

World Peace sculpture unveiling ceremony
at Kaohsiung Medical University's 62nd Anniversary
Shee's Love for Peace

To commemorate the 62nd anniversary of Kaohsiung Medical University on October 16, 2016, the internationally renowned medical expert, artist and alumnus Dr. Sam Shee reached out to distinguished alumni, professors and students for a ceremony on campus. During this celebration with music and art, they unveiled the bronze sculpture called "World Peace" to promote peace and love for the world.



Shee presents "World Peace" sculpture

Dr. Sam Shee specialized in pathology and nuclear medicine and practiced in the United States for 30 years before becoming an artist. That was twenty-two years ago at age 55, he gave up the scalpel and microscope for art. He has since exhibited his work worldwide more than 60 times. His art focuses on oil painting and sculpture, showing his unique artistic style, conveying warmth in the spirit of love, peace and hope. In his volume of work, one can appreciate how civilization is enhanced in every step of artistic creation. For more than two decades, he has stayed on course, using the power of art to "heal the soul" and improve culture. He continues to emphasize the importance of art and cultural development for his homeland of Taiwan.

To appreciate the medical education received at Kaohsiung Medical University, Dr. Shee invited fifteen distinguished alumni of the university: Schue Y Liao, Zu Z Hsu, Ming C Chiou, Henry Y Ling, En S Hirokawa, Khang C Ho, Chang Y Wang, Che W Hung, Kuo C Chen, Siang C Su, Khang L Ho, Harvey C Yu, Tien C Cheng, Beverly L Chang and Tom S Glafelter, to join him in donating his work, a large bronze sculpture entitled "World Peace" to their alma mater. The three-meter high statue was erected on the University campus at

the intersection of Tu Tsung Ming and Albert Schweitzer Avenues. This bronze sculpture, "World Peace", has a base made up of three human races, white-Caucasian, black-African and yellow-Asian holding hands-in-hands and hugging the tree with love of people and environment. In the middle is shown the Taiwanese language of peace in its three dimensional form. At the top is a flying white dove symbolizing peace. The body of the dove is empty inside the body meaning that peace is not yet at hand. A lot of work and efforts is still required to be done for reaching the peace of the world. The hope is for the future generations to continue working on the peace process.

On this special occasion at Kaohsiung Medical University, the theme of "Peace in the World" was shared with the medical students, faculty members and the public. Together, we are looking forward to building a more peaceful campus with "Love, Peace and Hope".



Guests listen to music played by the student band

The opening ceremony was presided over by President Liu Ching-Kuan of the Kaohsiung Medical University. During the event, the student band produced beautiful music, creating a rich cultural atmosphere. The violinist, teacher Guo, played classical violin music at the statue, adding more pleasure to the occasion.

President Liu said: "Since this medical institution was founded by Dr. Tu Tsung Ming more than six decades ago, it has created the spirit of "Love, Peace and Hope" on the campus. He thanked Dr. Shee and the fifteen alumni for presenting the bronze sculpture "World Peace" to the school. The power of love and peace brings hope to mankind.

Former Premier of Executive Yuan, Mr. Chang Chun-hsiung, said "Today on the Kaohsiung Medical University campus at Schweitzer and Tu Tsung Ming Avenues, the establishment of the "World Peace" bronze sculpture as created by Dr. Shee has extraordinary significance in this un-peaceful world. As an artist he is more powerful than as a physician in promoting peace. He admires Dr. Shee's vision following the spirit of Dr. Schweitzer who went to Africa to care for the poor in need of medical attention and advocate love and peace for mankind.

Senator Dagmar Yu said "When I was warming my hands on the fire of life, I quietly left before the fire went out and used my warm hands to warm more people." He praised Dr. Shee who in the past healed the human body. But now he heals souls with art and culture in the spirit of peace.

Mr. Rong Y. Shih, vice chairman of the International Linpok Shih Clan Association, said peace has evolved into a consensus for resolving conflict, and peace should transform justice and bring fairness.

