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Chin Swee Caves Temple celebrates 50th Anniversary with Historic Arrival of Ancient Sacred Chin Swee Deity Statue and 7 days and 7 nights Grand Dharma Assembly

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 August 2026 – Chin Swee Caves Temple today officially launched its Golden Jubilee Celebrations at a press conference held at Wisma Genting, marking the 50th anniversary of the Chin Swee Caves Temple Building Society ("Society") and commemorating five decades of spiritual devotion, cultural preservation and contributions to Malaysia's heritage and tourism landscape.

Officially registered with the Registrar of Societies Malaysia on 4 November 1976, the Society has played a pivotal role in the development, stewardship and preservation of Chin Swee Caves Temple, transforming it into one of Malaysia's most recognised cultural and heritage attractions, as well as a prominent landmark in Genting Highlands.

The launch ceremony also saw the unveiling of the official Chin Swee Caves Temple 50th Anniversary logo, symbolising five decades of faith, resilience, cultural heritage and enduring legacy.

A major highlight of the celebrations will be the **historic arrival of the ancient sacred statue of the Chin Swee Deity** from the Anxi Ancestral Temple in Fujian, China, on 22 October 2026. Standing approximately 2.5 feet tall and believed to be more than 900 years old, this revered sacred statue holds profound religious, cultural and historical significance.

Its historic journey will mark the first time this sacred statue has travelled beyond China, bringing it to Malaysia and offering devotees from across Southeast Asia a rare and auspicious opportunity to pay homage and seek its blessings.

Its arrival also reflects the longstanding relationship between the Anxi Ancestral Temple and the Chin Swee Caves Temple, as one of the most prominent branch temples in Southeast Asia, further strengthening cultural and religious, and people-to-people ties between Malaysia and China.

Speaking at the press conference, Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay, Chairman of Chin Swee Caves Temple said:

"The 50th Anniversary marks a significant milestone in the history of Chin Swee Caves Temple and provides an opportunity to appreciate the devotees, supporters and well-wishers whose contributions have shaped its growth over the past five decades.

We are deeply honoured to welcome the sacred statue of the Chin Swee Deity from the Anxi Ancestral Temple to Malaysia for the very first time and equally privileged to receive Venerable Master Miao Jiang from China to lead the Grand Dharma Assembly. Their presence adds special significance to this milestone occasion.

Beyond its religious significance, Chin Swee Caves Temple has become an important cultural landmark that continues to preserve and promote heritage, values and traditions for future generations. We hope the 50th Anniversary celebrations will bring together devotees, visitors and communities from across Malaysia and the region in a meaningful celebration of faith, culture and fellowship, as well as further enhance the temple's position as a leading destination for spiritual, cultural and heritage tourism."

Another key highlight of the 50th anniversary celebrations will be the ceremony to launch the **Golden Jubilee Water and Land Grand Dharma Assembly ("Grand Dharma Assembly")** on 24 October 2026 at Chin Swee Caves Temple.

The celebrations on 24 October 2026 will culminate in the **50th Anniversary Gala Dinner** and bringing together representatives from affiliate temples, esteemed Buddhist monastics, community leaders, devotees and distinguished guests from Malaysia and abroad.

The Grand Dharma Assembly will be held from 23 to 30 October 2026 at the Chin Swee Caves Temple. Throughout the seven days and seven nights of the assembly, devotees will participate in prayers, Dharma services, sutra recitations, blessings and religious observances dedicated to peace, harmony, well-being and spiritual cultivation. Featured sutra recitations will include:

1. 药师经 — Medicine Buddha Sutra: for healing, protection, peace and the dispelling of calamities.
2. 梵网经 — Brahma Net Sutra: for cultivating Bodhisattva precepts, compassion and wholesome conduct.
3. 金刚经 — Diamond Sutra: for cultivating wisdom, insight and non-attachment
4. 阿弥陀经 — Amitabha Sutra: for cultivating faith, aspiration and Pure Land practice.
5. 地藏经 — Kṣitigarbha Bodhisattva Sutra: for cultivating compassion, great vows with dedication of merits for the living and deceased.

6. 大忏悔文 — Great Repentance Text: a traditional Mahayana repentance liturgy for acknowledging harmful actions, cultivating sincere remorse, purifying the mind and reaffirming the commitment to wholesome conduct.

Embodying the core Mahayana aspirations of wisdom, compassion, faith, vows and the dedication of merits, the assembly will unite devotees from Malaysia and abroad in collective practice and prayer for the benefit of all beings.

Adding further significance to the occasion will be the presence of **Venerable Miao Jiang** (妙江大和尚), Vice President of the Buddhist Association of China and Abbot of Zhulin Temple (竹林寺) at Mount Wutai, China.

Venerable Miao Jiang, together with about 80 eminent monks from China and abroad, will preside over the Grand Dharma Assembly, which will be conducted across seven altars within the Chin Swee Caves Temple grounds. With more than five decades of monastic service, Venerable Miao Jiang has devoted his life to Buddhist education, temple leadership, and the preservation and propagation of Buddhist teachings, earning widespread respect throughout the Buddhist community.

Devotees may participate in the Grand Dharma Assembly through merit sponsorship, contributing towards prayers, offerings, and religious activities throughout the week-long programme. Merit sponsors will also have the opportunity to take part in prayer sessions and receive blessings during the assembly.

Today, Chin Swee Caves Temple stands as one of Malaysia's most iconic mountaintop temples and a distinguished cultural landmark in Genting Highlands. Established in honour of the Chin Swee Deity, the temple is renowned for its traditional Chinese architecture, intricate craftsmanship, and landmark nine-storey pagoda.

As the temple commemorates its 50th Anniversary, it continues to serve as a place of worship, spiritual reflection, and cultural appreciation, welcoming devotees and visitors from around the world while contributing to Malaysia's heritage tourism landscape.

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