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TIONG BAHRU QI TIAN GONG TEMPLE



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**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**



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## About Us

The history of Tiong Bahru Qi Tian Gong (“the Temple”) dates back to 1920. It was first located in the 'taro garden', which is the present Tiong Bahru estate. The original site of the Temple is an attap hut located across Eng Hoon Street. In 1938, the Temple moved to its current location.

In 1979, in line with the Government’s plan to preserve historical buildings and monuments, the Tiong Bahru Qi Tian Gong Temple Management Committee was set up to apply for retention of the Temple and its monuments. In 1985, the committee acquired ownership of the Temple after a few years of fund-raising and application for permit from the Government. Towards the end of 1992, it commenced the rebuilding of the Temple by maintaining its original structural layout but with a facelift. In 1993, the Temple celebrated the completion of its reconstruction. It was also granted approval by the Government to register as a public temple.

The Tiong Bahru Qi Tian Gong Temple is dedicated to the worship of the Monkey God, who is featured in the novel Journey to the West’s Monkey King 'Sun Wu Kong'. There are more than 10 monkey god statues in the Temple, the oldest of which, with nearly one hundred years of history, is also the first statue in the Temple. The Tiong Bahru Qi Tian Gong Temple can be said to be the first temple in Singapore dedicated to the worship of the Monkey God.

The Monkey God who is almighty, resourceful, mercurial, brave and vigorous, able to identify true and false and helps the poor and needy, is deeply respected and loved by people of many generations. Believers worship the Monkey God hoping for his blessings and protection, eliminate bad luck, gain prosperity and longevity. Businessmen worship the Monkey God to pray for a quick mind and resourcefulness to make their business flourish.

The Monkey God of Tiong Bahru Qi Tian Gong Temple has many devotees both local and overseas from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Brunei, and as far as the United States.

### **Vision**

To be the chosen temple of worship to the Qi Tian Da Sheng for all devotees in the region.

### **Mission**

To propagate the Taoist Doctrine and help devotees uncover their innate goodness through Qi Tian Da Sheng’s benevolence, bravery and resourcefulness.

### **Objects**

1. To worship and perform Taoist religious rites, ceremonies and to pay homage to “Qi Tian Da Sheng”.
2. To render religious services and welfare services in accordance with the Taoist Doctrine.

### **Core Values**

Cultivate strength, kindness, integrity and faith and living with resourcefulness, care, honesty and selflessness.



## President's Message

As Singapore emerged from the pandemic, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce updated its Safe Management Measures regularly during 2022. Our Temple kept abreast of all updates and strictly followed all measures advised to ensure the safety of all our devotees and the general public. The Temple continued to open daily for the devotees and we continued our initiatives to serve the underprivileged amid all the necessary safe management measures.

We are very grateful to many volunteers who assisted in administering safe management measures as the Temple gradually experienced higher footfall during the year. We also continued to connect with our devotees online by posting significant events via our Facebook page.



This year, the Temple was able to organize a slightly more elaborate celebration to celebrate the Monkey God's Birthday and the Temple's 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary in February and September. As part of the celebrations, a total of \$23,000 was donated to six charitable organizations and the National University of Singapore Education Fund.

With the increase in footfall to the Temple, we achieved a surplus after tax of \$219,000 for the year (2021: \$191,000). The Temple remained financially healthy with a total restricted and unrestricted fund balance of \$2,415,000 up from 2021's \$2,196,000.

With with the worst of the pandemic seemingly over, we expect to see higher footfall to the Temple. The Temple will continue to serve its devotees, the underprivileged and the community while remaining vigilant and be ready to put in place safe management measures at short notice should the situation requires. Meanwhile, we look forward to reaching out to more people who need assistance in the community.

We would like to convey our appreciation to our volunteers and staff for their selfless dedication during the year to ensure the devotees visit and leave the Temple safely and our devotees for their long-standing unwavering support for the Temple. Most importantly, I would like to also thank our Honorary Advisers, Legal Advisers, Temple Affairs Advisers and Trustees for their invaluable advice during the year.

