



Representatives Remarks



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Good evening, dear venerables, professors and colleagues! I'm very happy and feel honored, as a junior to most of you, to join this brief but meaningful launching conference. I still have a vivid impression of my studenthood, where lecture series or summer schools of the same kind played such a special role and benefited me in so many ways. For example, in 2013, we were able to participate in Prof. Kieschnick and Prof. Karashima's lectures in the Buddhist College in Hangzhou, China. Thanks to Prof. Chen Jinhua. They really opened my mind, introduced me to great traditions of scholarship, and not less importantly, gave me in the first place this sense of an international academic community that has been engaged with and empathetic with the Buddhism in practice. Though I myself mainly work on texts of a long past, but due to such early experiences, I have always kept in mind the real Buddhist practitioners of past, present, and future, and the changing world around them. It makes sense of many things. I've been extremely grateful for that, and that's one of the reasons why I am excited to see this coming Yin-Cheng distinguished lecture series, even to be a small part of it. Another less formal reason is that during this special time it brings people of various paths and colleagues from different continents together, albeit online. I am very much looking forward to the coming lectures. Thank you!

