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TAOIST PRIESTS FROM HONG KONG'S FUNG YING SEEN KOON TEMPLE TO PARTAKE IN ORANGEVILLE TEMPLE GRAND OPENING

Toronto, June 1 – The Fung Ying Seen Koon temple of Hong Kong (蓬瀛仙館 FYSK) will delegate 10 priests and assistants to take part in Taoist ceremonies that will mark the Grand Opening of the expanded Fung Loy Kok temple (蓬萊閣 FLK) located one hour north of Toronto, near Orangeville, Ont.

The Grand Opening festivities will run September 6 through 8, 2007. The Taoist ceremonies will complement a program of Confucian ceremonies to be led by members of the Toronto-based Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism, together with those of the Yuen Yuen Institute (圓玄學院) and of the Chi Wo Tan temple (至和壇), both also of Hong Kong.

A Long-time, Fruitful Relationship

A member-organization of the Hong Kong Taoist Association (香港道教聯會 HKTA) – as are Yuen Yuen and Chi Wo Tan – FYSK has entertained with Fung Loy Kok a long-time, fruitful relationship. It was involved in the enlivening of Fung Loy Kok's temple in Toronto's Chinatown in 1995 and it also took part, four years ago, in the blessing rituals of the grounds on which the Orangeville temple is located.

Emissaries from Fung Loy Kok will be meeting next week with FYSK officials to determine which ceremonies, sutras and chants are most appropriate for this festive occasion. Discussions are underway between FLK and other temples from Macao, Taiwan and Mainland China regarding their participation in the Grand Opening activities.

The Integrated Teachings of the Three Religions of China

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."

Financed by People of Many Faiths, from 26 Countries

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.

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.