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PCHUM BEN FESTIVAL

Pchum Ben Festival is the Khmer traditional festival in which Khmer people celebrate it from immemorial time until nowadays. Buddhist followers celebrate this festival every year for the purpose of dedicating merit to departed ancestors and relatives in seven generations, and the meritorious doers can also enjoy the results of merit in their lives here and hereafter.

For this year 2023, we, board directors and board members of Khemararam Buddhist Temple; the San Jose Cambodian Buddhist Society, Inc. will arrange the festival according to each shift for 15 days as usual, but the main events are celebrated for 3 days as in schedule below:

Schedule

Day 1: Friday: October 13th, 2023.

From: **9:00 AM** to **10:00 AM**, we invite monks to chant for our ancestors, one time for each group, and **10:00AM** to **12:00 Noon**, we conduct religious ceremony such as paying homage to the triple gem, observing precepts, inviting monks for alms-round in the campus of temple, offering food to the monks for chanting to dedicate merit to our ancestors and our departed relatives in seven generations, and inviting a monk to deliver sermon.

Day 2: Saturday: October 14th, 2023. Programs are to be held the same as on Friday.

Day 3: Sunday: October 15th, 2023. Programs are to be held the same as on Friday and Saturday, so in order increase our merit more and more, we invite monks for alms round deliver sermons on each day.

Therefore, we would like to invite ladies and gentlemen as well as Buddhist followers near and far to join the festival and rejoice in merit individually according to one's faith or moral conviction.

Abbot

President

Soeur Sochin

Mr. Nissay Sath