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BUDDHA BIRTH DAY FESTIVAL

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Brisbane's iconic Buddha Birth Day Festival cancelled for public well-being

The organisers of the Brisbane 2020 Buddha Birth Day Festival have decided to cancel the event. This corresponds to the announcement from Prime Minister Scott Morrison that all non-essential mass gatherings of more than 500 people should be cancelled from Monday in order to contain the spread of COVID-19.

The Fo Guang Shan Chung Tian Buddhist Temple, Buddha's Light International Association of Queensland (BLIAQ) and the Chung Tian Chinese School have organised the annual Buddha Birth Day Festival in the South Bank Parklands since 1997. The event attracts over 200,000 visitors annually.

Mr Arthur Liu, President of the BLIAQ believes it prudent for the cancellation: "As Buddhists, we care about the health and well-being of the general public, including our 400 performers, stallholders and 1,000 volunteers who assist at the Festival. Given the great uncertainty surrounding the development of COVID-19, we feel it is sensible to cancel the 2020 Buddha Birth Day Festival".

Mr Liu wishes to thank the many volunteers who give tirelessly each year to ensuring the success of the Buddha Birth Day Festival.

The event organisers sincerely appreciate the continued generosity from the financial supporters and sponsors, in particular the Brisbane City Council and Queensland Government.

The Buddha Birth Day Festival looks forward to returning to the picturesque South Bank Parklands in 2021.

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