

## **Introduction to Cultural Foundations of Zhendai He USA**

Zhendai He (circa 1867-1952) was a modern scholar of classic literature, poet, expert of local chronicles, and educator of traditional Chinese poetry. He represents a superlative example of the Tong-Guang-Ti, a modern branch of Min (Hokkien), old-style poetry. Min (Hokkien) culture is a unique combination of “mountain, ocean, and water”, which created a spirit of “tolerance and diversity”. It was this spirit that both inspired and empowered Zhendai He to dedicate his female disciples as the “eight talents of Min.” Each one elegant in demeanor, they became learned and skilled in music, games, arts, and literature, the four essences of Chinese culture.

Xinyan He, a 7<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of Zexu Lin, and 4<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of Zhendai He, has established the Cultural Foundations of Zhendai He USA in Los Angeles. The foundation is dedicated to carry forward traditional Chinese culture, allowing the profound Chinese culture to be shared across the world, and to establish a cultural bridge by blending legacy with innovation. This will allow more youth to appreciate the roots of Chinese culture, and incorporate those cultural elements into their daily lives.

The Foundation will host a major philanthropic event annually, each in a different country, to not only help cultural sensibilities to take root in people’s hearts, but also to allow cultural spirit to nourish societal peace and prosperity.