

## Cherishing Nature's Resources

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How do we find the balance between humans and the natural environment?

Many businesses in China attach great importance to the well-being of their employees. Many were set up by people from other parts of the world; they are very large and have many employees. Many companies now guide their employees to cherish natural resources and protect the environment.

Dharma Master Cheng Yen said: "Apart from promoting recycling, the company also asks its employees not to waste food. They even invited chefs or Tzu Chi volunteers to share with the company's cooks how to make delicious vegetarian food. Twice a week, they provide free vegetarian meals to hundreds of their employees and also encourage them to finish everything on their plate, to cherish food."

In the Jing Si Abode in Hualien, there is a system to collect and recycle rainwater. After it has been filtered, the rainwater can be used to wash clothes and for cleaning.

Nature's elements have become imbalanced. When the weather is unfavorable, it is truly very worrying. All of us who live in this world need water; it is the source of life. But, when the element of water is out of balance, there will be disasters. Tzu Chi's volunteers in Taiwan have come up with very creative ideas to save electricity and water both at home and at Tzu Chi recycling stations.