## Religions in the Republic of China

## **Preface**

The Republic of China is a country advocating democracy and freedom. Concerning people's religious belief, the government adheres to the law stipulated in the Constitution that the people shall enjoy freedom of religion. Various religions in the Republic of China have their own followers, and their organizations enjoy full development opportunities.

The people of the Republic of China are free to accept or reject religion, to choose any particular religious sect, without restriction of the church of their choice or any interference from the government and outside elements.

At present, the Republic of China on Taiwan has a total of nine religions: Buddhism, Taoism, Catholicism, Protestantism, Hsuan Yuan Chiao, Islam, Li-ism, Tenrikyo, and the Baha'i Faith. Since the government has adopted a policy of assistance and protection, these nine religious sects have shown flourished and expanded.

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