



The Inaugural Convention I-Kuan Tao USA



U.S. Fund for UNICEF
Certificate of Appreciation



IN RECOGNITION OF THE GENEROSITY AND COMPASSION OF
WORLD I-KUAN TAO & I-KUAN TAO USA
IN RESPONSE TO THE INDIAN OCEAN TSUNAMI OF DECEMBER 2004

*On behalf of those whose lives you have touched, thank you
for supporting UNICEF and the many children we serve.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann H. Lyman", is written over a horizontal line.

President

For every child
Health, Education, Equality, Protection
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The Purpose of Tao

1. To venerate the Heavens and the Earth.
2. To worship God and revere the Zhu-Tian-Shen-Sheng.
3. To be patriotic, loyal, and responsible.
4. To be of virtuous character and uphold the Rules of Propriety.
5. To carry out the filial duties to one's parents.
6. To honor and respect one's teachers and elders.
7. To be faithful to friends.
8. To live harmoniously with neighbors.
9. To rid oneself of bad habits and evil, and to pursue good thoughts and deeds.
10. To expound upon the Five Bonds of Human Relationships and the Eight Cardinal Virtues.
11. To preach the main principles of the founders of the five world religions.
12. To obey and respectfully practice the Four Ethical Principles, the Three Mainstays of Social Order, and the Five Constant Virtues.
13. To cleanse the mind, purify the soul and eliminate unclean thoughts.
14. To cultivate one's true-self by utilizing untruths.
15. To recover one's original Buddha-nature.
16. To continually develop one's innate wisdom and natural abilities until perfection is achieved.
17. To establish and reach one's own goals and to help others do so.
18. To transform the world into a peaceful, honest, and orderly society.
19. To enlighten the minds of people and enable them to return to a state of benevolence.
20. By pursuing this path, to bring the world into a state of equality, fraternity, harmony, welfare, and justice - the World of Dah-Torng (Da-Tong).

Program

1. OPENING CEREMONY Masters of Ceremony: Alicia Romero
Jimmy Chen
2. ADDRESS BY CHAIRMAN..... Dr. Joseph Chen
MENSAJE DEL PRESIDENTE..... I-kuan Tao USA
3. ADDRESSES BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
The Honorable Ernie G. Gutierrez, Mayor of El Monte
The Honorable Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff of Los Angeles County
Dr. W. L. Wei, Los Angeles
Ms. Maya Chalice, Representing President Charles J. Lyons of US Fund for UNICEF
Dr. William E. Leshner, Chair of Council for Parliament of the World's Religions
4. ADDRESSES BY DIRECTORS OF WORLD I-KUAN TAO HEADQUARTERS
Senior Master Chang, Pei-cheng, Chairman
Senior Master Chen, Fong-tsen, Vice-Chairperson
Senior Master Kao, King-cheng, Vice-Chairman
5. PERFORMANCES
 - 1). Lion Dance Great Tao Temple
 - 2). Rejoicing Grand Chorus..... Perform by: L.A. Tao members
Conductor: Pro. Philip Lin
Accompanist: M.W. Chen
 - The Light of Truth
 - Volta Boatman
 - Song to Praise the Mother of Universe
 - 3). Ten Thousand Ways Returning to Oneness..... Ed Monaghan Team, Xuan De of Basic Section
 - 4). 99 Club (drama) Zhong Shu Temple, Arranged by: Dolly Chao
Assistant: Helen Lee
 - 5). Chinese Band Xing Yi Temple
 - 6). Strings Orchestra Jian De Temple
 - 7). Universal Rejoicing..... Chong De Temple
6. CONGRATULATING LETTERS & PROCLAMATIONS FROM:
U.S. Fund for UNICEF Charles J. Lyons, President
Mayor of Los Angeles Antonio R. Villaraigosa
U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
U.S. Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis
State Senator, CA..... Gloria Romero
State Assemblywoman, CA Judy Chu
State Assemblyman, CA Ed Chavez
City of El Monte, CA..... Mayor & all Council members
La Presidencia Municipal de Fresnillo, Zacatecas, Mexico.... Ing. Redolfo Monreal Avila
White House, Vice President, United Nations and Governor of California
7. FAREWELL

Respected government leaders, ladies and gentlemen, Tao members:

I am pleased to welcome the honorable officials and all of the members who are participating in the inaugural convention.

