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A New Start for the Nepalese Peace Pagoda Stage II of Foundation Expo '88 Commences

After nearly a year of pre-liminary research on the Nepalese Peace Pagoda, Foundation Expo '88 has today released its Association Rules, bringing the financial year of the Association to 1 September - 31 August, and Membership Information and Membership Information Forms, at the new The Friends of the Pagoda Association folder at Foundation Expo '88 - http://www.foundationexpo88.org/friendsofthepagoda/.

A New Start for the Pagoda at South Bank - the only remaining participant-made Pavilion from World Expo '88 still remaining on the former Expo site - the now popular South Bank Parklands - Foundation Expo '88 acknowledges the important work carried out by the stakeholders who made the Pagoda a reality at Expo - 'The Association to Preserve Asian Culture'; the Committee that worked in securing the Pagoda for the City of Brisbane - 'The Save the Pagoda Committee Fund'; and, the group that brought the Pagoda into it's new post-Expo '88 existence in today's Brisbane - and celebration of the Pagoda's rich cultural heritage at the Pagoda - the 'Friends of the Pagoda'.

Working on these solid foundations, Foundation Expo '88, through the new Association, hopes to re-juvenate the Nepalese Peace Pagoda as a central arts and cultural venue in Brisbane, which will include a heightened personal presence at the Pagoda, further work on disseminating the Pagoda's heritage and role during Expo, as well as promoting the Pagoda's Second Level as a venue for a permanent World Expo '88 Museum.

One of the three core intitiatives of Foundation Expo '88 - the creation of a comprehensive website for World Expo '88; a commemorative incorporated association; and a permanent community-run World Expo '88 Museum - the newly re-launched Friends of the Pagoda Association works specifically towards these latter two goals, and has largely been buoyed by resources generously loaned by custodian of the Pagoda Mr Frank Pitt of 'Friends of the Pagoda'. The new Association is working hard to ensure that these resources reach a new Pagoda visitor in a 21st century digital and internet world, as well as providing a central communications portal via the Friends of the Pagoda pages at Foundation Expo '88, and through Membership and other information at the Pagoda itself.

The Friends of the Pagoda Association welcomes new members from the Pagoda's founding stake-holders, as well as new members, that will form the core of a Management Committee to steer the new Association to a greater engagement with the Pagoda, at the Pagoda itself, and through the Foundation Expo '88 web-site; incorporation status as an incorporated charitable association in the State of Queensland, Commonwealth of Australia; as well as working towards the goal of establishing a permanent community-run World Expo '88 Museum at the Pagoda's Second Level - for the City of Brisbane and for World Expo '88's local and international cultural heritage - staffed by volunteer Association members.

Meetings of the Association are held at the last Sunday of each month 2-4pm at Cafe San Marco, South Bank Parklands, just 100 metres from the Pagoda itself. Next Meeting is Sunday 25 June.

For further information, please contact Secretary, John McGregor, at <friendsofthepagoda@foundationexpo88.org>.

'The Friends of the Pagoda Association' is an initiative of Foundation Expo '88 - Your Gateway to the 1988 World Exposition