

PROCLAMATION: Buddhist Culture Day - May 5, 2024

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Dear Lance Huang,

Our office is pleased to inform you that May 5, 2024 has been proclaimed Buddhist Culture Day in British Columbia.

Please find attached a PDF of the finalized proclamation that has been mailed to your attention at the address provided in your submission. This proclamation will also be publicly available on the BC Laws website, within 1 business day, at this location:

https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/proclamations/proclamations/2024procs

Please don't hesitate to email us at BCProclamations@gov.bc.ca if you have any questions about BC proclamations.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Tu, William LASS:EX < William. Tu@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: REQUEST: Buddhist Culture Day - May 5, 2024

Thank you very much for the update! Regards, Lance AG LSB BC Proclamations AG:EX <BCProclamations@gov.bc.ca> 於 2024年4月11日 週四 上午7:20寫道: Dear Lance Huang, This is an update on the status of your request. The ministry responsible for review has approved the proclamation. The next step in the process—review by the Attorney General and the Lieutenant Governor—is scheduled. We will be in touch with you again when that step is concluded. As with our previous correspondence, William Tu at MLA Teresa Wat's Constituency Office is copied on this email, for information. Sincerely, **Proclamations** | Order in Council Administration Office Office of Legislative Counsel | Legal Services Branch Tel: 250 387-0725 www.gov.bc.ca/proclamations

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Got it. Thank you so much for your time on this matter! We appreciate it. Look forward to the next update.

Best Regards,

Lance Huang

AG LSB BC Proclamations AG:EX <BCProclamations@gov.bc.ca> 於 2024年2月28日 週三 下午2:40寫道:

Dear Lance Huang,

Thank you for your interest in the BC Proclamations Program, and for providing a full name for your contact person. Confirming that the contact information for this request has been updated accordingly.

This is an update on your request status. Your request has been through an initial review by the BC Proclamations office and is now with the ministry responsible for review. The ministry may contact you directly if they have any questions.

If approved by the ministry, the request will then be scheduled by our office for final reviews by both the Attorney General and Lieutenant Governor. We will be in touch with updates on your request status.

William Tu at MLA Teresa Wat's Constituency Office is copied on this email and will be on future updates, as requested, for information.

Please don't hesitate to email us at BCProclamations@gov.bc.ca in the meantime with any questions or to check in on your request status. More information on the BC Proclamations Program is also available online at www.gov.bc.ca/proclamations.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Apologies. We forgot to put the full name for the contact information. Corrected below inline. Could you please approve?

Thank you!

Best Regards,
Lance Huang

蓮壇Lotus Temple <lotustemple@baigong.international> 於 2024年2月1日 週四 下午5:29寫道:

Contact information

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Bai Gong International Buddhist Society

1023-2560 Shell Road,

Richmond, BC, V6X 0B8

Title and date(s)

BC Buddhist Culture Day

First Sunday of May, 2024-05-05

Draft proclamation

WHEREAS the diverse cultural, ethnic, spiritual and religious heritage of British Columbians is a fundamental characteristic of British Columbian society and contributes greatly to life in this province, and

WHEREAS Buddhism is a transformative teaching that encompasses various systems of philosophy (prajna), meditation (samadhi) and ethics (sila), and

WHEREAS Buddhism has been practiced for over a century in British Columbia by people of diverse heritages, and

WHEREAS May 24, 2024, marks Vesak Day, which is recognized internationally by the Un acknowledge the contributions of Buddhism to humanity and to celebrate Buddhism's mespeace and goodwill, and	
WHEREAS Buddhist British Columbians contribute in many ways to the prosperity and cul- Columbia; NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May known as	tural diversity of British 5, 2024, shall be
"BC Buddhist Culture Day"	
Sources for data, statistics or claims (if any)	



Canada Province of British Columbia A Proclamation

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and His other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come - Greeting

WHEREAS the diverse cultural, ethnic, spiritual and religious heritage of British Columbians is a fundamental characteristic of British Columbian society and contributes greatly to life in this province, and

WHEREAS Buddhism is a transformative teaching that encompasses various systems of philosophy (prajna), meditation (samadhi) and ethics (sila), and

WHEREAS Buddhism has been practised for over a century in British Columbia by people of diverse heritages, and, in 2021, the population of British Columbia included 83 860 people who identify as Buddhist, and

WHEREAS May 5, 2023, marks Vesak Day, which is recognized internationally by the United Nations to acknowledge the contributions of Buddhism to humanity and to celebrate Buddhism's message of compassion, peace and goodwill, and

WHEREAS Buddhist British Columbians contribute in many ways to the prosperity and cultural diversity of British Columbia;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 7, 2023, shall be known as

"Buddhist Culture Day"

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this second day of May, two thousand twenty-three and in the first year of Our Reign.

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BY COMMAND.

Attorney General

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That is a great news. Thank you so much! We appreciate that.

Regards, Lance Huang

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