The mission of the I-kuan Tao is simply to cater to the needs of people to deepen our spirituality, and experience personal transformation; to recognize the humanity of the other, and broaden our sense of community; and to live in harmony in the midst of diversity.

Our passionate ministry, which began two decades ago in San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles, has nurtured the thriving Westernized East Asian society. Our members in the States have taken part in world relief efforts with dedicated national and international contributions as follows:

- 1). 9-11 Terrorist Tragedy: Donation of \$48,000.00 in support of N.Y.P.D.'s program for widows and orphans and \$50,000.00 through Red Cross;
- 2). Tsunami in Asia—UNICEF: Donation of \$80,000.00 in support of United States Fund for UNICEF's program for the children and families affected by the tsunami;
- 3). Tsunami—UNOCHA: Donation of \$110,348.34 in support of UNOCHA's program for the restoration of areas affected by the tsunami disaster;
- 4). Tsunami—Sri Lanka: Donation of \$50,000.00 in support of Sri Lanka's program to rebuild an elementary school destroyed by the tsunami;
- 5). Hurricane Katrina: Donation of \$50,000.00 in support of City of New Orleans' program for the restoration of areas affected by the Hurricane Katrina;
- 6). Philippine Flood Disaster: Donation of \$30,000.00 in support of UN Staff Relief Committee for Philippines island of Leyte affected by the mudslide.

Ladies and gentlemen,

This inaugural convention to establish I-kuan Tao USA is to spearhead our efforts in these directions especially in USA and Mexico, where very happily the faith of Tao is flourishing, I visualize I-kuan Tao USA as a boat to fortify and spread out widely our well-directed and focused objective of serving humanity with love and compassion.

Our approach recognizes that all people are in need of loving care. It touches our heart and not just the intellect. Our faith and practice go beyond rituals to provide a life-changing encounter with Lau-mu, the Almighty.

Thank you!

MENSAJE DEL PRESIDENTE

Dr. Joseph Chen
I-kuan Tao USA

Respetables líderes gobernantes, damas y caballeros, miembros de Tao:

Es un placer dar la bienvenida a los honorables oficiales y a todos los miembros que están participando en la convención inaugural.

La misión de el I-kuan Tao es simplemente tomar en cuenta las necesidades del pueblo para que podamos profundizar nuestra espiritualidad, y tener una experiencia de una transformación personal; para reconocer la humanidad de todos, y agrandizar nuestro sentido de comunidad; y vivir en armonía en medio de la diversidad.

Nuestro apasionado ministerio, el cual empezó hace dos décadas en San Francisco, Nueva York y Los Angeles, ha alimentado la valorada sociedad Asiática del Este en el oeste. Nuestros miembros en los Estados Unidos han tomado parte en esfuerzos mundiales de ayuda con dedicación nacional e internacional con contribuciones como las siguientes:

- 1). 9-11 Tragedia Terrorista: Donación de \$48,000.00 para apoyar el programa del Departamento de Policía de Nueva York para ayudar a viudas y huérfanos y \$50,000.00 por medio de la Cruz Roja.
- 2). Tsunami en Asia-UNICEF: Donación de \$80,000.00 en apoyo del Fondo de Estados Unidos del programa de UNICEF para la ayuda de niños y familias afectadas por el tsunami.
- 3). Tsunami-UNOCHA: Donación de \$110,348.34 en apoyo del programa de UNOCHA para la restauración de las áreas afectadas por el desastre del tsunami.
- 4). Tsunami-SriLanka: Donación de \$50,000.00 en apoyo del programa de SriLanka para reconstruir una escuela primaria destruida por el tsunami.
- 5). Huracán Katrina: Donación de \$50,000.00 en apoyo del programa de la ciudad de Nueva Orleans para la restauración de las áreas afectadas por el Huracán Katrina.
- 6). Desastre Filipino de Inundaciones: Donación de \$30,000.00 en apoyo de la Administración de Ayuda para el Comité de las islas Filipinas para las áreas de Leyte afectadas por el deslave de lodo.

