to serving countless individuals, providing guidance and hope to people everywhere. Despite his passing, his achievements have left an indelible impact on the world and will continue to inspire future generations. The legacy of Venerable Master Hsing Yun will live on and his unwavering commitment to propagating Humanistic Buddhism will always be remembered.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, 13th February at Fo Guang Shan Monastery and it will be livestreamed on YouTube on the day and at the Nan Tien Temple's Main Shrine at 12 pm (Sydney time).

For further information, please refer to Nan Tien Temple's website - <http://www.nantien.org.au>

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