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Nurses Educating Students on Pandemic Prevention on Campus

For the Irvine's Tzu Chi Academy, February 2nd was originally reserved for the Lunar New Year Festival before it was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, teachers invited a professional doctor to educate students on how to correctly prevent the spread of the virus. Simultaneously, the school initiated a fundraising event and solicited the writing of well wishes card to

patients and people around the world for blessing.

In order to decrease the risk of community spread, a virus prevention seminar was held outdoors in a pavilion. Volunteers streamed the lecture live on Facebook, allowing parents who were unable to come in person to receive proper education through the internet.

Tzu Chi volunteer Wang Xiaowen is a nurse at Kaiser Permanente Hospital. As a frontline worker, she witnessed the panic of many misinformed people so she believes calming the public is an important and urgent matter. Therefore, she invited Dr. Victor Cheng to do proper informational meeting on the



On February 2nd, Dr. Victor Cheng came to Irvine to teach the correct procedures to prevent the spread of virus, and demonstrated the proper wearing of face mask.



Nurse Wang Xiaowen (right) hosted the seminar hoping everyone learned the essentials to stop the spread.

pandemic. Tzu Chi Academy is located in Irvine, so having a doctor to educate parents is essential. Parents can pass the correct information to the family and the public, motivating everyone to stop the virus spread with their vigilance and dedication.

Dr. Cheng works at Kaiser Permanente and has participated in Tzu Chi's free clinics since 1996. Through an interactive exchange, he debunked the confusion by demonstrating the proper way to wear a face mask, and reminded the audience to pay attention to details for protection.

Besides COVID-19, understanding

the flu virus is also important. According to CDC, ten thousand people contracted the flu and die as a result of complications developed from catching the virus. Therefore, he urged people to get flu vaccine for self-protection and the sake of others.

Dr. Peter Chen also shared many related tips, making the parents and volunteers feel more at ease.

The panic caused by rumors on social media was mitigated through proper virus prevention education. People gathered to dedicate world peach with prayers and well-wishes card.