



Medical Care Is a Noble Endeavor

Despite the fact that the first wave of the COVID-19 epidemic in Taiwan has not been fully contained yet, it is gradually subsiding, which is quite heartening. That being said, we have to remain alert and can't afford to lower our guard. The virus is invisible, elusive, and highly evasive. We all have to adjust our mindset and be grateful for our safe haven here in Taiwan. We must remain confident and keep a calm mind as we await the end of the pandemic.

We must constantly remind ourselves to be pious and vigilant and restrain our oral, physical, and mental desires. Since vegetarianism does not involve the killing of living beings, it is the most perfect manifestation of love and compassion. We should also practice self-control and avoid places that pose a high risk to jointly protect the safety of our communities.

The public advocacy of vaccination of the whole population is based on the principle that prevention is better than cure. Vaccination offers protection against the deadly virus and safeguards our own and other people's health. TV images of people scrambling to get their shots are still fresh in our minds. We should all keep a calm mind as the vaccination campaign is progressing in an orderly manner. People who haven't had their turn yet should not lose faith since we will all get an opportunity to get vaccinated.

Tzu Chi has made numerous Jing Si Halls available as rapid testing and vaccination locations. Tzu Chi volunteers decorate these sites in a meticulous manner. Veneer flooring has been employed to allow citizens to enter the halls without taking off their shoes. Flooring gaps have been fixed with wide duct



tape to guarantee maximum safety for citizens. Adequate seat spacing has been ensured and foot traffic flow is directed by volunteers to ensure citizens don't have to move around and can remain seated while they are waiting for their turn to get vaccinated in a worry-free manner. Shots are administered in an orderly fashion by healthcare workers who provide dedicated care. Some accompanying family members were deeply touched by the loving attention and care offered by our healthcare personnel to guarantee the physical and psychological wellness of their senior loved ones.

The devoted efforts of the Tzu Chi medical foundation staff to protect lives, safeguard physical health, and demonstrate compassion during the pandemic deserve high praise. They not only rigorously enforce hygiene management and patient care in hospitals but also join mobilization efforts to ensure vaccination of the whole population. This has resulted in a daunting increase of their workload and responsibilities. The way they exude joy and happiness while making wholehearted contributions without a word of complaint is laudable.

Doctors and all nursing professionals make tireless efforts to bring us happiness. To make sacrifices for the sake of other human beings and the safety of society is a valuable endeavor and noble purpose in life. Noble is also the perfect word to describe the healthcare workers. We are deeply grateful for all the genuine sacrifices and daily contributions to protecting fellow human beings in a spirit of pure joy and compassion and sincerely hope that the epidemic will slowly fade away.