

Champion Technology proudly presents the Commemorative Journal of “Peace and Harmony – The Divine Spectra of Manjusri enshrining the Wisdom of China – A Collection of 108 Sacred Manjusri Statues and Related Artifacts”, featuring the distinctive collections of Dr. Paul Kan

Champion Technology Holdings Limited joyfully announces the launch of a spectacular Commemorative Journal, “Peace and Harmony – The Divine Spectra of Manjusri enshrining the Wisdom of China – A Collection of 108 Sacred Manjusri Statues and Related Artifacts”, to celebrate the Exhibition to be held at the Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Exhibition Hall from 11th to 23rd October, 2009. The Exhibition, sponsored by Champion Technology Group, Kantone, Digital Hong Kong, A Better Tomorrow, Chinese Literature Foundation and World Cultural Relics Protection Foundation, and co-organized by Chinese World Cultural Heritage Foundation, Leisure and Cultural Services Department and The Hong Kong Buddhist Association, serves as a highlight of the “Silk Road Arts Festival” in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China. Featuring in-depth explanations and enchanting photos, the 300-page Journal illustrates every piece of the 108 statues of Manjusri and 108 related exhibits as displayed in the Exhibition, all of which come from the distinctive private collections of Dr. Paul Kan, Chair of Champion Technology Group. This Journal is definitely a collectable item that is too good to miss.

Following the success of the “Peace and Harmony – The Divine Spectra of Avalokitesvara from Tibet, China – A Collection of 108 Sacred Avalokitesvara Statues and Related Artifacts” published in 2007, the new Commemorative Journal “Peace and Harmony – The Divine Spectra of Manjusri enshrining the Wisdom of China – A Collection of 108 Sacred Manjusri Statues and Related Artifacts” takes Manjusri as the theme, illustrating the 216 artifacts showcased at the Exhibition with descriptions of the 108 statues of Manjusri (including statues of porcelain, wood carving, bronze as well as pair statues of Manjusri and Samantabhadra) and other exhibits such as Thangka, Ga’u, right-spiralling conch, ritual implements, prayer wheel, etc. There are also articles expounding the principles and teachings of Manjusri, the development and influence of Manjusri in Chinese culture, his role in Tibetan Buddhism and Chinese Buddhism, as well as Manjusri’s various images in different dynasties and their incarnations. The Journal further offers insights into the appreciation of the supreme Chinese craftsmanship embracing gilding in gold and silver, wood carving and the making of underglaze red porcelain. It thus serves as a perfect guidebook to the Exhibition and an encyclopedia on Buddhist art.

Featuring all 216 rare treasures showcased at the Exhibition, the Commemorative Journal with foreword written by Dr. Kan himself is even more invaluable as it is inscribed and blessed by venerable Buddhist masters, and contains messages from the academia and consul-generals of 15 countries. Dr. Paul Kan expresses his sincere gratitude to all who have contributed to the Exhibition and the Journal and wishes to inspire sentient beings to get a taste of “peace and harmony” via the appreciation of art. “Manjusri is the God of Wisdom. He usually holds a sword of wisdom in his right hand, implying the elimination of all worries, and a lotus with a scripture in the pistil in his left hand, signifying purity and peace. Manjusri is believed to have the power to help us overcome all worldly disturbances and achieve ‘peace and harmony’.” By publishing this Commemorative Journal, remarked Dr. Kan, “I hope everyone of you can be inspired to understand the true meaning of ‘wisdom’. It is through learning to compromise and accept the differences among each other rather than to sacrifice harmony for short-term and individual benefits that we can ultimately

attain 'world peace'." Dr. Kan added, "I hereby thank all venerable masters, consul-generals and the academia for contributing messages to this Journal. Coming from different countries, speaking different languages and having various religious beliefs, they have their hands held in a united manner for 'peace and harmony', which is obviously the wish of everyone of us. I sincerely hope that every visitor to the Exhibition and every reader of this Journal will be able to gain immense benefits and receive blessings."

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Please kindly refer to the website of "Peace and Harmony – The Divine Spectra of Manjusri enshrining the Wisdom of China with 108 pieces of Manjusri and related artifacts" Exhibition: www.xiang-he.org for details or reach the 24-hour hotline 2898 6683.

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Dr. Paul Kan is the Founder and Chair of three information technology companies (Champion Technology Holdings Limited, Kantone Holdings Limited, and DIGITALHONGKONG.COM) which are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, and an Independent Non-Executive Director of CLP Holdings Limited. Dr. Kan is also Chair of A Better Tomorrow; Chinese World Cultural Heritage Foundation; and World Cultural Relics Protection Foundation. He is a fervent supporter of the information technology industry and is currently Chair of Hong Kong IT Alliance; Chair of the Hong Kong Information Technology Industry Council; Chair of Information and Communications Technology Services Advisory Committee, HKTDC; and Convener of Hungarian – Hong Kong Innovative Business Council. As an aficionado and connoisseur of art and culture, Dr. Kan is the Patron of International Foundation for Art Research; Member of Arts and Treasures Evaluation Committee, Ministry of Culture, China; Executive Committee Member of Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation. Dr. Kan's contribution to the development of technology, arts and culture has received worldwide recognition. He has been appointed a Justice of the Peace by the Government of the HKSAR; awarded Commander of the most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2006; Commendatore dell'Ordine della Stella della Solidarieta Italiana (Comm OSSI) by the Italian Prime Minister Hon. Romano Prodi in 2006; Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur by the French Government in 2007; and Silver Bauhinia Star (SBS) by the Government of the HKSAR in 2009.

About A Better Tomorrow

A Better Tomorrow is a tax-exempted charitable organization under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance. It was initially set up in 1990 as a community service initiative led by Champion Technology Group. It serves as a continuation of the United Nations' A BETTER WORLD vision, the theme of which was to encourage community-wide participation to help build a better world. The initiative was later incorporated under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance as a non-profit company limited by guarantee as well as a charitable institution in Hong Kong. Throughout the years, Champion Technology Group and its employees from different corners of our global network have invested in the communities where we live and work through various supporting programmes via A Better Tomorrow, include the establishment of scholarships in universities; provision of subsidies to projects for the underprivileged; and supporting voluntary services such as organizing visits to homes for the aged and the young.

About Manjusri

Manjusri, or "Bodhisattva Manjusri" in Sanskrit, is a symbol of wisdom denoting "living being who has the intrinsic nature of insight". He is said to be the most ancient Bodhisattva, who appeared earlier than Avalokitesvara. Also called "Great Wisdom Manjusri Bodhisattva", he is regarded as "the Master of all Buddhas", "the Mother of all Buddhas" as well as the head disciple of Sakyamuni for his sagaciousness. The Four Great Bodhisattvas are Avalokitesvara, Manjusri, Ksitigarbha and Samantabhadra, signifying the four virtues – "Mercy", "Wisdom", "Vows" and "Conduct" respectively in which Manjusri is the head of The Four Great Bodhisattvas. Manjusri was honoured by emperors as the protector of the nation and a number of emperors were

regarded as the incarnations of Manjusri.

Website of “Peace and Harmony – The Divine Spectra of Manjusri enshrining the Wisdom of China with 108 pieces of Manjusri and related artifacts” Exhibition:
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