

Venerable Shih Chao-hwei (Taiwan, Buddhist)

Date of Birth: April 29, 1957 in Yangon, Myanmar

Education

1969	Banchiao Experimental Elementary School
1972	Yun-chun Junior High School
1975	Taipei Municipal Zhong Shan Girls High School
1979	BA, Chinese Department, National Taiwan Normal University

Monkhood

1978	Began leading the life of a śrāmaṇeri (novice nun).
1980	Ordained as a bhikkhuni (by receiving the bhikkhuni precepts) in Gaoxiong Long Quan Temple.

Brief CV

1986	Established “Hong Shi Association” later renamed as Buddhist Hong Shi College (BHC)
1993-present	Full-time Professor, Department of Religious Studies (now Dept. of Religion and Culture), Hsuan Chuang University
2003-present	Director, Research Centre for Applied Ethics, Hsuan Chuang University
2004-Present	Part-time Professor, Dept. of Religious Studies, Fu Jen Catholic University
2007.2-2013.7	Committee Member/Reviewer, Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan (HEEACT), ROC Ministry of Education
2007- present	Chair, Department of Religion and Culture, Hsuan Chuang University
2009.2-2020.7	Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Hsuan Chuang University
2009.3-2010.1	Dean, College of Social Science, Hsuan Chuang University

Other Posts

1992-present	Advisor, <i>Hong Shih Bimonthly Magazine</i>
1994.9-present	Executive Committee Member, Advocators’ Association for Referendum about Taiwan’s 4 th Nuclear Power Plant
1995-1997	Drafting Committee Member, Animal Protection Act, ROC Council of Agricultural Affairs
1994.1-1999.12	President, Life Conservationist Association (LCA)
1997.6-present	President, Hongshi Buddhist Cultural and Educational Foundation
1999.4-2020.4	Trustee of the Board, Cheng Nan-rong Foundation
2002-present	Editorial Committee Member, <i>Journal of Buddhism and Science</i>
2004-present	Editorial Committee Member, publisher (since2009), <i>Hsuan Chuang</i>

Journal of Buddhist Studies

- 2004-2013 Committee Member, Advisory Committee on Religious Affairs, ROC
Ministry of the Interior
- 2005-2009 Advisor, ROC Animal Protection Association
- 2007-Present Patron, International Network of Engaged Buddhists (INEB)
- 2009.1-present Convener, Anti-gambling Coalition
- 2009.6-2010.6 Chair, Taiwan Religious Studies Association
- 2004.9-2013.9, Committee Member, Advisory Committee on Religious Affairs, ROC
2016.9-2018.9 Ministry of the Interior

Awards

- 1990.9.20 Protection of Buddhism Award, by Taiwan Buddhist Association
- 1994.4.24 Protection of Buddhism Award, by Chinese Buddhist Sangha Protection
Association
- 1996.10.9 Model Civilian Representative Award of Kuanyin Township
- 1998.5.30 Model Humanitarian Representative Award, by Taipei County
Government
- 2000.3.5 Protection of Buddhism Award, by Chinese Buddhist Sangha Protection
Association
- 2007.5.4 The 48th Chinese Literature and Arts Medal for outstanding contributions
to cultural debates
- 2009.3.6 International Outstanding Women in Buddhism Medal
- 2012.12.28 Person of the Year Prize (for social movements)
- 2004-2014 Every year, she has been awarded Outstanding Teacher Award by Hsuan
Chuang University
- 2012, 2013, Each year one Silver Medal for Outstanding Teachers, awarded by ROC
2015-2019 Ministry of Education