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**HONG KONG TAOIST ASSOCIATION TO SEND 20 CONFUCIAN
RITUAL SPECIALISTS TO TEMPLE GRAND OPENING**

Toronto, May 11 – The Hong Kong Taoist Association (香港道教聯會 HKTA) will delegate no less than 20 priests and assistants to take part in three days of Confucian ceremonies to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Fung Loy Kok Taoist Temple located one hour north of Toronto, on Airport Rd., near Orangeville. The ceremonies will run September 6 through 8, 2007.

The delegation was confirmed at a recent meeting between elders and directors of the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism (FLK) and emissaries from the Yuen Yuen Institute (圓玄學院) and the Chi Wo Tan temple (至和壇) of Hong Kong. The meeting had been called to plan a program of Confucian ceremonies to be led jointly by members of HKTA and FLK. Discussions are underway with other HKTA-member temples and with temples from Macao, Taiwan and Mainland China to plan a program of Taoist ceremonies.

The Confucian program calls for chanters to petition the deities early morning on Sept. 6 by performing a ceremony that includes the ritual of Inviting the Water (請水). There will then be a ceremony to bless the statues in the temple (聖像開光). Priests and participants will chant the *Chaam* (懺 Repentances) and the *Ging* (經 Sutras) non-stop through the first and second day, pausing only for three ceremonies to comfort the deceased -- the *See Sik* (施食 Ceremony of feeding the ghosts), the *Dan Ching* and *Sam Ching* (單清 Taoist ceremony of the single purity and 三清 Taoist ceremony of the 3 Pure Ones), and the *Lay Yao* (利幽 Ceremony to benefit the ghosts.)

The Confucian ceremonies will culminate on the third day, Saturday Sept. 8, with the *Bai Gwong* (拜光) where “deities send out rays of light to bless the people”. Several hundred people are expected to have gathered on the terrace of the temple by then, many of them adorned in their Confucian blue chanting robes.

The Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism is a member of the International Taoist Tai Chi Society. It was co-founded as the Fung Loy Kok Temple by Master Moy Lin-shin and Mr. Mui Ming-to in Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong in 1968. In 1981, they opened the first Fung Loy Kok high shrine at the Taoist Tai Chi Society's Bathurst St. location. Mr. Moy later established a second Fung Loy Kok Institute location at 134 D’Arcy Street in Toronto's Chinatown. Fung Loy Kok now has branches throughout Canada, the USA, Australia and New Zealand. Its aims & objectives are expressed as follows: “The Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism observes the integrated teachings of the three religions of China -- Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism. Its objective is to deliver all from suffering, both the living and the dead, through community service, rituals and ceremonies, and the cultivation of body and mind.”