



The King Husein

Global Business & Interfaith Peace Awards

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Tzu Chi Foundation

Recipient of the 2026 Global Business & Interfaith Peace Award

To be Accepted by Mr. Po-Wen Yen, CEO

To be conferred at the Palace of Westminster and Mansion House, City of London, during *Dare to Overcome: The Economics of Kindness*

• Black Tie Gala Dinner – 13 October 2026

The Global Business & Interfaith Peace Awards honour organisations and leaders who demonstrate that enterprise, faith, and principled leadership can work together to advance interfaith understanding, freedom of religion or belief, and peaceful, inclusive societies.

Launched in partnership with the United Nations Global Compact and the former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's Business for Peace initiative, the Awards recognise those who use business and institutional leadership as platforms for promoting tolerance, sustainability, and human dignity. The Awards are held under the Patronage of King Husein, 2021 recipient of the Global Business & Interfaith Peace Award and the Chairman and CEO of America's largest steel building company, whose leadership exemplifies the integration of commercial excellence and interfaith commitment.

This year, we honour the Tzu Chi Foundation, one of the world's most respected faith-based humanitarian organisations, whose work transcends religious, ethnic, and national boundaries. Founded in 1966 by Master Cheng Yen, Tzu Chi has grown from modest beginnings in Taiwan into a global force for compassion in action, providing assistance in 133 countries and regions and mobilising millions of volunteers worldwide.

Rooted in Humanistic Buddhism, Tzu Chi's service is profoundly interfaith in its impact, fostering cooperation across religious traditions through shared humanitarian action. Whether responding to earthquakes in Japan and Taiwan, wildfires in the United States, floods in Africa and Europe, or pandemics affecting nearly every continent, Tzu Chi serves all people without distinction. Its volunteers work alongside governments, civil society, and partners of every faith and none — demonstrating that shared service fosters trust where division might otherwise prevail.



Under the leadership of its CEO, Mr. Po-Wen Yen — former Chief Executive Officer of United Microelectronics Corporation, one of the world's leading semiconductor manufacturers — Tzu Chi has strengthened its governance, transparency, and global engagement by applying disciplined business principles to humanitarian action. Drawing upon decades of corporate leadership, Mr. Yen has advanced internal controls, enhanced information security, published bilingual sustainability reports, and aligned the Foundation's long-term vision with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

This integration of professional management and spiritual purpose represents a model of accountability and self-reliance in the charitable sector. Tzu Chi not only delivers immediate relief — distributing millions of pieces of medical and emergency assistance and supporting hundreds of thousands affected by disasters — but also invests in long-term resilience through education, health, vocational training, environmental stewardship, and community reconstruction. Its approach empowers individuals and communities to restore dignity, rebuild livelihoods, and shape their own futures.

In 2021, Tzu Chi committed to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050 through science-based targets, and in 2022 formally joined the UNFCCC Climate Neutral Now initiative. Through ESG integration, youth engagement, digital innovation, and active participation in international climate and development forums, the Foundation demonstrates that faith-inspired organisations can lead with measurable, globally recognised standards of sustainability.

At a time of rising geopolitical tension, widening inequality, climate disruption, and increasing humanitarian crises, Tzu Chi offers a compelling example of how spiritual conviction, interfaith collaboration, and professional excellence can converge to serve the common good. Its volunteers' readiness to kneel beside the suffering — regardless of creed or nationality — reflects a universal ethic of compassion that speaks across traditions.

By combining the discipline of business leadership with the moral force of faith, and by fostering cooperation across religious and cultural divides, the Tzu Chi Foundation embodies the very spirit of the Global Business & Interfaith Peace Awards.

For its extraordinary global humanitarian service; for its commitment to sustainable development; for its model of accountable and self-reliant charitable action; and for its steadfast promotion of harmony among peoples of all faiths, we are honoured to present the 2026 Global Business & Interfaith Peace Award to the Tzu Chi Foundation, accepted by its CEO, Mr. Po-Wen Yen.