

**Invitation to the International Conference**  
**“Spiritual Foundations and Chinese Culture: A**  
**Philosophical Approach”**

with

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**Theme**

Taiwanese society shares its influence and inspiration from Chinese culture as well as a number of other cultures. With increased globalization, as cultures more rapidly and hastily encounter one another and there is risk of disorder. To make these encounters more fruitful, there is need to probe into both spiritual foundations of Chinese culture which occupies a central role in the thinking of Taiwanese society, and its relation to the spiritual foundations of other cultures.

The institute of Scholastic Philosophy in Taiwan has long promoted dialogue and comparative philosophy between East and West, and we are now seeking a path towards true dialogue between scholastic philosophy and Chinese culture. The conference will be held in the spirit of promoting true and open philosophical dialogue between different cultures.

Knowledge of the spiritual foundations of Chinese culture and their relations to other spiritual foundations will help in the search for a more promising society. This must be home to multiple cultures without losing their proper foundations. Papers based on this conference theme are invited in the following areas:

1. The analysis of spiritual foundations of Chinese culture and its relation to other

cultures.

2. Comparative philosophical studies of Chinese and other cultures.
3. Theories and practices of dialogues between different cultures in such fields as literature, music, or the arts.
4. How the East can receive Western thinking?

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