Damas y Caballeros,

Esta convención inaugural para establecer a I-kuan Tao Estados Unidos es para avanzar nuestros esfuerzos en estas direcciones especialmente en Estados Unidos y México donde alegremente la fe de Tao está floreciendo; Yo veo en el futuro a I-kuan Tao, Estados Unidos como un barco para fortificar y extender anchamente nuestro bien-dirigido y enfocado objetivo de servir la humanidad con amor y compasión.

Nuestra manera de hacerlo reconoce que toda la gente necesita cuidado amoroso. Tocamos nuestros corazones no nada más el intelecto. Nuestra fe y prácticas van más allá de ritos para proveer un encuentro con Lau-mu, el Altísimo que cambia la vida.

Gracias

**THE SPEECH FOR CEREMONY FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF I-KUAN TAO USA**
**By Chairman Chang of the
World I-kuan Tao Headquarters**

Respected officials, ladies and gentlemen, Tao members:
Good afternoon!

I-kuan Tao is short for “The True inheritance of the Original Great Tao.” What I-kuan Tao has inherited is the real transmission of truth and rationality: that the Tao is real, the rationality is real, and the Heaven Decree is real.

Confucius said: “The Tao I follow is the one that unifies all.” The disciple Tsang agreed. But the other disciples asked: “What do his words means? Tsang said: “The doctrine of our teacher is to be true to the principles of our nature and the benevolent practice to others.”

Thanks to Great Master and Great Mistress’s blessing, World I-kuan Tao Headquarters was established at Los Angeles in1996. For many years, Joseph Chen carried the mission to spread the valuable teachings to local communities and residents. Because Joseph served in the cultural commission of City of El Monte and as chaplain of the police department, he is highly recognized and admired by the mainstream. After Joseph held successful fundraisers and gathered volunteers for 911 and 2004 tsunami crisis, he was applauded by Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations, and US Fund for UNICEF. This is a realization of our Great Master and Great Mistress’s goal to spread I-kuan Tao around the world across the five continents!

With ten years of experience since the establishment of World I-kuan Tao Headquarters, we believe with God’s blessing and the recommendation of three leaders, he will continue to spread the teachings of I-kuan Tao to all states across America and let our lights reach the height of this century! My heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

Lastly, I wish you all an enlightened path!

THE SPEECH FOR THE CEREMONY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF I-KUAN TAO USA

By Vice-Chairperson Chen of the
World I-Kuan Tao Headquarters

To Begin a New Mission

Thanks to the infinite and limitless grace of Heaven and virtues of the Masters, and appreciation to the great virtues of the Grand Senior Elder, the propagation of Tao in the United States has the unique blessings of Heaven. Further, thanks to the help from all holy spirits and from all immortals and bodhisattvas, countless miracles and holy revelations have helped competent individuals achieve growth. Every group and every branch of I-Kuan Tao has flourished in its development and is filled with able Tao members. This phenomenon proves the remark of the Holy Teacher from before: "Tao will be propagated all over the world in the future." In the seventy-some years during which the Patriarch and the Matriarch were bestowed the Heavenly Decree, not only Tao has been propagated all over the world, numerous nations have also given their affirmation and recognition of Tao. It is also special that in recent years, the application for the propagation of Tao in many countries has been granted. This evidence affirms the preciousness of "Tao is true, the Principles are true, and the Heavenly Decree is true."

To Continue the Heritage Eternally

As we hold the ceremony for the establishment of I-Kuan Tao USA today, we are especially aware of the significance of the great causes and conditions of the last salvation of the Three Realms. It has been said, "The holy mission of the last salvation of the Three Realms is a Heavenly task to be accomplished in the humanly world." The Holy Teacher has instructed, "The life of an individual is limited, but the spiritual heritage is infinite." This is the Holy Teacher's compassionate and magnificent hope and, more so, is the highest goal of our life. Therefore, not only the spiritual heritage of the Tao Society must be continued eternally, the right understanding and the right view for propagating Tao must also be continued eternally, as well as the right transmission and the right teachings. Thus, the spiritual heritage of the elder predecessors and the predecessors can be continued eternally.

