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BUDDHIST TZU CHI MERIT ORGANIZATION (SINGAPORE) LTD.

**MEDIA INVITATION**

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**3000 PARTICIPANTS EXPECTED TO PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE  
AT OUTDOOR VESAK CELEBRATION**



*In 2023, over a thousand volunteers formed the "TC57" and a Bodhi leaf pattern to celebrate Buddha Day, Mother's Day and Global Tzu Chi Day.*

*Photo credit: Tzu Chi Merit (Singapore)*

**SINGAPORE, 06 MAY 2024:** In recent times, natural disasters and human calamities have been frequent, and Singapore has entered a period of hot and rainy weather. The escalation of situations in Ukraine and the Middle East, along

with casualties and displacements of populations from various corners of the world, indirectly affect our daily concerns such as inflation pressure.

Every second Sunday of May, Tzu Chi gathers the benevolent thoughts of over a hundred thousand people worldwide to pray for the world. This day marks Tzu Chi's "3-in-1" occasion of Buddha Day, Mother's Day, and Global Tzu Chi Day. Followers of various religions are invited to express their gratitude for the Buddha, parents, and all sentient beings, while also uniting their compassionate thoughts to pray for world peace.

We foresee nearly a thousand of similar celebrations to be held in nearly 50 countries and territories. Among these celebration, the upcoming one in Singapore is one of the few held in an outdoor stadium, showcasing a solemn group formation of thousands of volunteers.

Mr. Teo Chee Hean, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security, will serve as the guest of honour for the fifth time, along with other guests including:

1. Ms. Low Yen Ling, Mayor of Southwest District;
2. Ms. Hany Soh Hui Bin, Member of Parliament for Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC;
3. Mr. Liang Eng Hwa, Member of Parliament for Bukit Panjang SMC;
4. Mr. Yeo Guat Kwang, Advisor of the National Trades Union Congress;
5. Mr. Teo Ho Bin, Chairperson of the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board, and
6. Mr. Tung Chen Yuan, Representative of the Taipei Representative Office in Singapore.

Local dignitaries, representatives from the Inter-Religious Organisation and Dharma masters will lead the event, which is expected to see nearly three thousand participants joining the Buddha-bathing ceremony and prayer session. Here are some suggested stories that can be covered:

1. Four elderly participants in their eighties overcome challenges such as the hot weather and physical exertion to conduct a one-hour rehearsal and participate in the two-hour actual event on the same day, collectively presenting the solemnity of religious humanity.
2. A group of old classmates that participates in this event every year.
3. Volunteers from different nationalities join the formation together.
4. A family that has attended the event for 11 years, irrespective of weather condition.

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



**Event Name:** Tzu Chi 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Buddha Day Celebration

**Date:** 12 May 2024 (Sunday)

**Venue:** Bukit Gombak Stadium

800 Bukit Batok West Avenue 5 Singapore, 659081

**Dress code:** As it will be a solemn religious event, kindly wear plain coloured top with sleeves and long pants.

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

**GOH:** Mr. Teo Chee Hean, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security

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 ( <b><u>Senior Minister Mr Teo Chee Hean</u></b> ) and guests
6:40 pm	Speech by Guest of Honour
6:47 pm	Arrival of Dharma masters
6:57 pm	One-minute silent prayer
7:10 pm	Commencement of Buddha-bathing ceremony
7:35 pm	Walking meditation
8:06 pm	Ceremony end and departure of guests
8:21 pm	Field open for Buddha-bathing by members of the public
8:30 pm	Event end

For more details, please refer to the link below:

<https://www.tzuchimerit.org.sg/en/events/tzu-chi-58th-anniversary-and-buddha-day-celebration/>

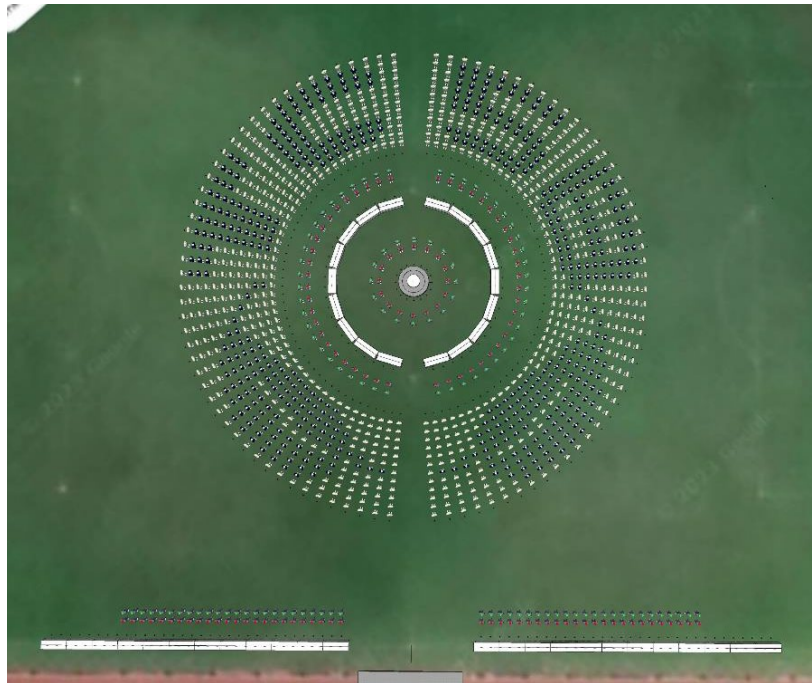
If you would like to attend, kindly confirm via email at [media@tzuchi.org.sg](mailto:media@tzuchi.org.sg) by **10 May 2024, 12pm**. **For media interviews with any of the guests, do make prior arrangements with us.** As parking spaces will be reserved for guests, members of the media who are driving to the venue can park their vehicle at nearby carparks about 10-minute walk away.





*In 2024, it will be the fifth time that Mr. Teo Chee Hean, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security, serves as the guest of honour for the "Tzu Chi Anniversary and Buddha Day Ceremony." The image shows Mr. Teo delivering a speech in 2023.*

*Photo credit: Tzu Chi Merit (Singapore)*



*The TC58 in the circle of the same heart symbolises the global volunteers' tireless efforts in the past 58 years to spread Tzu Chi founder Master Cheng Yen's spirit of gratitude, respect, and love to everyone around the world.*

*Photo credit: Tzu Chi Merit (Singapore)*



*A shot of Tzu Chi volunteers' group formation at night during the 2019 event.*

*Photo credit: 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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