



The Jade Buddha will be in Sydney, Australia

Dear friend of the Great Stupa,

YOU ARE INVITED

The Jade Buddha for Universal Peace will have its first showing in Sydney when it is unveiled by celebrity chef Kylie Kwong at Darling Harbour (outside the Chinese Gardens) **at 10.30 am on July 10.** Judy and I would love to see you there.

The Jade Buddha has recently completed a 3 month tour of Vietnam where an estimated 4 million people came to see it. The Buddha created a sensation in Vietnam where jade is considered to have many special properties.

The Jade Buddha for Universal Peace is the largest Buddha carved from gemstone quality jade. The Jade Buddha itself is 2.7 metres and weighs around 5 tonne. It sits on an alabaster throne of 1.4 metres which takes its

total height to over 4 metres. The size and beauty of this Buddha make it a wonder of the world.

The story of the Jade Buddha commenced with the discovery of a rare 18 tonne boulder of translucent jade in Canada in the year 2000. The size and quality of this jade boulder led it to being called "the find of the millennium" and it was given the name "Polar Pride". Ian Green, the Chairman of the project saw the boulder in 2003 and for the next 5 years he oversaw the purchase, design and carving of the statue.

The Jade Buddha is also a great international achievement. A photographic study was made of the famous Buddha at the Mahabodhi Stupa in Bodh Gaya , India . These photos became the basis for the prototype which was designed by sculptors from Australia and Thailand . In all a total of four prototypes were sculpted before the final one was approved by the spiritual head of the project, Lama Zopa Rinpoche. Following this a team of around 30 Thai carvers and polishers worked on the Jade Buddha prior to its completion in December 2008.

Following its showing at Darling Harbour the Jade Buddha will tour Buddhist temples in Horsley Park and Canley Vale. The Jade Buddha then travels to Adelaide , Perth and Melbourne during 2009 before travelling to USA and Canada in 2010 and Europe in 2011. The Buddha is expected to travel for several years until eventually it goes to its home at the Great Stupa of Universal Compassion in Bendigo , Victoria .

The tour of the Jade Buddha is dedicated to universal peace. It is hoped that the Buddha's presence in Brisbane will inspire everyone who sees it to find peace in their home, their schools and work, their family, and in their own heart.

The opening ceremony will see the representatives from various faiths (Ba'hai, Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Hindu and Sikh) coming together to offer peace prayers for the world. The official unveiling will be performed by Kylie Kwong.

The Jade Buddha will be at Darling Harbour 10 July - 2 August 2009, then 7-16 August at Van An Temple 215-223 Redmayne Rd Horsley Park and then 22 August - 20 September at Minh Quang Temple 30-32 Chadderton St. Canley Vale. Entry is free.



IAN GREEN AND JUDY

Phật Ngọc cho Hòa Bình Thế Giới

Một thoáng suy tư về Hòa Bình cho tất cả

Tượng Phật Thích Ca bằng Ngọc Thạch lớn nhất thế giới sẽ đến Sydney.
Tôn tượng vừa được triển lãm tại Việt Nam với hơn bốn triệu người đã đến chiêm ngưỡng Phật Ngọc trong tinh thần hướng về hòa bình

Hi ước vọng hòa bình cho cá nhân, gia đình, cộng đồng và toàn thế giới, xin mời quý vị đến chiêm ngưỡng Phật Ngọc:



Từ ngày 10-07 đến 02-08-2009
Địa điểm: Chinese Gardens, Darling Harbour Sydney
Lễ Khai Mạc cử hành vào lúc 11.15am ngày 10 tháng 07 năm 2009
Ban Tổ Chức trân trọng kính mời quý vị đến tham dự Lễ Khai Mạc Triển Lãm Phật Ngọc để cầu nguyện thế giới hòa bình, chúng sanh an lạc.
Với sự tham dự cầu nguyện của nhiều đại diện từ các truyền thống Phật Giáo, đặc biệt là có sự tham dự kéo màn khai mạc của nhà đầu bếp nổi tiếng của Úc, cô Kylie Kwong.

Từ ngày 7 đến 16-08-2009
Địa điểm: Chùa Vạn An
215-223 Redmayne Rd Horsley Park NSW

Từ ngày 22-08 đến 20-09-2009
Địa điểm: Thiền Viện Minh Quang
30-32 Chadderton St. Canley Vale NSW

Vào cửa miễn phí

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