

## Mazu Birthday Celebrations 2017 妈祖诞

Keep your dates **16 to 19 April 2017** free!! Join us for one of the BIGGEST birthday *BASH* to celebrate the Birthday of *Mazu*, Goddess of the Seas! Make a date with dancing lions and dragons, drummers, big-head dolls, local hokkien and getai celebrities! We have something for everyone:



- 16/4 A Lion Salute
- 16-18/4 Buddhist Rituals "Liang Huang Bao Chan"
- 17/4 Charity Dinner (By Invitation only)
- 18/ A Night of Golden Oldies
- 19/4 Traditional Hokkien String Puppet Shows
- 19/4 Taoist Ritual and Mazu's Birthday Banquet Offerings
- 19/4 Taoist *LiDou* and Crossing of Bridge of Blessing
- 19/4 *Mazu's* Excursion for Peace
- 19/4 *Getai*
- 16-19/4 Guided Tours including viewing a 40-metre long 3D Wall Mural
- 16-19/4 Exhibition

Don't forget to make offerings and seek blessings for yourself and your loved ones from *Mazu*, Goddess of the Seas.

## A Lion Salute 群狮贺寿



to be missed!! Free entry and open to all.

To kick off the cultural celebrations, 28 lions will gather on Sunday **16/4** at **7.45pm**. Be thrilled and enthralled by acrobatic acts and stunts including *Wushu*, Festive Drums, *Mei Hua Zhuang* (梅花桩), Dragon dance and many more. A feast for the eyes not

## Guided Tours 文化导览

Thian Hock Keng, the grand old dame at 177 years old this year, is a 'living' monument and a rare oasis in urban Singapore. Experience it come 'alive' as you take a guided tour. Learn about its history, architecture, customs and heritage from our friendly guides. You will be amazed at the ingenuity and architecture mastery of artisans who built the temple. Star programme not to be missed is the 40-metre long 3D mural at its rear wall that depicts not only the life story of our forefathers, their tenacity and resilience and also, the story of Singapore. **9.00am to 9.30pm** daily from **16-19/4**. For group tours, pre-registration is required.



## Charity Dinner 慈善晚宴

(By invitation only)

More than 250 seniors and staff from seven homes will be hosted to a vegetarian dinner and an entertainment-talk show on **17/4**.

The dinner and the kind gestures of well-wishers and volunteers exemplify the racial and religious harmony so uniquely Singapore. Each participating senior will receive a \$40 red packet and a goodie bag of daily necessities and groceries. Kudos to the sponsors and volunteers.

## Mazu's Excursion for Peace 迎神赛会

The event you must experience first-hand! *Mazu*, Goddess of the Seas, will embark on an Excursion of Peace by foot, hippo bus and boat. She will be escorted by a retinue of contingents bearing flags, century-old artefacts, banners and devotees. The excursion and route is specially



planned to cover the old streets of Singapore, the financial districts and maritime routes. It is said that the land She travels will be blessed. The excursion will commence with three tolls of the ancient bell in the temple. Date **19/4** at **8.00pm**.

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