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Launch of Shinnyo-en Singapore-Wee Kim Wee SCI Scholarships
Naming of Audio Suite in the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information

ABOUT SHINNYO-EN SINGAPORE 真如苑新加坡

Shinnyo-en Singapore was established as a society on 5 January 1990. It was registered under the Charities Act on 19 October 1990. The objectives of the Society include the propagation of the doctrine of Shinnyo-en, the final teaching of the Shakamuni Buddha, edification and nurturing of the believers of the Doctrine and participation in social voluntary activities.

Currently managing an administrative centre in Jalan Eunos, the Society is funded primarily from members’ donations and receive assistance and support from the Shinnyo-en Religious Order of Japan (Shinnyo-En Singapore is a local chapter of the Order).

Shinnyo-en Singapore has previously donated to the Red Cross Society in aid of the victims of the Turkey Earthquake and 2005 Asia Tsunami Disaster. Members of the Society have also performed monthly voluntary service at the Renci Hospital, as well as voluntary cleaning at selected public areas in Eunos, Clementi and Ang Mo Kio. For the third consecutive year in 2006, members also participated in the International Coastal Cleaning activities at the East Coast Park. On 27th April 2007, it donated S$250,000 to the Wee Kim Wee Legacy Fund at Singapore’s National Technological University to establish the Shinnyo-en Singapore-Wee Kim Wee SCI Scholarships.
ABOUT SHINNYO-EN 真如苑

Shinnyo-en is an independent Buddhist order based on the teachings of the Nirvana Sutra and the traditional Shingon school of Japanese Buddhism, one of Japan’s oldest denominations. Founded in the 1930s by Shinjo Ito, today it is a global order, with almost one million followers in training at 86 sanctuaries in 15 countries around the world.

Founder Shinjo Ito 伊藤真乘 had trained at Kyoto's Daigoji Monastery 醍醐寺 of Shingon Buddhism 真言宗. Succeeding to the traditional Dharma stream (lineage), he became a Great Master (acharya) 大阿阇梨. He based his order not only on Shingon Buddhism, but also upon the Mahaparinirvana Sutra 大般涅盘经, considered the last teaching and testament of Shakyamuni Buddha.Founder. The name Shinnyo-en means “a borderless garden where all who desire to realize their real nature are welcome just as they are”. Founded on the commitment to universal truth, compassion and service, Shinnyo-en teaches that all people carry the seed of enlightenment within them and that by acting with sincerity and kindness, they can bring that seed to fruition.

Shinjo Ito passed away at the age of 83 in 1989. The Most Venerable Shinso Ito 伊藤真聡 took over as successor to the Founder and she now heads Shinnyo-en and is Head Priest of its temple known as Shinchoji.

General Information

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<td>1-2-13 Shibasaki-cho, Tachikawa, Tokyo 190-0023, Japan</td>
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<td>Founding</td>
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<td>Shinjo Ito (Kyoshu, 1906-89)</td>
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<td>Present head</td>
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<td>Primary Buddha</td>
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Journalists and researchers interested in more detailed information, please visit the official website at: http://www.shinnyo-en.org
MAJOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Volunteer Activities

- Univers (pr. "You-nee-vair") Volunteers - The elderly providing support to their peers
- Green Volunteers - Promoting the growth and preservation of healthy forests
- SeRV - Shinnyo-en Relief Volunteers (Japan/Taiwan)
- Early Morning Cleaning Volunteers (Approx. 6,000 public locations in the world)
- River and field cleanup (Japan/Australia)

Culture

- K*Mopa - Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts (which provides exhibition space for young photo artists or leading edge photo technology)
- Reconstruction of ancient musical instruments from records preserved in the Shosoin Repository
- Supporting excavation of Angkor Wat ruins in Cambodia
- Satellite broadcast programs

Education

- Shinnyo-en Foundation (USA) - Providing grants for the development of ethical education in public schools
- Ito International Educational Exchange - Supporting international students studying in other countries
- Collecting oral folktales in Asia and producing children's picture books
- Nature school for kids with Japan Environmental Educational Forum
- Center for Information on Religion - Database center for researchers
- Schoolbag donations in Cambodia - Donating school supplies
- Annual Lord Shinjo Ito Scholarship for Japanese Studies at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Scholarships for students of Uppsala University, Sweden
- Shinnyo-en Taiwan annual doctorate degree scholarship

Medical Care

- Izumi Foundation - Supporting measures to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, especially of the eyes; in cooperation with the WHO (World Health Organization)
Cooperation with existing Organizations

- UNHCR - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNICEF - United Nations Children's Fund
- WFP - World Food Programme
- MSF - Médecins sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders)
- KnK - Kokkyo naki Kodomotachi (Kinders Without Borders)
- Red Cross Society
- JVC - Japan International Volunteer Center
- WWF - Worldwide Fund for Nature
- WHO - World Health Organization
- CLIS - (France) Helping disabled children
- Japan Rescue Association - Rescuing stray dogs for retraining as support dogs for the disabled
- Minsai Center - Supporting Education in Thailand and Laos with the "Darunee Fund"
- The Japan-Turkey Culture Society - Supporting archeological research and artifact preservation
- Saori fabrics - Contemporary hand woven Institute
- Shanti Volunteer Association
- Japan International Center for the Rights of the Child (JICRC)
- Japan Environmental Educational Forum
- Disaster Relief: Mongolian blizzard catastrophe; Floods in China and Mozambique; Central American hurricane relief; Earthquake disasters in Turkey, Western India, El Salvador, etc.