

## YUNNAN PROVINCE

### *Helping Those in Need*

By a fellow initiate in China (Originally in Chinese)



Upon knowing that some inhabitants in the Baoshan area of Yunnan Province were living in poverty, our regional fellow initiates immediately took action to help them. In early October, they visited the local Village Administration Committee, from whom they obtained a list of 24 destitute households. The Committee officials then led them to visit some of the nearby poor households.

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### *Promoting Animal Well-being*

By Taipei News Group (Originally in Chinese)

At the new book release event of *The Birds in My Life* held on August 24, Golden Year 4 (2007), Ms. Liu Xiang-lan, Director of the ROC Animal Welfare and Environmental Protection Association, was among the VIPs present. (Please refer to Feature Report in News #190.) During the videoconference held at the event, Master discussed many issues concerning the accommodation and sterilization of abandoned animals, and put forth many incisive ideas and insights guiding people to treat animals humanely and with love. Having been devoted to caring for and providing shelter to abandoned animals for over two decades, Director Liu was deeply impressed with Master's brilliant ideas. Furthermore, she was deeply touched by Master's kind contribution of US\$10,000 to the animal shelter.



Ms. Liu Xiang-lan (second from right) receives Master's compassionate contribution of US\$10,000.

On October 23, Director Liu personally received the fund at the Love Ocean Arts Center. She said that upon entering the Center, she immediately felt a strong energy field, as if a soothing current had been infused into her arms. Completely aware of Master's intense efforts in promoting animal well-being and eco-conservation, she said that she would dedicate this fund to producing short films on animal adoption and sterilization to be shown around Formosa in order to address the problem of stray animals. 🍁