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## BUDDHA RELICS RETURN TO WELCOME 2019 LUNAR NEW YEAR

### Meditate with the Relics to Bless the New Year

ROSEMEAD, CA – *The 10,000 Buddha Relics Collection*<sup>[1]</sup> is returning to Wei Mountain Temple, from Saturday, February 2nd to Sunday, February 10th, 2019. Free showings will be open daily for 9 days, from 10am-7pm. In addition, special times to meditate with the relics will be held 9-10am & 7-8pm, every day. Wei Mountain Temple is located at 7732 Emerson Place, Rosemead, CA.

Events to commemorate the New Year includes chanting at 9am on February 2nd, and the colorful Lion Dance on the first and last days of the exhibit.

Since the Relics exhibits began in 2013, Bodhi Light International has received additional donations of Shakyamuni Buddha's relics, the historical founder of Buddhism, which feature sacred teeth and several bones of the Buddha. In addition, *The 10,000 Buddha Relics Collection* also includes thousands of gem-like relics of the Buddha, as well as his family members and close disciples. These precious crystals are found in the ashes of enlightened sages after they are cremated. Most of the relics in the collection come from Asian countries such as Myanmar, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and India. This is the largest collection of relics in the United States and has attracted thousands of visitors since 2013.

All are welcome to come and receive blessings for the New Year and to meditate in the presence of the relics. The peaceful energy of the Buddha's relics can counterbalance the stress that is prevalent in our society, as anxieties and fears about the future increase. The Buddha taught that we each have incredible goodness and wisdom within ourselves, but this goodness is obscured by our worries and attachments. The powerful energy of the relics can help us quiet our mind, experience peace, and return to this inner goodness that we all possess. Meditation instruction will be available on request.

Bodhi Light International, Inc. (BLI), a non-profit organization founded by Dharma Master YongHua, established Lu Mountain Temple and their new facility, Wei Mountain Temple. BLI is dedicated to presenting Mahayana Buddhism to an international audience, and sharing the benefits of practicing Chan Meditation with all. Centrally located, close to public transportation and freeway accessible, Wei Mountain Temple is much larger and will eventually include a permanent display of highlights from *The 10,000 Buddha Relics Collection*. Although some renovations are still underway, Bodhi Light International is excited to welcome the public to the new Wei Mountain Temple for this New Year.

More information about the relics can be found at: [www.MahaStupa.org](http://www.MahaStupa.org). For questions, please email [info@chanpureland.org](mailto:info@chanpureland.org), or call (626) 766-1009

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[1] *The Associated Press, LA Times, and San Gabriel Valley Tribune articles on the previous showings can be found at: [www.MahaStupa.org/press](http://www.MahaStupa.org/press).*