

Cambodian Buddhist Association of Victoria, Inc

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Press Release

The Cambodia Buddhist Association of Victoria is going to organise its cultural and traditional New Year celebrations that will be held for three days from Friday 13/04/2007 to Sunday 15/04/2007 at the above premises.

This is the significant event where Cambodians who live around Melbourne come together to participate in this important event. Each year, the centre receives the crowds between 2000 to 5000 people.

Saturday 14th of April 2007 will be an official event where members of federal and state parliament, local government and community leaders are invited to attend. The official function is held between 11am to 12:30pm but the traditional ceremony will be started from 8:30am where Buddhist followers arriving in their hundreds coming to offer their foods and gifts to the death spirits of their love ones through the monks' chanting. The purpose of the chanting is to convey the message the death spirits. It is believed that the death spirits are coming to look for their relatives at the temple.

There will be traditional games, games amusement organising during the day times and Cambodian live band and food stalls organising during the night times. I wish to invite the media including the television to come and report the news about this significant event to the public.

Everyone is welcomed to join in this event and it is free to enter.

For further enquiries, please call Meng Bunlay on 0401 244 820

In Addition to the above, there will be:

- Live Cambodian band entertaining for the three day-events starting from 6:30pm to 11pm (with singers from Cambodia)
- Khmer SBS Radio to broadcast live at the temple on Saturday 14/04/07 from 11am to 12 mid-day
- Buddhist ceremonies, games amusement and traditional games are happening during the day times for the three day events