



## **The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion Preservation of Buddhist Treasures Workshop 20-23 June 2025**

### **DAY 1: Opening Event**

#### **10.00-12.45 pm**

- Registration for the workshop participants at the Stupa Library.
- Welcome of the participants by Ann Shaftel.
- *11.15 am-12.45 pm* A tour of Peace Park, Great Stupa and Unique Tibet Museum.

*1.00-2.00 pm Lunch break*

#### **2.00 pm-4.30 pm**

- Introductions by Ian Green, the Great Stupa Chairman.
- Official opening of the workshop by Cr Andrea Metcalf, Mayor of City of Greater Bendigo.
- Talk by Ven. Geshe Rabten: *The importance of sacred objects in Buddhism.*
- Talk by Ann Shaftel: *Introduction to conservation approach and working with Buddhist Art in monasteries, museums, dharma centers, communities, and homes.*
- Networking event and refreshments.

### **DAY 2: Introduction and Collection Documentation**

#### **9.00 am-12.25 pm**

Activity:

- Instructors and participants introduction.
- Participants present Buddhist treasures they have brought for the workshop.
- Participants divided into teams.

Lecture: *Introduction to documentation techniques*

*12.30-1.30 pm Lunch break*

#### **1.35 pm-4.30 pm**

Activity:

- Documentation practice in groups using different types of objects.
- Document the objects with images, videos, digital light sources and written descriptions using participants' own mobiles.
- Presentations of teams' documentation are projected and discussed.

### **DAY 3: Risk Assessment for Buddhist Art Collections**

#### **9.00 am-12.25 pm**

Lecture: *Introduction to risk assessment for Buddhist Art collections in monasteries, museums, dharma centers, communities, and homes.*

Activity:

- Risk Assessment hands-on assignment as teams walk through the Monastery and Atisha Centre Gomba to identify risks. Teams visit both locations.

*12.30-1.30 pm Lunch break*

#### **1.35 pm-4.30 pm**

Activity:

- Continue Risk Assessment Hands-on assignment as teams walk through the Monastery and Atisha Centre Gomba to identify risks.
- Presentation of teams' Risk Assessments and discussion.

### **DAY 4: Conservation Treatment Options and Safer Display, Storage and Handling**

#### **9.00 am-12.25 pm**

Lecture: *Introduction to safer display, storage and handling*

Lecture: *Conservation treatment options and extensive discussion. Health and safety of conservation methods/materials.*

Activity:

- Discussion of observations on topic from the walk throughs, with the Great Stupa staff talking about the Unique Tibet Museum.
- Open discussion of participants' situations where they live/work/meditate.

*12.30-1.30 pm Lunch break*

#### **1.35 pm-4.30 pm**

Activity:

- Group summaries and discussion.

Formal closing reception with presentation of participants' certificates, followed by refreshments.

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