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BUDDHIST TZU CHI MERIT ORGANIZATION (SINGAPORE) LTD.

***MEDIA INVITATION
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**RELIGIOUS LEADERS JOIN THE MASSES FOR
INTER-FAITH PRAYERS AS PART OF TZU CHI 57TH ANNIVERSARY**



During Tzu Chi 53rd anniversary and Buddha Day celebrations in 2019, religious leaders from the Inter-Religious Organisation (IRO) came together to lead the masses through a short prayer session. (Photo by Tzu Chi Merit (Singapore))

SINGAPORE, 10 MAY 2023: As part of Tzu Chi 57th Anniversary, which will also celebrate Buddha Day and Mother's Day concurrently, eight religious leaders from the Inter-Religious Organisation (IRO) will come together to pray for world peace.

The leaders who will be present hail from the following religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Jainism, Christianity, Islam, Sikhism and Bahaism. On that day, Tzu Chi chapters across nearly 70 countries and regions will celebrate the Global Tzu Chi Day.

After three years of not holding a large-scale celebration due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the significant celebratory event will return to Bukit Gombak Stadium this year on 14 May 2023. **Mr Teo Chee Hean, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security**, will grace the event, along with several other distinguished guests including Member of Parliament of Marsiling-Yew Tee, Mdm Hany Soh, Member of Parliament of Bukit Panjang, Mr Liang Eng Hwa and Mr Tung Chen-Yuan from Taipei Representative Office in Singapore.

On the 2nd Sunday of May every year, Tzu Chi volunteers, along with members of the public of all faiths, come together to celebrate the 3-in-1 occasion of “Buddha Day, Mother’s Day and Tzu Chi Day”. The event allows participants to express gratitude to the Buddha, their parents and all living beings, while also gathering kind thoughts and prayers for world peace.

An estimated 4,000-strong crowd is expected on event day where the Buddha-bathing ceremony will be the main highlight. “Bathing the Buddha” signifies the purification of hearts and the ceremony also aims to depict the beauty of the Buddhist faith and culture, and inspire kindness within everyone.

The Buddhist Tzu Chi Merit Organization (Singapore) Ltd. warmly welcome members of the public of various religious faiths to join us at this event to pray for Singapore and the world.

Members of the media are also cordially invited to witness this momentous occasion. Appended below are the details for your kind attention:

Date: 14 May 2023 (Sunday)

Venue: Bukit Gombak ActiveSG Stadium

800 Bukit Batok West Avenue 5 Singapore, 659081

Dress code: As it will be a solemn religious event, do avoid bright coloured and sleeveless attire. Long pants will also be required.

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm (Media are advised to arrive by 5:30 pm)

Meeting point for media: Left entrance of stadium (See photo below)



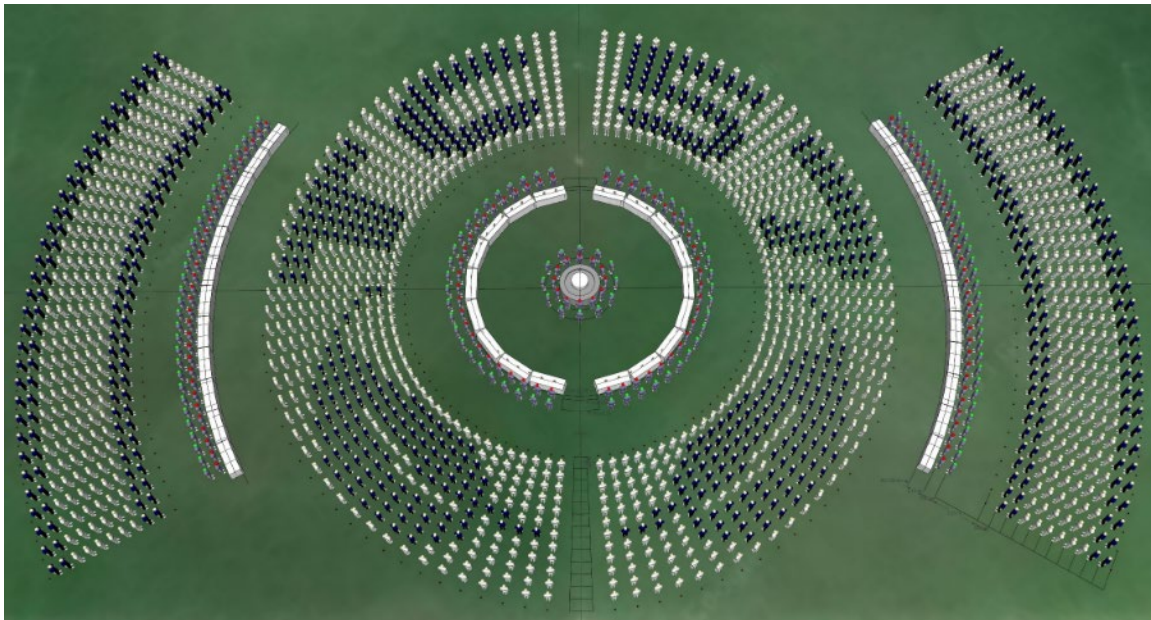
Event Timeline	
5:30 pm	Pre-event briefing and dinner for media
6:00 pm	Audience to be seated
6:30 pm	Arrival of Guest of Honour (Senior Minister Mr Teo Chee Hean) and religious leaders
6:40 pm	Speech by Guest of Honour
6:47 pm	Arrival of Dharma masters
6:57 pm	One-minute silent prayer
7:12 pm	Commencement of Buddha-bathing ceremony

8:06 pm	Ceremony end and departure of guests
8:21 pm	Field open for Buddha-bathing by members of public
8:30 pm	Event end

For more details, please refer to the link below:

<https://www.tzuchi.org.sg/en/events/tzu-chi-57th-anniversary-and-buddha-day-celebration-2023/>

If you would like to attend, kindly confirm via email at media@tzuchi.org.sg by **12 May 2023, 12pm**. **For media interviews with any of the guests, do make prior arrangements with us.** Due to limited vacancies, only media who RSVP will be admitted. As parking spaces will be reserved for guests, members of the media who are driving to the venue can park at nearby carparks about a 10-minute walk away.



An aerial mock-up view of the group formation comprising Tzu Chi volunteers that will be on display during the event. The three-dimensional concentric circle at the centre symbolises volunteers' unity in one heart, as they work together to spread the Dharma worldwide & live out Buddha's teachings in their daily lives.

The TC57 in the circle of the same heart symbolises the volunteers' tireless efforts in the past 57 years to spread Tzu Chi founder Master Cheng Yen's spirit of gratitude, respect, and love to everyone all around the world. (Photo by Tzu Chi Merit (Singapore))



A shot of Tzu Chi volunteers' group formation at night during the 2019 event. (Photo by Tzu Chi Merit (Singapore))



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ABOUT BUDDHIST TZU CHI MERIT ORGANIZATION (SINGAPORE) LTD.

The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation is a global non-profit humanitarian organisation founded in 1966 by a Buddhist nun named Dharma Master Cheng Yen in Taiwan. Its missions of charity, medicine, education, humanistic culture and environmental protection has brought relief to over 100 countries.

Established in 2016, the Buddhist Tzu Chi Merit Organization (Singapore) Ltd. carries out aid work and religious activities that benefit people and bring forth the spirit and essence of Buddhism. As a registered charitable organisation, it provides humanitarian aid to those in need overseas, regardless of their race and religion. Its relief efforts are funded by locally-raised funds and carried out in accordance with the Law and regulations. The heart of Tzu Chi is embedded in its name: in Chinese, “tzu” means compassion and “chi,” relief.

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