To Develop Able Tao Members

In order to achieve the eternal continuation of the spiritual heritage, the first task is to develop able Tao members and to view the fulfillment of education in the Tao Society as

priority. The second task is to establish a strong administrative and communication system for the affairs of the organization, so that everyone can be of one purpose and can work together as a team. The third task is to realize the opportunities for everyone to be dedicated and to fulfill his or her vows and to accumulate merits, and as such, everyone will have something to do, and everything will have anyone to do. Therefore, it does not matter whether one is old or young, male or female, everyone can learn, cultivate, speak, and propagate in the Tao Society. There will be more and more able Tao members, and hence generation gaps will be avoided. Able Tao members will grow one wave after another, and then Tao can be propagated more widely. If this can be accomplished, then the great I-Kuan Tao will be transmitted forever.

To Be Involved in Society

With Tao as the essence and with teachings as the function; by making connections broadly and by educating without discrimination; and by being involved in society and by being among the people, thusly performing charity works to help the world and to save people is the mission of the Patriarch and the Matriarch. Every director and every supervisor is selected by the predecessor of each group and branch, and each excellent candidate has a passion for service. Everyone must work together as a team without division and perform the organization's function of service. Everyone should extend the virtues of the Patriarch and the Matriarch and should obtain honors for the predecessors, thus making the affairs of I-Kuan Tao USA thrive. All of the directors and supervisors have great affinities, once you have the high positions, you must manifest Tao personally, influence others with goodness, and provide guidance for the living beings. As such, the spiritual heritage of the Tao Society can continue forever.

Transmitting masters, lecturers, and temples hosts, after the establishment of I-Kuan Tao USA, everyone must work together as a team in cooperation and harmony, thus creating a new atmosphere in the Tao Society, and thereby help the country and society, and thereby manifest the saintly virtues of the Patriarch and the Matriarch to the infinite future.

Finally, wish a successful completion of the Ceremony.

**THE SPEECH FOR CEREMONY FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF I-KUAN TAO USA
By Vice-Chairman Kao of the
World I-kuan Tao Headquarters**

Honorable government officials, ladies and gentlemen, Tao members:

I really do feel sorry and regret my inability to attend personally the special event of the establishment of the world I-Kuan Tao USA due to my health concern. Tao members have devoted themselves to advocating Tao worldwide and establishing branch organizations in many nations. I hereby express my sincere gratitude to the Secretary General Chen for active and efficient planning and for seeking and obtaining assistance from members of different branches. Thank you all for your dedication and persistent efforts.

The purposes of the I-Kuan Tao are: to recover the nature of true self; to continually develop one's innate wisdom and natural abilities until perfection is achieved; to establish and reach one's own goals and to help others do so; and to transform the world into a peaceful, honest, and orderly society. America is a highly civilized nation with the highest level of development in science and technology including Information Technology. Therefore, the establishment of the I-Kuan Tao USA will surely build a sound foundation and well advocate the purposes of the I-Kuan Tao through the operation and promotion of this organization.

With the establishment of the I-Kuan Tao USA, I hope everyone from different branches can unite together and fully support the organization under the leadership of the Chairman, Dr. Joseph Chen and other board members. For the development of Tao, the social influences, and the continuation of Tao, we have to advocate Tao. This is the mission for everyone.

Wishing a successful meeting and good health to everyone!



Certificate of Recognition
is hereby presented to

I-Kuan Tao USA

AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND ON BEHALF OF ITS RESIDENTS, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE YOU FOR YOUR COMMENT AND WORK THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY OF EL MONTE AND THE UNITED STATES. YOUR DEDICATION IN HELPING THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF THE 911, THE UNITED STATES FUND FOR UNICEF'S PROGRAM, UNOCHA'S SRI LANKA'S PROGRAM AND THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS IS INDEED COMMENDABLE.

