

The Qinling Declaration

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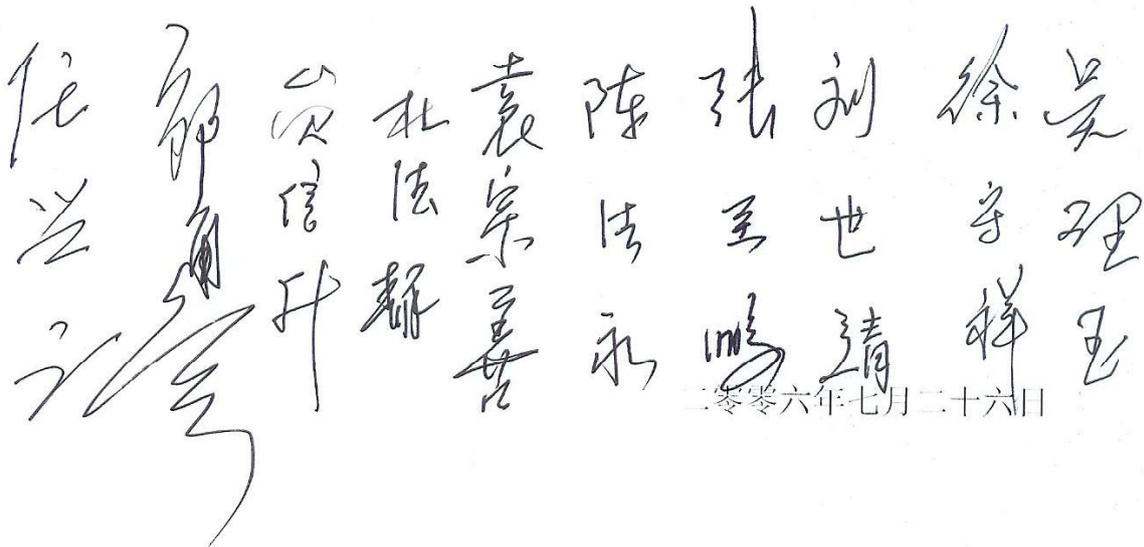
中国道教生态保护教育工作间 ——秦岭宣言

天、地、人三者和谐是人类可持续发展的重要保障，也是道教的最高追求。面对日益严重的环境危机，我们有责任反思道教对当代环境保护的作用。首届中国道教生态保护教育工作间的所有参加者达成共识，形成道教宫观生态教育联盟。

我们郑重承诺，将以下六点行动贯彻落实于道观的未来建设、管理和宗教实践，共同致力于营建环境友好型道教宫观。

- 融生态教育于宫观建设和道教活动之中
- 减少香、表、蜡和鞭炮产生的污染
- 可持续性使用自有土地
- 关注道观周边的物种保护和绿化
- 采用节约能源新技术
- 保护区域水资源

我们将定期互通执行承诺的进程，共享经验教训，用实际成果迎接2007年中国道教生态教育工作间。



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Harmony between Heaven, Earth and Humanity is the crucial guarantee for the sustainability of human activities on earth. It is the highest aim of Daoists. With the environmental crisis getting worse day by day, we have a duty to rethink the role of Daoism in China, and to consider how we can make a better contribution to the environment today. All the attendants of the first workshop on Daoism and Conservation have reached an agreement to set up a **Daoist Temple Alliance on Ecology Education**.

In order to build ecologically-friendly Daoist temples, we promise to introduce the following six key action points to the construction processes, management and religious practices of all our temples.

The Key Action Points are:

1. To introduce ecological education into our temple programmes, particularly in the context of temple construction.
2. To reduce the pollution caused by incense burners and related fireworks.
3. To use our farmed land in a sustainable way.
4. To pay close attention to the protection of local species and to sustainable forestry.
5. To use energy-saving technology.
6. To protect nearby water resources.

We will inform each other of our progress in implementing these action points, and will share our experiences and the lessons we have learned, in order to welcome the 2007 workshop on Daoism and Conservation through real achievements and actions.

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