

Forty-four Winter Distributions to 23,000 Families

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At the beginning of this year, Tzu Chi Foundation held the winter aid distribution at 44 places all over Taiwan. This continued a nearly 50-year tradition that began on February 9, 1969, when the first winter distribution was held in the eastern city of Hualien, where the foundation is based. Volunteers prepared the reunion banquet for families who receive aid from the foundation, the old and those in need. Volunteers also prepared 'blessing and wisdom' packs which were full of items for the Chinese New Year and daily necessities to help the recipients through the winter.

On January 23, there were six distributions held in Taipei and New Taipei city. Mr. Hsu Li-Min, head of Department of Social Welfare, Taipei City Government, attended the event in Taipei eastern district. In a speech, he expressed that under the leadership of Master Cheng Yen, volunteer's works all over Taiwan has become something which those in need can rely on and a source of warmth and support for the society. "I greatly thank the brothers and sisters of Tzu Chi for their giving without asking in return." he said.

Hsu said that, when the Formosa Park accident happened in New Taipei City last June, Tzu Chi volunteers went at once to the disaster site to comfort the wounded and those in distress. "Up to today, volunteers do not cease the concerns. I admire their care for society." Moved by Tzu Chi's selfless contribution, director Hsu began to learn of Tzu Chi and took part in its activities. Hsu believed that Tzu Chi's charity work carried out in a complete way, especially its meticulous organization of volunteer teams spread all over Taiwan to create a network of care. When disasters occur, they can provide immediate help. "There is much which we government can learn from Tzu Chi." he said.

Providing kinds of service and spreading the spirit of goodness



In the event, Tzu Chi volunteers provided varieties of services. One is a 'Health Care Area'; they invited medical personnel from Tzu Chi International Medical Association (TIMA) to provide free medical treatment, which took care of the recipient's body and spirit, comforted the poor and the sick to cure their illness and pain in their heart.

Charity and medicine together treated the recipients. This not only involved the treatment and medication to deal with illness, which enabled the recipients to have an accurate understanding of the treatment. The doctors and nurses could also discuss with the volunteers how to provide even better medical care to the recipients.

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