## Shin Yat Tong On Yat Kindergarten Celebration of Buddha's Birthday and Vegetarian Cultural Carnival

6<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you of the "Celebration of Buddha's Birthday and Vegetarian Cultural Carnival 2023" event, co-organized by Buddha's Light International Association (Hong Kong), Fo Guang Vihara Hong Kong and assisted by Fo Guang Shan International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong). The activity will be held on 26/5(Fri) at basketball court of Hong Kong Victoria Park in Causeway Bay. Our school has been invited by the organizers to attend the event as a group so we hereby would like to invite you and your children to join. It is free for all public in order to celebrate Buddha's Birthday and learn about vegetarian culture. Please find the attached poster for more information.

Since the organizers are aware that our students are young and some of their family members are elders, thus if the number of participants from reaches 50-60, the coordinator from Fo Guang Vihara Hong Kong (Mrs. So) will sponsor a coach to transport all participants to the venue free of charge to attend a ceremony at 9a.m. For those participants must arrive at the outside entrance gate of our school at 7:45-8:00a.m. as the one-way coach will depart as scheduled. Upon arrival at the venue, all participants will be led by the staff to the designated seating area. The return trip is solely the responsibilities of participants.

After the ceremony, participants may have the opportunity to receive a special gift from the organizers and join in various activities at three booths set up by Fo Guang Vihara Hong Kong. Participants can also use the \$50 cash voucher provided by benefactors to purchase vegetarian food at the venue. Please can freely explore other free or paid booths and appreciate various religious and vegetarian cultural programmes from nine participating countries. The opening hour starts from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. and it is free to enter and leave the venue during this period.

The event will take place at Hong Kong Victoria Park, where the annual Hong Kong Flower Show and Lunar New Year Market are held as well. There is Hong Kong Central Library nearby so you can take your children to explore the park, utilize the public facilities, visit the library for reading and borrowing books etc. There are many convenient and safe transportation options in Hong Kong, including historic trams, which is a unique way to experience the city's culture. After the event, you can plan your own itinerary to explore various tourist attractions in Hong Kong Island, take photos, taste local food and enjoy a relaxing, pleasant holiday of Buddha's Birthday.

As the tourism industry has been recovering in recent months with high demand for coaches and drivers, it is challenging to make reservation. If you are interested in the activity, please contact us at 2345-1222 during office hours from 8/5(Mon) to 10/5(Wed). Each family can register up to three quotas and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

As the number of seatings for free coach service is limited, you may arrange your own transportation to the venue. However, you may not have the special arrangement and gift provided by the organizers mentioned above. You can still accompany your children to attend in the Buddha's Birthday ceremony, playing various booth games, collecting stamps for gifts and have fun!

If you have any enquiries regarding the event, please feel free to contact the class teacher or staff of General Office. Thank you for your support.

Wish all you good health and all the best!

Yours faithfully, General Office

