



# 2017 International Youth Seminar On Life and Ch'an

## I. Objectives:

Using the Three Acts of Goodness (Do good deeds; Speak good words; Think good thoughts) as the guiding philosophy:

- (1) Provide a communication platform for outstanding and talented youths worldwide.
- (2) Encourage the development of an attitude in providing service, mutual assistance and benefit to others in modern day youth through discussion on various topics such as culture, education, spiritual and environmental preservation.
- (3) Promote social harmony, world peace, and new social values for modern times.
- (4) Offer the opportunity to learn and practice Ch'an (Meditation), focus on moral education, advocate environmental and spiritual preservation, guiding youth in experiencing Humanistic Living Ch'an, as well as developing potentials and build harmonious interpersonal relationships.

## II. Organizer: Fo Guang Shan Monastery

## III. Co-organizers: Fo Guang University, Nanhua University, University of the West, Nan Tien Institute, Guang Ming College

## IV. Administrative Organizers: FGS Institute of Humanistic Buddhism, FGS Tsung-Lin University, Fo Guang University - Department of Buddhist Studies

## V. Date: 1) Retreat: July 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Sun~Sat)

2) Seminar: July 30<sup>th</sup> ~ August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 (Sun~Thu)

(Registration date: July 29<sup>th</sup>, 13:00 ~ 19:00 / Seminar close: August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 13:00)

3) Volunteer Travel (Optional): August 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ August 5<sup>th</sup> (Thu~Sat)

(Voluntary work in remote areas and experience of local culture)

## VI. Venue: Fo Guang Shan Monastery, Kaohsiung, Taiwan

## VII. Content: 1. Lecture Topics: Buddhist View on Life, Buddhist Studies on Life and Death,

Buddhism in Daily Living, Life Education Forum.

2. Applied Buddhism: Life in a Ch'an monastery, quest in life, community works.

3. Spiritual Cultivation: Outdoor meditation, chanting the Buddha's name, sutra calligraphy.

## VIII. Target Audience: Higher Education Youths Worldwide aged 18 to 35 (single).

## IX. Number of Participants: 500 Seminar participants and 200 retreaters.

- i. Only those who have already participated in a prior Seminar or by recommendation from a Fo Guang Shan Department/Branch are eligible to participate in the Retreat. **Applicants for the Retreat are expected to attend the entire two-week event, Seminar included.**
- ii. Those who opt for attending the Retreat are required to make a US\$100 deposit, which will be fully refunded at the end of the event upon complete and satisfactory

attendance (Strictly followed the rules of the monastery, and never being late or left early.)

- iii. Participants of the one-week Retreat are expected to follow the set schedule and rules of the monastery.
- iv. In addition to meditation, chanting, discussions, and lectures, the Retreat will also include daily practices such as chores and cleaning.

**X. Registration Fee:**

- 1) Food and accommodation, and seminar fees will be sponsored by the organizers for the duration of the seminar. **(Please arrange own airfare, transportation to FGS and personal expenses)**

**XI. Registration Deadline:** May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

(April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for students currently studying in Mainland China)

**XII. Application:**

- 1) For environmental purposes, all applications must be submitted online. Please visit the event website for online application forms.
- 2) Admission list will be posted on the event website and acceptance notice will be sent by email on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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**URL:** <http://www.fgs.org.tw/events/lifeandchan> **(Online applications accepted only)**