THIS IS CERTAINLY A SPECIAL OCCASION AND I AM PLEASED TO JOIN WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY IN RECOGNIZING YOUR WORK THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.

BEST WISHES!

APRIL 29, 2006




ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
Mayor

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April 29, 2006

I-kuan Tao USA
11645 Lower Azusa Road
El Monte, CA 91732

Dear Friends:

Please accept my warmest greetings as you gather for the inaugural convention of I-kuan Tao USA. You have my best wishes for a successful event.

I applaud everyone who has helped to make this day possible for bringing the international community together for such an important cause. This convention will provide a forum for delegates from around the world to exchange ideas about peace and other important issues. I commend I-kuan Tao USA for its dedication to charitable causes.

Again, please accept my best wishes for the inaugural convention of I-kuan Tao USA. I am sure it will be a memorable event.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator

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Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition

Presented to

Joseph J.F. Chen, Ph.D
I-Kuan Tao USA

on
April 1, 2006

In appreciation of your unselfish work, untiring devotion and great contributions to the community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hilda L. Solis".

HILDA L. SOLIS
Member of Congress

Senate

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

I-Kuan Tao USA,

Whereas: I-Kuan Tao has been at the forefront of humanitarian efforts;

Whereas: Raising funds to support victims of the Tsunami, Hurrigan Katrina and 9/11;

Whereas: I-Kuan Tao will be holding its convention in Los Angeles and expect 800 delegates;

*Therefore, be it resolved that the people of the 24th Senate District
Offer Their Best Wishes for a Successful Convention!*

Dated this 13th day of April, 2006

Gloria Romero

State Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero, 24th District



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April 29, 2006

I-Kuan Tao USA
11645 Lower Azusa Rd.
El Monte, CA 91732

Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure and utmost sincerity that I extend a warm welcome to all who have gathered for I-Kuan Tao USA's inaugural convention. This wonderful event is the first of many that will serve to celebrate the organization's commitment to promoting peace and harmony around the world.

The Southern California community has benefited greatly from your invaluable efforts. Throughout its history, I-Kuan Tao USA has cultivated compassion, understanding, harmony and tolerance in our society. Your commitment to encouraging cultural awareness and dedication to community service does a great service for the people of California, and is vital to the growth and development of the diverse population of this state.

On behalf of the California State Assembly's 49th District, I extend my best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

JUDY M. CHU, Ph.D.
49th Assembly District

California State Assembly

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I-Kuan Tao USA

In Recognition

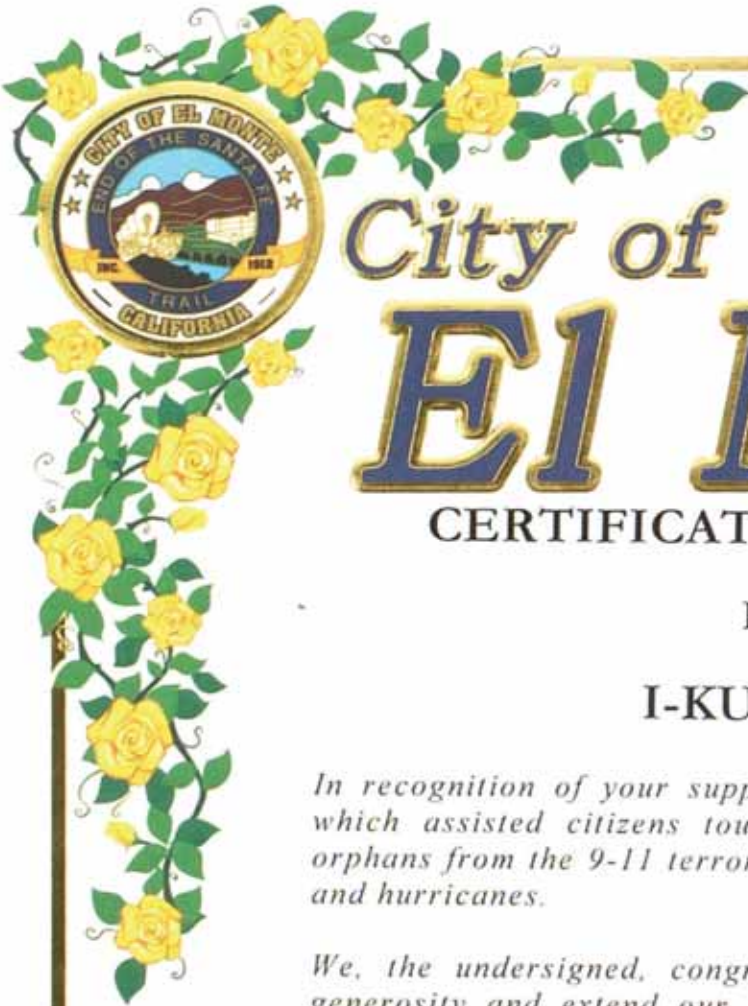
Of your outstanding contributions to various community based programs throughout the country. I applaud your commitment to assisting those in need.