As an outstanding KMU alumnus, Dr. Chen Yong Hsing, Chairman of Taiwan People News Foundation for the Arts and Culture, said " He admires Dr. Shee for his noble ideals of peace by using his talents to create a sculpture and invites alumni to give back to their alma mater. Chairman Dr. Chen, who admits he is not an artist, hopes to carry out their ideals and use justice and love as higher medicine to nurture Taiwan. He believes that peace is contained in justice and peace can not be achieved without justice. He further suggests that Dr. Shee creates another sculpture named "Justice" for the school to have a pair of statues "Justice & Peace" on its campus. "

Dr. Shee acknowledged that he would be glad to do so when the transformation of KMU justice has been completed. Dr. Chen also said during his visit to Chicago 20 some years ago, Shee gave him a Bible hoping he would study it. He was very much touched deep in his heart and appreciated the gift. Today, he still treasures this great book which has enlightened his life evident in his last appointment as President of St. Mary Hospital, Luodong, Yilan, Taiwan. When the "Justice or Righteousness" sculpture is in place on the opposite side of Tu Tsung Ming Avenue, it will signify the correct history of founding this great medical institution by Dr. Tu Tsung Ming. Dr. Shee happily accepted the challenge, understanding that this idea comes from a man bigger than life and believing that the founding father would be pleased to see this action taken by his students.

These social leaders share the same feeling that love and peace are among today's important issues. With their combined efforts, the leaders are willing to work for the ultimate goal of peace.

Finally, Dr. Shee expressed his feelings on the creation and donation of this artwork. Full of emotion, Dr. Shee detailed his deep relationship with Dean Tu Tsung Ming. With vivid memories, his words were full of respect and gratitude for his mentor and alma mater.

Dr. Shee believes that all campuses can cultivate quality education for students willing to learn through art and culture. With the presence of the statue "World Peace", Kaohsiung Medical University faculty and students, as well as visitors, will have a lasting monument dedicated to peace. Erected on Kaohsiung Medical University campus, this statue will allow people to appreciate the beauty of art, contemplate the message of harmony, and work to achieve the ultimate peace. The alumni and the artist who made this donation are

in a small way expressing their gratitude for their alma mater and blessing future generations studying at KMU.



KMU President Liu gives a speech



Executive Yuan Former Premier Mr Chun H. Chang



Senator Dagmar Yu gives a speech



Mr Shih gives a speech



Dr Yong H. Chen, Chairman of Taiwan People News



Dr Shee explains the creative process and philosophy of his sculpture "World Peace"



Mrs Chang, Senator Yu and guests



Vice Chairman Shih, Dr Shee and Shih clans



KMU VP Hsiu H Wang, Premier & Mrs Chang, Dr & Mrs Shee and President Horng M Yang



Honorable guests and Dr Shee greeting warmly





Honorable guests and Dr Shee at unveiling sculpture "World Peace"



Honorable guests and Dr Shee



Senator Yu, Premier and Mrs Chang,
and Dr & Mrs Shee



Dr Chang Y Wang
and Dr Che W Hung



Shih Rongyuan, Sam Shee, Mrs Liu, Professor Lu and distinguished guests



Violinist Guo Desheng and Dr & Mrs Shee



Peace Dove

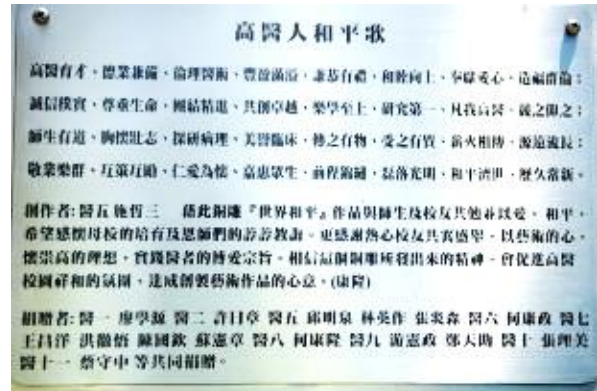


Plate: Song of Peace and List of Contributors



Mr Shih, Senator Yu, Dr & Mrs Shee, President Liu, Premier & Mrs Chang, Senator Hsu, Dr Hung, Dr Ling and guests