

## **Updates for Organising the Visit of Ven Master Chin Kung**

1. Establishment of London Amitabha Buddhist Society, UK
  - Brother S. K. Li (Guosheng) from Buddhist Education Foundation (UK) is coming to the meeting this Sunday to discuss how we work together as a single entity or alongside with a new ABS.
  - The outcome will depend on the decisions of the members running ABS.
2. Programmes
  - Dr Taduesz Skorupski, Head of the Centre for Buddhist Studies at SOAS has been contacted through Richard Story. He is interested and enquired about funding (discussed later). Will try hall in Brunei Gallery and also a lecture theatre at Institute of Education. KC to follow up.
  - ULUBUDA to help organise a public lecture and/or multi-faith dialogue. KC to follow up
  - For the evenings between 10-12<sup>th</sup> Oct, Peacock theatre at LSE not available (Chao Rong Phua contact). Great Hall at Imperial College not available (Vincent Lai contact). Friends House and Salvation Army Halls both unavailable (Margaret Yap contact). Barbican Centre unavailable (Jian Tu contact).
  - Another possible public discourse at Camden Centre with evenings of 10-12 available (Margaret Yap contact)
  - Also working on Logan Hall at Institute of Education, University of London, Bloomsbury through Anita Hui (KC's name has been given to the officer for her to get back to)
  - No progress on inviting multi-faith speakers, royal members and politicians yet.
  - Actual dates for Ven Master Chin Kung to be confirmed by the arrangement committee in Australia. Getting more urgent as hall bookings become more desperate now.
3. Committee members
  - Organising committee to call for a AGM to form the actual board members and committee members for the new ABS or BEF/ABS combined at a suitable date.
4. Activities of society and funding structures
  - May be purely a books and media distribution point (only very small centre is needed), or a distribution centre and a small hall. Rent at first. On going cost for running the centre and book publication and media reproduction can only be via the two separate donation boxes at the centre. No fundraising is allowed. Activities to be entirely decided by members/volunteers
  - For the special events this October no public fundraising is allowed and donations can only be made to a few appointed persons with receipts being issued.
5. Others
  - A website <http://www.amtb.org.uk/> has been acquired and donated to ABS by Vincent Lai. He is happy to volunteer for the website job with help from other volunteers (Seung Fei suggested by KC)
  - Need to form basic structure for the organising committee, consisting of President, Vice P, treasurer, secretary and sub-groups, including media and publicity, venue preparations, logistics (transportation and accommodation), books/media etc.

**Amitabha and thank you everyone for helping!!! It won't get this far in less than two weeks without your active contributions and advice!**