The Light Tree for Thăng Hoa Humanity

Thăng Hoa: Ascend and Flourish

Lighting the good in every human being

Boston Common · Evening of December 3, 2026



On the evening of December 3, 2026, as the Christmas tree on Boston Common comes alight, Boston Global Forum lights a tree of another kind: **The Light Tree for Thăng Hoa Humanity**. It is made of no wood and no stone. It is the essence of the noble and sacred values born of the good in humanity, for the AI Age.

HUMANITY'S TREE OF WISDOM AND LOVE

In the AI Age, intelligence can be produced without limit. Love cannot; only human beings can kindle it. The Light Tree is **Humanity's Tree of Wisdom and Love**: wisdom to know what is right, and love to do what is good.

The Light Tree is **the first monument of a new civilization, built of light** from the finest of humanity. It grows every year, and it faces the future: **AIWS Civilization, a civilization of Human–AI Co-Creation**, in which every person rises and blossoms in Love, Creativity, Nobility, and Wisdom. The Tree will walk with humanity through its history, toward the bright and the beautiful, at the heights with the Eagle of Light.

FROM BOSTON, THE INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

Boston is **the intellectual capital of the world**: home to Beacon Hill, to Harvard, MIT, and hundreds of universities honored throughout the world; birthplace of the American Revolution and of America's first public school; the city where ideas that changed the world, from medicine to computing and artificial intelligence, were nurtured. Here, in 2017, AIWS was born. From Boston, the Tree carries **wisdom, dignity, and faith, with the noble traditions of America and the world**, to every person and every family in our beloved world.

THE TREE AND ITS SEEDS OF LIGHT

The Tree is built entirely of light, in the form of Boston's evergreen. Its eight tiers are the eight Founding Cities of AIWS Civilization: Boston, Tokyo, Rome–Vatican, Hà Nội, Washington, D.C., San Francisco–Silicon Valley, Osaka–Kyoto, and Nha Trang. At its crown is the Thăng Hoa badge. From these cities it spreads to Riga, Paris, London, Davos, Madrid, Jaipur, Amritapuri, New York, Los Angeles, and every city where BGF has left its mark. In the East, its companion is the Mai Vàng Angel of Nha Trang, lit every Tết from 2027 at the Mai Vàng Angel Festival (Lễ Hội Thiên Thần Mai Vàng).

Every light on the Tree is **a Seed of Light**: something that makes you better and lights up **at least one person beside you**, in the family, in learning, at work, in the community, in creative work, or as a new initiative. A Seed glows softly when the idea is lit, and shines in full when it is carried out and confirmed by the very person it lit. **The brightness of the Tree is the good and noble things that people have actually done.**

Every Seed of Light awakens four values, **Love, Creativity, Nobility, Wisdom**, and gives us the **Confidence** to master the four darknesses of our time: greed, hatred, fear, and loneliness. This is **the Thăng Hoa Faith: faith in ourselves**, bringing forth the good in each of us. Thăng Hoa is not a new religion, and it asks no one to leave their own faith.

THE FINEST OF HUMANITY ON THE TREE

The Tree crystallizes fourteen years of Boston Global Forum and the noble values of **the finest of humanity who have walked with BGF**: the recipients of the World Leader for Peace and Security Award and the World Leader in AIWS Award, among them Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Chancellor Angela Merkel, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Vint Cerf, Judea Pearl, Amandeep Gill, and Cynthia Dwork; the AI Pioneers; the Board of Thinkers; the Global Enlightenment Leaders; the BGF Board of Directors and Executive Board; and every speaker at BGF conferences since 2013, and in Tokyo since 2014. With BGF's pioneering initiatives, from AI World Society, the Social Contract for the AI Age, and AIWS Trust Infrastructure to AIWS Civilization and the Constitution for Humanity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence, they raise the Tree **to the summit of human wisdom and dignity**.

> **The stars.** Every honoree of Boston Global Forum is a star of the Tree, speaking in their own words beside a real photograph from a BGF event. Each Christmas season, the honorees of the year are lit as new stars: the recipients of the **World Leader in AIWS Award** and the **World Leader for Peace and Security Award**, the **AI Pioneers**, the **Beacon of AIWS Civilization**, and, from 2027, the **Thăng Hoa Lumina Laureate**.
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> **The rings.** Each year the Tree grows a ring of BGF's milestones: Global Cybersecurity Day (December 12, since 2015); the United Nations Centennial Initiative with United Nations Academic Impact (since 2019); the Tokyo Compact (June 12, 2026); the AIWS Trust Observatory; Commonwealth of Minds; the Beacon Papers; *America at 250: A Beacon for the AI Age* by Governor Michael Dukakis and Nguyen Anh Tuan; and the Bridgetown Special Summit on AI Safety (November 23, 2026). On April 27, 2027, when the Constitution for Humanity is proclaimed at Loeb House, Harvard University, the Tree gains its most radiant ring.

