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PROCLAMATION

The cultivation of Tao is a central tenet of East Asian cultural heritage and plays a WHEREAS:

powerful role in addressing societal challenges; and

WHEREAS: The cultivators of Tao, including those at Chong De School and Chong De

Cultural & Educational Temple, exemplify dedication to community well-being

through education, leadership, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS: Chong De School and Chong De Cultural & Educational Temple serve as pillars

of leadership, creating spaces where traditions and modern approaches can come

together to strengthen individual and community development throughout

Cambridge, and beyond; and

WHEREAS: The 14th Annual Conference on the Inheritance and Innovation of Traditional

Cultural Heritage of East Asia, to be held on December 22, 2024, provides a unique opportunity to foster meaningful dialogue, share knowledge, and strengthen cross-cultural understanding through the lens of East Asia's rich

traditions; and

WHEREAS: This important event brings together educators, leaders, and volunteers to

celebrate shared values and innovate practices that nurture the spiritual and social

growth of individuals while addressing pressing contemporary challenges; and

The diverse and culturally vibrant city of Cambridge is enriched by the WHEREAS:

contributions of Chong De School and Chong De Cultural & Educational Temple, whose leadership and efforts inspire collaboration, inclusivity, and a commitment

to improving lives and building stronger, more connected communities;

Now, therefore, I, Sumbul Siddiqui, City Councillor of the City of Cambridge, do hereby extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the Chong De School and Chong De Cultural & Educational Temple, as host of the 14th Annual Conference on the Inheritance and Innovation of Traditional Cultural Heritage of

East Asia on December 22, 2024.

COUNCILLOR SUMBUL SIDDIQUI

City of Cambridge