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CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED OF "UNIQUE IN THE WEST" THREE-RELIGIONS-OF-CHINA TEMPLE LOCATED NEAR TORONTO

Toronto, May 9th – The Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism has reached substantial completion on the construction of a unique temple devoted to the observance of the integrated teachings of the three religions of China – Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism. It is located near Orangeville, on Airport Rd., one hour north of Toronto, Ont. The Grand Opening will take place September 6-8, 2007.

Construction took 18 months with a project cost of \$13 million. This sum was contributed dollar-by-dollar by individuals of many faiths, and of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds, in 26 countries where the organization is active -- without requiring any bank loan nor any governmental, corporate or institutional financial support, or any money from big donors or foundations. It is the culmination of decades of efforts to break down barriers that divide people around the world.

The 4,844 sq. ft. (450 sq. m.) temple and adjoining buildings are part of a complex known as the Quiet Cultivation Centre at the heart of the 104-acre International Taoist Tai Chi Centre. The other new pavilions include: the 12,336 sq. ft. (1,146 sq. m.) Practice Hall, where 1,000 people at a time can practice Taoist Arts together; the 3,768 sq. ft. (350 sq. m.) Exhibition Hall, devoted to honoring the 60 birth-deities; a Memorial Hall, where people can pay respects to their ancestors; and three residential pavilions with 56 Meditation Rooms.

The International Taoist Tai Chi Centre has been active since 1984. It is the geographic epicenter of an organization founded in 1970 by Master Moy Lin-shin that now branches out worldwide and which is dedicated to making the *Taoist Tai Chi*® Internal Arts and Methods available to all. A notable turning point in the Centre's development was the opening, in 1999, of a new wing to house the activities of the Health Recovery program that addresses the special needs of individual with acute health problems and reduced mobility.

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.”

The Taoist Tai Chi Society and the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism are both founded on the principle of helping others by drawing on the spiritual wisdom of Taoism and the practice of the Taoist Arts.