**GOH KIM HUA**

President

25 June 2023



## Management Committee

As at 31 December 2022, members of the Temple's Management Committee are:

Name	Designation /Date of Current Board Appointment	Occupation	Past Charity Board Appointment
<b>Goh Kim Hua</b> <i>PBM</i>	President 5 September 2021	Sole Proprietor M/s E-Tong Culture Enterprises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Honorary Secretary 1994 to 2001</li> <li>• Vice President 2002 to 2008</li> <li>• President 2009 to 2020</li> </ul>
<b>Teng Chee Tong</b>	Vice-President 5 September 2021	Manager of M/s Boa Sheng Trading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee Member 2009</li> <li>• Assistant Secretary 2010 to 2014</li> <li>• Vice-President 2015 to 2020</li> </ul>
<b>Quah Lip Hua</b>	Honorary Secretary 5 September 2021	Police Officer of Singapore Police Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee Member 1996 to 1997</li> <li>• Assistant Officer-in-charge 1998 to 1999</li> <li>• Assistant Secretary 2000</li> <li>• Honorary Treasurer 2001, 2012, 2014 and 2017</li> <li>• Honorary Officer-in-charge 2002 to 2011</li> <li>• Assistant Treasurer 2013, 2015 &amp; 2016</li> <li>• Honorary Secretary 2019 to 2020</li> </ul>
<b>Goh Boon Leong</b>	Assistant Secretary 5 September 2021	Manager of M/s Goh Geok Kwee Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Secretary 2019 to 2020</li> </ul>
<b>Nah Kok Kim</b>	Honorary Treasurer 5 September 2021	Retired	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Treasurer 2009 to 2012, 2014, 2017</li> <li>• Honorary Treasurer 2013, 2015, 2016 &amp; 2019</li> <li>• Committee Member 2020</li> </ul>

