



Dharma Master's Blessings

Harmony through Vigilance

Worldly affairs are forever impermanent, unpredictable to all. Much like the recent accident, where Dr. Yu-Tzu Tseng of National Taiwan University Hospital was ran over by a drunk driver and was pronounced brain dead, the news was tragic.

Tseng's mentor, Dr. Ko, rushed to the hospital after the accident and joined the operation. The words of Dr. Ko, who had rescued many lives from the brink of death, after the failed attempt was "Child, forgive me, I've done all I could, but I have failed to save you". How heartbreaking it must have been.

Upon graduating from Tzu Chi University, Dr. Tseng chose to service the acute patients with serious trauma. In addition to volunteer at the dept. of infectious disease and undertaking the responsibility to AIDS patient care, she was also the attending physician of trauma medicine at NTUH, and planned to continue her medical service at undeveloped countries. Kind and compassionate, she was always courteous and respectful towards her mentors, colleagues and patients, and was loved by them in return.



To nurture a responsible, dedicated physician requires tremendous time and efforts. The accident ruined a precious life and hurt numerous others. The faculties and students of TCU were shocked by the news. Tseng's Tzu-Cheng dad and Yi-Te mom visited the bereaved parents to comfort

Tseng's mother was grateful to Tseng's teachers and friends and, upon realizing that her daughter's life had come to an end, she decided to donate her heart, liver, kidney, lungs, skin, cornea and bones, to maximize the worth of her life to help the lives of others. I am certain Tseng would have embraced the decision.

Everything originated with a single thought. Although the drunk driving accident was only a split second, the damage is long lasting, and that is why the Ten Tzu Chi Precepts prohibited the consumption of alcohol, to avoid indulgence and bring harm to self and others. If people can guard their mind and stay vigilant, this beautiful life would not have been ended by the accident, and the safety of the public would have been more secured.