

## TZU CHI FOUNDATION (U.S.A.) HEADQUARTERS - San Dimas, California.



**TZU CHI Buddhist Foundation** formed by **Dharma Master Cheng Yen**. In 1966, she began the work of “ **Human Buddhism** ” by involving each of her 30 followers in service to others. Today, the **TZU CHI Foundation** has over four million members who volunteer their time and resources. The Foundation assists in relief efforts around the world, operates the **TZU CHI General Hospital**, and the junior college of Nursing in Taiwan. **Master Cheng Yen** has received the **Eisenhower Medallion** for her contribution to world peace, and has been nominated for the **Nobel Peace Prize**. Our firm has been commissioned to assist in master planning the site and design an **Outdoor Auditorium** which function more like an **Amphitheater** in this beautiful ninety acres of campus site in the County of Los Angeles.



In Buddhism the **Lotus flower** is one of the most poignant representations of **Buddhist teachings** and is one of the **Eight Auspicious Symbols**. We have chosen to use **Lotus flower** in our design metaphor. The roof curvature mimic the growth pattern of a **Lotus flower** signify the progress of the human soul. The solar panel texture mimic the stem grows up through the waters of experience, where it lies pristinely above the water, in this case which is the existing reflecting pool. Eventually, the building structure will bask in bright sunshine of enlightenment.