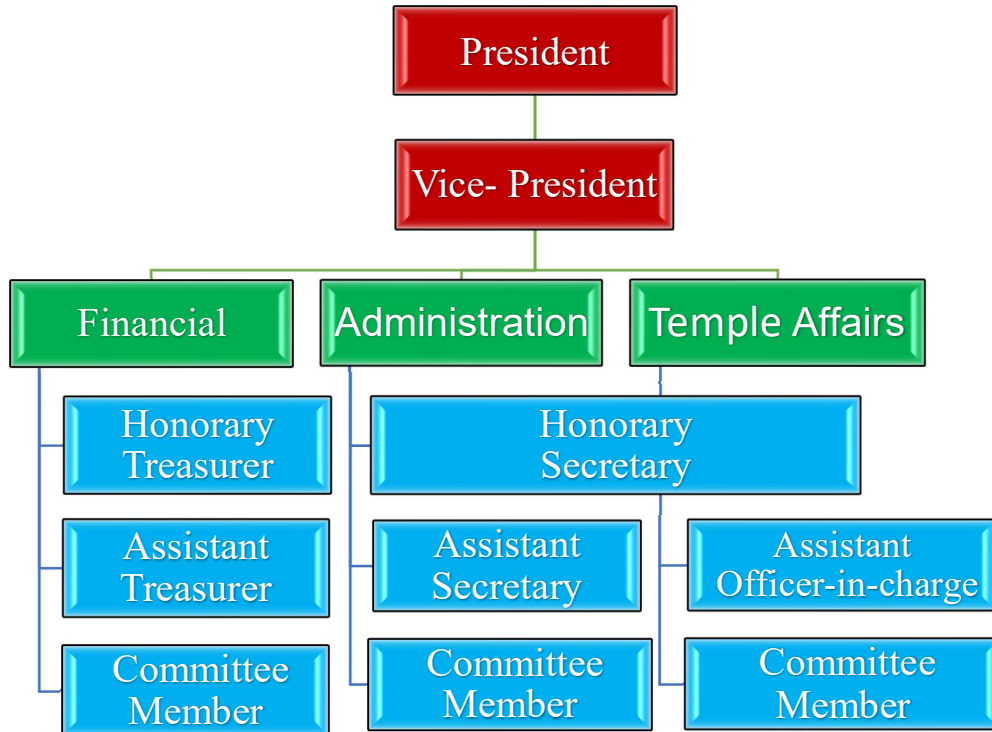


## Management Committee

Name	Designation /Date of Current Board Appointment	Occupation	Past Charity Board Appointment
<b>Ho Boon Hong Eugene</b>	Assistant Honorary Treasurer 5 September 2021	Retired	
<b>Soh Yiow Chong</b>	Assistant Office-in-Charge 5 September 2021	Self Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assistant Officer-in-Charge</li><li>• 2001 to 2008, 2019 &amp; 2020</li></ul>
<b>Ho Kah Hock</b>	Committee Member 5 September 2021	Self Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee Member 2019</li><li>• Honorary Treasurer 2020</li></ul>
<b>Ng Chwee Seng</b>	Committee Member 5 September 2021	General Worker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee Member 2002 to 2008 2015 to 2020</li><li>• Assistant Officer-in-Charge 2009 to 2014</li></ul>
<b>Low Siew Gek</b>	Committee Member 5 September 2021	Housewife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee Member 2012 to 2020</li></ul>



## Organisation Chart





## Information of the Temple

The Tiong Bahru Qi Tian Gong Temple (“the Temple”) was registered as a society under the Societies Act, Chapter 311 on 22 April 1993. It was registered as a charity under the Charities Act (Chapter 37) since 30 April 1993.

The Temple is governed by its Constitution.

Information of the Temple	
Unique Entity No. (UEN)	S93SS0051A
Registered Address	44 Eng Hoon Street Singapore 169786
Bankers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ United Overseas Bank Ltd</li> <li>▪ Sing Finance &amp; Investment Pte Ltd</li> </ul>
Auditor	Tan Chan & Partners

Advisers	Designation	Year of Appointment
Mr Ch’ng Jit Koon <i>DUBC</i>	Honorary Adviser	1979
Mr Chong Fook Choon	Legal Adviser	1986
Professor Koo Tsai Kee	Honorary Adviser	1997
Mdm Tan Seow Peer <i>BBM, JP</i>	Legal Adviser	1999
Mr Chng Choong Eng <i>BBM</i>	Temple Affairs Adviser	2002
Mr Goh Cheng Lim	Temple Affairs Adviser	2008
Ms Indranee Thurai Rajah	Honorary Adviser	2011
Mr Goh Geok Poh	Temple Affairs Adviser	2012

Trustees	Date of Appointment
Mr Tan Cheo Sai	11 February 1985
Mr Quah Lip Hua	26 April 2021
Mr Goh Boon Siong	26 April 2021

## Events during the Year

### Major religious rituals during the year

Date	Event
16 & 17 February 2022	Monkey God's Birthday Celebration
11 to 13 September 2022	Monkey God's Birthday cum 102nd Anniversary Celebration

On the Monkey God's Birthday on 16 and 17 February 2022, devotees came to the Temple to pray for blessings and prosperity.

The following Safe Management Measures were strictly observed:-

- Worshippers were limited to groups of up to 5 vaccinated persons
- All worshippers were required to wear surgical masks
- Worshippers were not allowed to mingle between groups while in the Temple and also not allowed to linger in the Temple once they have completed their prayers.

On 16 February 2022, there were priests stationed at the Temple to perform cleansing rituals for devotees in the morning. In the evening, there was a procession to send off the Jade Emperor.





## Events during the Year

Due to the relaxation of safe management measures, there were more activities to celebrate this year's Monkey God's Birthday and 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary on 11 to 13 September 2022.



On 11 September, there were the usual prayers by priests in the morning and lion, dragon and kirin performance in the afternoon as well as puppet show in the afternoon and evening.

On 12 and 13 September, there were puppet shows sponsored by two of the Temple's devotees 江帝贤合家 and Hong Hill Pte Ltd respectively.



The Temple also donated a total of \$23,000 to 6 charitable organisations as well as an education fund during the year.

### Other Services

The Temple offers prayer for Tai Sui (太岁) during the Chinese New Year period for devotees to pray for protection and blessings from Tai Sui.

During the year, the Temple also offers (补运) services for devotees to pray for enhancing their luck and (点开运灯) for devotees to pray for luck to begin.



