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## **Wesak Day celebration at Resorts World Genting Event by the Genting Buddhist Group includes prayers, lamp-lighting, the bathing of the Buddha ceremony and fundraising**

**Genting Highlands, 3 May 2017** – Wesak, the most important festival in the Buddhist calendar, takes place next Wednesday, May 10—and on this day, devout Buddhists attend their local temple to perform prayers. At Resorts World Genting, the Genting Buddhist Group will hold a number of prayers and activities in conjunction with Wesak Day.

To be held at the Genting International Convention Centre (GICC), First World Hotel from 9 to 10 May, the Wesak Day celebration will include a two-day prayer ceremony conducted by the Venerable Fa Quan from the Da Yuan Jiang Tang Temple in Johor. An exhibition will also be held at GICC as part of the celebration on 9 May, and this will be followed by the presentation of the Buddha's Relic and Dharma Discourse.

Wesak Day celebration traditionally includes the practices of Giving, Virtue and Cultivation, and the doing of good deeds. The act of giving usually involves bringing food to share, as well as symbolic offerings for the temple and shrine. Virtue, on the other hand, is observed by reaffirming one's commitment to the moral precepts of the religion, while Cultivation usually includes chanting and meditation.

The Wesak Day celebration at Resorts World Genting will include a series of events including prayers, meditation and chanting sessions, and lamp-lighting. The bathing of the Buddha ceremony is a main highlight, symbolising the elimination of the three evils—Greed, Hatred and Ignorance.

Visitors are also encouraged to participate in the Buddha bathing ceremonies to be held at Chin Swee Temple, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Sky Terrace, from 9 to 10 May, 8am to 6pm.

Besides prayers, the Genting Buddhist Group will conduct a fundraising campaign for Sau Seng Lum Dialysis Centre. The centre provides free dialysis care for the poor of all races. As part of the Wesak Day celebration, the Genting Buddhist Group has pledged to contribute to the Dhamagiri Orphanage Centre in order to help fund their monthly expenses that amount to some RM80,000.



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