BY THE HONORABLE ED CHAVEZ

On this 29th Day of April 2006


MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY
CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE





City of **El Monte**

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

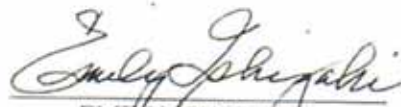
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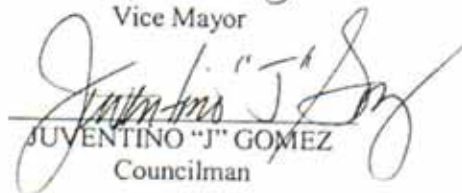
I-KUAN TAO USA

In recognition of your support and generous donations to programs which assisted citizens touched by disasters, such as widows and orphans from the 9-11 terrorist attacks, and the victims of the tsunami and hurricanes.

We, the undersigned, congratulate you and commend you for your generosity and extend our sincere gratitude for your dedication on behalf of the citizens of the "FRIENDLY CITY OF EL MONTE – THE END OF THE SANTA FE TRAIL".


ERNIE G. GUTIERREZ
Mayor


EMILY ISHIGAKI
Vice Mayor


JUVENTINO "J" GOMEZ
Councilman


ART BARRIOS
Councilman


PATRICIA A. WALLACH
Councilwoman

*La Presidencia Municipal
de Fresnillo, Zacatecas, México*



OTORGA EL PRESENTE

Reconocimiento





A: *Joseph Chen*

*Por su apoyo incondicional en
la capacitación a nuestra policía municipal
en la ciudad de
los Angeles California U.S.A*



Martes 27 de Diciembre del 2005


Ing. Rodolfo Monreal Ávila
Presidente Municipal


Ing. Fco. Javier Ordaz Moreno
Jefe del Depto. De Acción Cívica



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

March 8, 2006

Joseph J.F. Chen
President
I-Kuan Tao USA
15 Lower Azusa Road
El Monte, CA 91732

Dear Dr. Chen:

I have been asked to respond to your letter to the Vice President inviting I-Kuan Tao USA Inaugural Convention on April 29, 2006.

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

February 27, 2006

Dr. Joseph J.F. Chen
President
I-Kuan Tao USA
11645 Lower Azusa Road
El Monte, California 91732

Dear Dr. Chen,

Thank you for inviting Governor Schwarzenegger to speak at the I-Kuan Tao USA inaugural convention on April 29, 2006. The Governor values your commitment to working for a better California.

Each and every day...

The Governor...

Sincerely,

Delante Olberg
Delante Olberg
Director of Scheduling

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Dear Mr. Chen,

Thank you very much for your letter of Secretary-General, inviting him to attend the I-Kuan Tao USA on 29 April.

While we have noted I-Kuan Tao USA's important contributions in support of worthwhile humanitarian causes, including through United Nations' support, I regret to inform you that the Secretary-General will be unable to attend. I regret to inform you that the Secretary-General will be unable to attend.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 20, 2006

Dear Dr. Chen:

Thank you for your letter inviting President Bush to I-Kuan Tao USA Inaugural Convention on April 29, 2006.

Unfortunately, we have had to make some changes. It is with sincere regret that we cannot attend your letter received.

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