## Community Services and Charitable Activities

Each year, the Temple sets aside some of its funds for charitable causes. Besides its religious duties, the Temple wants to play a role in helping the disadvantaged and those in need regardless of race or religion.

To celebrate the Monkey God's Birthday and 102th Anniversary, the Temple donated a total of \$23,000 to the following charitable organisations/education fund:

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|--|----------|
| 1. Sian Chay Medical Institution                   | \$10,000 |
| 2. Singapore Thong Chai Medical Institution        | \$ 2,000 |
| 3. Singapore Chung Hwa Medical Institution         | \$ 2,000 |
| 4. Metta Welfare Association                       | \$ 2,000 |
| 5. Public Free Clinic Society                      | \$ 2,000 |
| 6. Kwan-In Welfare Society                         | \$ 2,000 |
| 7. National University of Singapore Education Fund | \$ 3,000 |





## Impact of COVID-19

During the year, we continued to engage devotees online while at the same time allowing devotees to offer prayers at the Temple.

Although Safe Management Measures were relaxed towards the end of the year, prior to that, all safety measures in-line with advices from the Ministry of Health were strictly observed. While the measures inconvenienced devotees, this was for the common good. We would like to thank and appreciate our devotees, volunteers and staff for their steadfast support for the Temple during these trying times.

Some of the COVID-19 safety measures include:

- Appointment of a Safe Management Officer responsible for all safety measures during the COVID-19 period.
- Surgical masks and hand sanitizers were made available for all volunteers and staff.
- Safe entry scanning measures.
- Entry for fully vaccinated devotees only.
- Public Health advisory posters were displayed at prominent locations at the Temple to create greater awareness.
- Major religious events were conducted with limited participants.
- Devotees were requested to leave the Temple immediately after prayers.

Despite these challenges, the Temple continued to cope well by streamlining operations, and complementing the staff strength with dedicated volunteers. The Management Committee also provided oversight over the Temple grounds to assist and guide staff and volunteers.



## Acknowledgements

The Management Committee would like to place on record its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the following individuals for their guidance, advice and support:

### **Honorary Adviser**

- Ms Indranee Thurai Rajah
- Professor Koo Tsai Kee
- Mr Ch'ng Jit Koon *DUBC*

### **Legal Adviser**

- Mr Chong Fook Choon
- Mdm Tan Seow Peer *BBM, JP*

### **Temple Affairs Adviser**

- Mr Chng Choong Eng *BBM*
- Mr Goh Cheng Lim
- Mr Goh Geok Poh

We would also like to convey our heartfelt gratitude to all devotees and donors for their steadfast support during this pandemic. Our religious events and community services would not have been possible without the continued contribution from all our supporters.



## Treasurer's Report

### Review of income and cost during the year

#### Income

	Unrestricted fund 2022 \$	Restricted fund 2022 \$	Total funds 2022 \$	Unrestricted fund 2021 \$ (Restated)	Restricted fund 2021 \$ (Restated)	Total funds 2021 \$
<i>Donations from devotees</i>	411,683	38,801	450,484	374,963	32,579	407,542
<i>Interest income from fixed deposit</i>	5,677	-	5,677	3,006	-	3,006
<i>Miscellaneous income</i>	-	-	-	3,181	-	3,181
	<b>417,360</b>	<b>38,801</b>	<b>456,161</b>	<b>381,150</b>	<b>32,579</b>	<b>413,729</b>

With the gradual relaxation of Safe Management Measures by the Multi-Ministry Taskforce, there were more footfall to the Temple resulting in the increase in donations in the current year.

#### Costs of Generating Funds

	Unrestricted fund 2022 \$	Restricted fund 2022 \$	Total funds 2022 \$	Unrestricted fund 2021 \$	Restricted fund 2021 \$	Total funds 2021 \$
<i>Chinese opera-performance</i>	8,366	-	8,366	-	-	-
<i>Donations</i>	-	23,000	23,000	-	23,000	23,000
<i>Hire of electrical equipment, chairs, tables and equipment</i>	7,500	-	7,500	6,050	-	6,050
<i>Licence fee</i>	589	-	589	348	-	348
<i>Monkey God's Birthday celebration expenses</i>	30,231	-	30,231	24,952	-	24,952
<i>Worshiping materials &amp; "auction" goods</i>	27,555	-	27,555	25,998	-	25,998
	<b>74,241</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>97,241</b>	<b>57,348</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>80,348</b>



## Treasurer's Report

### Costs of Generating Funds (Cont'd)

The higher spending during the year was due mainly to the Chinese opera performance during the Monkey God's Birthday cum 102nd Anniversary Celebration in September as well as the general increase in praying expenses.

