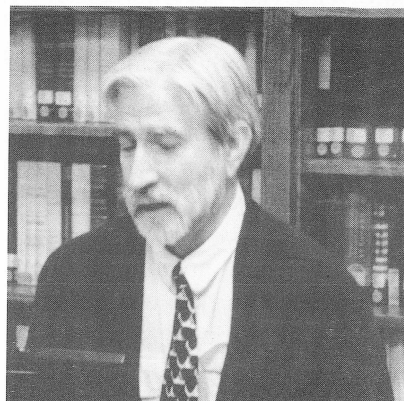


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Dr. Lewis R. Lancaster

From the Editor

It is with renewed pleasure that we present Volume II. – 2001 of the Hsi Lai Journal of Humanistic Buddhism (HLJHB). The comments received on Volume I. have been abundantly encouraging. We are gratified that the Journal fills a lacuna which has been observed by many scholars of Buddhist Studies. As on the previous occasion, a pre-publication issue of the Journal with papers presented to the Second International Conference on Humanistic Buddhism (December 17-21, 2000) on the theme of “Humanistic Buddhism and Challenges of Modern Life,” was issued in time for the Conference.

Papers presented to the first Conference are published along with book reviews. Papers presented to the Second Conference will, likewise, be published in Volume III.

The Editorial Board will be pleased to consider articles for publications as well as to receive books for review.

We also welcome comments on the articles and reviews published in this issue. It is, however, to be noted that all views expressed in the articles or reviews are those of the authors and do not represent the policy or opinion of the Hsi Lai University or its International Academy of Buddhism or the position of Fo Guang Shan Order.

– **Ananda W. P. Guruge**
Editor