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**Celebrating 60 Years of Great Love, Compassion and Service: Tzu Chi Singapore Hosts
Tzu Chi 60th Anniversary and Buddha Day Ceremony**

*President Tharman Shanmugaratnam will grace the event as Guest of Honour on 10 May 2026
at Yishun Stadium*



Photo by Tzu Chi Merit (Singapore)

(Singapore, 1 May 2026) 2026 is a year of deep significance for the Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation in Hualien, Taiwan, as it commemorates its 60th anniversary. Established in 1966 by Dharma Master Cheng Yen, the Foundation has over the decades inspired generations to embody the value of compassion through dedicated service. Tzu Chi volunteers are present wherever assistance is needed, responding swiftly to natural disasters, social hardship, and crises, and remaining on the ground until recovery efforts are complete. This is Buddhism in action — transforming compassion into meaningful deeds that uplift others while nurturing inner

spiritual growth. Today, Tzu Chi staff and volunteers are present in 68 countries and territories, including Singapore, with its global humanitarian relief reaching 139 countries and territories globally.

Tzu Chi 60th Anniversary and Buddha Day Ceremony

Since 2000, the global Tzu Chi community has come together each year on the second Sunday of May to commemorate three meaningful observances: Buddha Day, Mother's Day, and Global Tzu Chi Day. This solemn gathering brings together volunteers, devotees, and participants from around the world to reflect on the Dharma, cultivate positive intentions, and express heartfelt gratitude to the Buddha, to one's parents, and to all living beings.

Upholding this tradition, Tzu Chi Singapore has organised its annual Anniversary and Buddha Day Ceremony at outdoor venues since 2011. The event unites monastics, community organisations, and thousands of participants, with attendance ranging from 3,000 to 7,000 each year.

The Story of Small Acts, Long-lasting Impact

In 2026, the ceremony will be graced by President Tharman Shanmugaratnam as Guest of Honour. The theme for this year's edition, "Small Actions for the Greater Good," reflects the humble beginnings of Tzu Chi. It traces back to Master Cheng Yen's call for 30 housewives to set aside 50 NT cents from their daily grocery expenses in bamboo banks to support those in need.

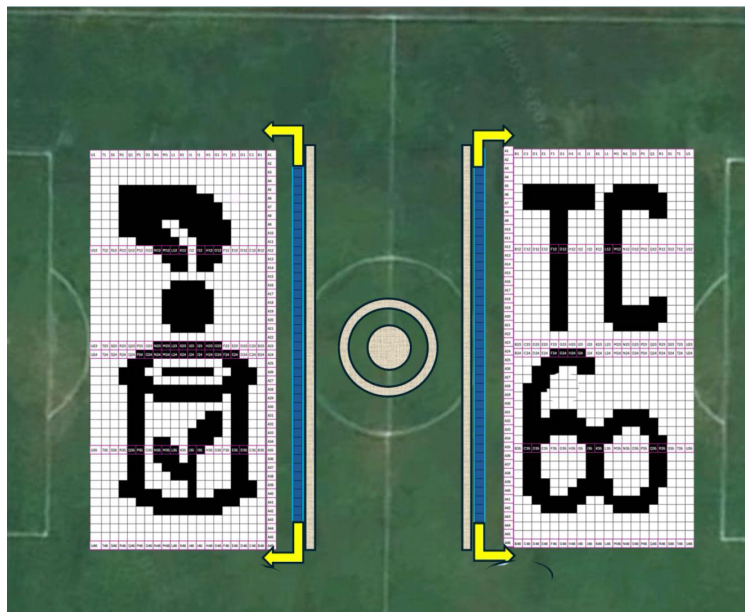


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This spirit of giving is reflected through this year's formations, which depict a hand placing a coin into a bamboo bank alongside the TC60 emblem. Together, they convey a simple yet profound message — that small, sincere acts of kindness, when multiplied, can bring about immense and lasting good. The formations will involve some 2,000 participants.

A highlight of the event is the Buddha Bathing Ceremony. With deep reverence, devotees pay homage at the Buddha's feet and dip their hands into fragrant water, symbolically purifying their hearts. The event also features a one-minute interfaith silent prayer led by representatives from the Inter-Religious Organisation, reflecting multi-religious and social harmony.

The brief itinerary is as follows:

Programme	
6:30 pm	Welcome distinguished guests and representatives of various religions. Arrival of Guest of Honour
6:35 pm	Opening Address by the Managing Director of Tzu Chi Merit (Singapore)
6:40 pm	All rise to welcome the Dharma Masters
6:51 pm	[Photo opportunity] One-minute silent prayer led by an Inter-Religious Organisation representative
6:59 pm	[Photo opportunity] Offering ceremony (light, water and flower)
7:03 pm	Buddha Bathing Ritual
7:45 pm	Prayer: Sincerely making the Three Wishes
7:57 pm	Sincere and reverent bow to the Buddha

Tzu Chi sincerely welcomes media friends to cover the event. Interviews with the following spokespersons can be arranged:

- Tzu Chi Merit (Singapore)'s Managing Director Mr Beh Keng Hua, who will share how Tzu Chi volunteers apply Buddhist principles in their daily lives and community service, as well as Tzu Chi community's local and international humanitarian efforts over the past 60 years.
- Lim Chwee Lian, who has been a Tzu Chi volunteer since 2000 — find out about her motivation and efforts, and be inspired by how the actions of one individual can contribute to the greater good.

Please note that President Tharman Shanmugaratnam will not be accepting any interviews.

Tzu Chi 60th Anniversary and Buddha Day Celebration

Date: 10 May 2026, Sunday

Time: 6:30pm – 8pm

Venue: Yishun Stadium (103 Yishun Ave 1, Singapore 769131)

Media Registration: 5:30pm

Dress Code: Please wear plain-coloured, sleeved tops and long pants.

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The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation is a global non-profit humanitarian organisation founded in 1966 by a Buddhist nun named Dharma Master Cheng Yen in Taiwan. Its missions of charity, medicine, education, humanistic culture and environmental protection has brought relief to over 100 countries.

Established in 2016, the Buddhist Tzu Chi Merit Organization (Singapore) Ltd. carries out aid work and religious activities that benefit people and bring forth the spirit and essence of Buddhism. As a registered charitable organisation, it provides humanitarian aid to those in need overseas, regardless of their race and religion. Its relief efforts are funded by locally-raised funds and carried out in accordance with the Law and regulations. The heart of Tzu Chi is embedded in its name: in Chinese, “tzu” means compassion and “chi,” relief.

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