### Governance and Administrative Expenses

	Unrestricted fund 2022 \$	Restricted fund 2022 \$	Total funds 2022 \$	Unrestricted fund 2021 \$ (Restated)	Restricted fund 2021 \$ (Restated)	Total funds 2021 \$
<i>Audit Fee</i>	2,700	-	2,700	2,300	-	2,300
<i>Bank charges</i>	252	-	252	208	-	208
<i>Book-keeping expenses</i>	21,000	-	21,000	18,000	-	18,000
<i>CPF</i>	6,727	-	6,727	6,642	-	6,642
<i>Covid-19 expenses</i>	3,681	-	3,681	6,730	-	6,730
<i>Depreciation of property, plant and equipment</i>	2,198	15,435	17,633	5,760	15,436	21,196
<i>Display of props, sculpture &amp; souvenirs</i>	914	-	914	-	-	-
<i>Entertainment &amp; condolence</i>	4,800	-	4,800	1,500	-	1,500
<i>Festive expenses</i>	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-
<i>General expenses</i>	2,607	-	2,607	2,972	-	2,972
<i>Insurance premium</i>	3,066	-	3,066	3,152	-	3,152
<i>Maintenance of Temple</i>	5,735	-	5,735	1,551	-	1,551
<i>Postage</i>	247	-	247	165	-	165
<i>Professional Fee</i>	1,200	-	1,200	2,814	-	2,814
<i>Refreshment</i>	390	-	390	539	-	539
<b>Balance b/f</b>	<b>60,517</b>	<b>15,435</b>	<b>75,952</b>	<b>52,333</b>	<b>15,436</b>	<b>67,769</b>



## Treasurer's Report

### Governance and Administrative Expenses (Cont'd)

	Unrestricted fund 2022 \$	Restricted fund 2022 \$	Total Funds 2022 \$	Unrestricted fund 2021 \$ (Restated)	Restricted fund 2021 \$ (Restated)	Total Funds 2021 \$
<i>Balance c/f</i>	60,517	15,435	75,952	52,333	15,436	67,769
<i>Salary &amp; bonus</i>	53,826	-	53,826	48,055	-	48,055
<i>Stationery &amp; printing</i>	2,567	-	2,567	16,749	-	16,749
<i>Telephone &amp; internet</i>	1,707	-	1,707	1,642	-	1,642
<i>Transport charge</i>	250	-	250	3,100	-	3,100
<i>Water &amp; electricity</i>	6,028	-	6,028	5,056	-	5,056
	<b>124,895</b>	<b>15,435</b>	<b>140,330</b>	<b>126,935</b>	<b>15,436</b>	<b>142,371</b>

Total governance and administrative expenses for the current year were generally in line with those of the previous year except for the increase in staff salary and bonus due mainly to pay increment, cost sharing for the Christmas and Lunar New Year festive lightings at Tiong Bahru, higher temple maintenance cost offsetted by lower printing cost this year as the Temple spent cost for the production of its Centennial Celebration magazine last year.



## Governance

Tiong Bahru Qi Tian Gong Temple adopts and complies with the Code of Governance for Charities.

If the Temple at any time acquires any immovable property, such property shall be vested in Trustees.

The duties of the Management Committee are to organise and supervise the daily activities of the temple.

The names and designation of the members of the Management Committee is set out in the section “Management Committee” of this report.

