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Introduction to Shinnyo-en Singapore

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About Shinnyo-en

Shinnyo-en is an established, international Buddhist community dedicated to helping realise greater self-awareness, happiness and harmony for the good of humanity. Founded in 1936, our religion follows a traditional Buddhist lineage that started in Japan more than 1,000 years ago. Today, we have 100 temples in 16 countries and more than one million practitioners who share our common belief.



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Shinnyo-en Singapore is the local chapter of the Shinnyo-en Religious Order of Japan. It was formally established in 1990. It is registered as a society under the Registry of Societies (Ministry of Home Affairs) and a charitable organisation under the Charities Act (Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth).

Our belief

Around the world, Shinnyo-en works to promote understanding among people from different backgrounds, beliefs and cultures.

Shinnyo-en engages in humanitarian work, including peacebuilding through dialogue, environmental and cultural preservation, and disaster relief.

This stems from the firm belief that every individual is able to create compassion and greater harmony with each other.

“ Being mindful of others means putting ourselves in their shoes. This is how we can best use Buddha’s teaching in the course of everyday life.
– Master Shinjo Ito, Founder

Community Focus

Shinnyo-en practitioners are encouraged to actively engage the community. In Singapore, more than 1,800 practitioners together with their family members and our partners regularly participate in events that benefit social causes. These include sponsoring students who are aspiring journalists, promoting the well-being of patients at Ren Ci Hospital, supporting environmental upkeep with the cleaning of public areas around MRT stations and volunteering at PERTAPIS by supporting its many self-help projects covering welfare, education and social enterprises. Some of our community partners include:



Did you know?

“Shinnyo-en” means “a borderless garden where all who desire to realise their real nature are welcome just as they are”. Regardless of faiths and backgrounds, Shinnyo-en helps people to cultivate their true self or “Buddha nature” through guided meditation, service and the application of Buddhist principles in everyday life.



“ Lasting peace and mutual understanding begin with small acts of compassion and the smiles that those acts create.
– Her Holiness Shinso Ito, Shinnyo-en