WHAT MAKES THE TREE GREAT AND SACRED

The Line of Light. Each Seed records who lit its giver, and the one who was lit goes on to light another. Threads of light join person to person across nations. For the first time, humanity can see how far goodness travels.

The 24-hour Circle of Light. Boston lights first. The light follows the dawn through Tokyo, Hà Nội, Nha Trang, and Rome, and returns to Boston after 24 hours: the first global ceremony of the AI Age.

The Thăng Hoa Index. Each year, on the day Boston lights its Christmas tree in December, BGF announces the brightness of the Tree: the Seeds carried out, the people lit, and the length of the Lines of Light. GDP measures wealth; the Thăng Hoa Index measures the good people actually do.

Love: the Seed of Reconciliation. To light those we love is natural. To light one who was once an adversary is the summit of love.

Creativity: the Seed Bank of Humanity. Every Seed carried out becomes an open seed that anyone may take home and sow where they live. The Seeds of the Year are multiplied at the AIWS Human–AI Co-Creation Summit.

Nobility: the Nameless Light. Seeds lit without a name shine in a white-gold hue of their own and are the most honored. The Tree carries no advertising, no brand, and no political color.

Wisdom: the Question of the Year. Each year the Tree asks humanity one great question. Laureates, World Leaders, Commonwealth of Minds, and the Thăng Hoa Generation answer in letters, hung on the Tree like ripened fruit, and elders pass to the young the lesson of their lives.

First Light. Every child born in the AI Age may have a first Seed lit by their parents, and a Light Tree that grows up with them.

The Minute of Light. As the Tree comes alight, the world keeps one minute of silence, each person thinking of one person they will light. Churches, temples, shrines, mosques, synagogues, and schools light branches of their own on the Tree, side by side, without blending. **Thăng Hoa is not one path, but a light for every path.**

YOUR OWN LIGHT TREE

Every person and every organization can have a Light Tree of its own, a branch of the Light Tree for Thăng Hoa Humanity. Each tree carries a **BGF–AIWS Light ID**, an identity that belongs to it alone. The tree of an organization, such as a school, a city, or a company, holds the trees of its members. Every light on a personal tree shines at the same moment on the Tree of humanity.

A light is not posted; it is earned. Each Seed passes **the Seed of Light Standard**, kept by BGF–AIWS:

Value. The Seed lifts at least one person in one of the five ways of Thăng Hoa: giving someone confidence, awakening a talent, creating something beautiful for others, healing a hurt, or protecting a part of life. It carries no hatred, no advertising, and no political campaign.

Truth. The Seed glows softly when it is accepted, and shines in full only when the person it lifted confirms it. No likes, no rankings. AI helps check and protect each Seed under BGF–AIWS standards, in each person's mother tongue; it never writes a Seed in anyone's place, and people decide.

Stewardship. The Light Stewards of BGF–AIWS review the Seeds, audit them at random, and hear appeals, so that every light on the Tree can be trusted.

Seeds carried out are recorded in **The Human–AI Co-Creation Atlas**, opening January 8, 2027. Year by year, each tree becomes the record of the good its owner has lit. The brightness of humanity's Tree is the sum of them all, and no one is ranked above another.

THE CALL

AI grows more powerful every year. Let humanity shine brighter every year.

We call on every person, every family, every school, every faith community, every city, and every organization: look at the good that lies hidden within you, think of one person beside you, and **light your Seed of Light**. Give it any form, a plan, an idea, an e-card, a painting, a photograph, a piece of music, or a 10–15 second video, with one sentence: whom it is for, and what you will do.

Send it through the BGF Light Tree page or to **Lumina@BostonGlobalForum.org**. On the evening of December 3, as Boston lights up, your Seed will shine on the Tree beside the finest of humanity, and brighter still on the day you make it real. Lit that evening, the Tree will shine forever: **the Light, and the Lighthouse, for Thăng Hoa Humanity.**

Thăng Hoa. Light one person. From love, create something new for humanity.

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