There was a Management Committee meeting and an Annual General Meeting held during the financial year. The attendance of the Management Committee meeting was as follows:

Names of members	% of attendances
<i>Goh Kim Hua</i>	100%
<i>Teng Chee Tong</i>	0%
<i>Quah Lip Hua</i>	100%
<i>Goh Boon Leong</i>	0%
<i>Nah Kok Kim</i>	100%
<i>Ho Boon Hong Eugene</i>	0%
<i>Soh Yiow Chong</i>	100%
<i>Ho Kah Hock</i>	100%
<i>Ng Chwee Seng</i>	100%
<i>Low Siew Gek</i>	0%

The term of office of each member of the Management Committee is two years. All office-bearers of the Management Committee except the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Assistant Treasurer may be re-elected to the same or related post for a consecutive term of office.



## Governance

As at 31 December 2022, the following members of the Management Committee have served more than 10 consecutively years:

- Mr Goh Kim Hua
- Mr Teng Chee Tong
- Mr Quah Lip Hua
- Mr Nah Kok Kim
- Mr Ng Chwee Seng
- Mdm Low Siew Gek

Mr Goh Kim Hua has been serving the community for more than 40 years and is familiar with governance and temple practices and organization. It is part of the Temple's leadership succession plan for him to continue to serve and lead the Management Committee while ensuring a smooth leadership transition to new management committee members.

There is a limited pool of volunteers who are willing to serve on the Management Committee of the Temple and assist with its operations. Hence, the Temple is thankful for the service of Mr Teng Chee Tong, Mr Quah Lip Hua, Mr Nah Kok Kim, and Mr Ng Chwee Seng and Mdm Low Siew Gek for their willingness to serve for more than 10 years.

The Management Committee has powers to authorize the expenditure of a sum not exceeding \$5,000 per month from the Temple's funds for the Temple's expenses.

The Temple has the following restricted funds:

Fund Name	Balance as at 31 December 2022	Purpose of the fund
Building fund	\$4,495	To finance the expansion and renovation of the temple building.
Asset capitalisation reserve	\$108,045	To monitor the depreciation expenses of those assets capitalized using the restricted funds.
100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary fund	\$20,000	To finance the celebrative events of the Temple in 2020. However, the event has been extended to another year in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Charity fund	\$502,843	To assist the needy and society.



## Governance

### Funds Management

Temple's reserves position:

	2022 \$	2021 \$ <i>(Restated)</i>
(A) General/Unrestricted Funds (Reserves)	1,779,244	1,561,020
Restricted funds:		
• Building fund	4,495	4,495
• Asset capitalisation reserve	108,045	123,480
• 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary fund	20,000	20,000
• Charity fund	502,843	487,042
(B) Annual Operating Expenditure	199,136	184,283
Ratio of Reserves [Formula of Reserve Ratio = (A)/(B)]	8.93	8.47

The primary objective of the Temple's fund management is to ensure that the donations from devotees and other sources are properly managed and used to support its operations. The Temple's ratio of reserves to annual operating expenditure is in a healthy position. The Temple manages its fund structure and make adjustments to it, in light of changes in economic conditions. No changes were made to the objectives, policies or processes during the year. The reserve level is reviewed yearly by the Management Committee to ensure that the reserves are adequate to fulfil the Temple's continuing obligations.

- Building Fund: As the expansion and renovation was completed in 2019, the balance in the fund was transferred to Asset Capitalisation Reserve in 2019. There were no movements in the reserve during the year.
- Asset capitalisation reserve: The reduction during the year relates to depreciation expense.
- 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary fund: There were no movements in the reserve during the year.
- Charity fund: There were \$38,801 donated by devotees during the year. \$23,000 was donated by the Temple during the year.



## Governance

### **Conflict of Interest Policy**

All members of the Management Committee and staff are required to comply with the Temple's conflict of interest policy. Members of the Management Committee also abstain and do not participate in decision-making on matters where they have a conflict of interest.

### **Whistle-blowing Policy**

Any members of the public who have concerns about possible wrong-doing or improprieties in financial or other matters within the Temple can feedback in writing and drop it in a safe provided at the Temple.

## The Year Ahead

Although Vaccination-Differentiated Safe Management Measures have been lifted by the Multi-Ministry Taskforce, the Temple will remain vigilant and be ready to put in place safe management measures at short notice should the situation worsens to protect the public. Meanwhile, we will continue to donate generously to charitable organisations and the needy in the estate.



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