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# The World Peace and Auspiciousness Stupa











## ORIGINATION

**P**eace and development are the two most popular topics in the world today. Preserving peace and fighting against wars are the shared wishes and dreams of people around the world.

**B**uddhism not only has the most thorough belief in peace but also possesses the most complete and practical methods, as well as the richest experience, in the pursuit of peace. Since Buddhism was established about three thousand years ago, generations of Buddhists have not only expressed their earnest desires for peace in words, but also put Buddha's teachings about peace into practice and worked tirelessly to preserve and promote world peace.

**S**tupas represent the mind of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas, which is to benefit all sentient beings.

**E**recting stupas expresses people's desire for peace and happiness, turns people's minds towards virtue, and helps people realize the compassion of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas and receive their utmost blessings. After repeated discussions and numerous consultations with many learned practitioners, we decide to follow this Buddhist tradition of building stupas and, by taking advantage of the modern manufacturing techniques, put and consecrate "*The Sutra of the Casket Seal Dharani of the Secret Body Essence of All Tathagatas*" and "*The Mantra of the Casket Seal Dharani*" within these stupas. We name them the World Peace and Auspiciousness Stupas, with the sincere hope that the Dharma will last long, the world will be peaceful, and people will live happily.



## ORIGINATION

**I**n this world full of conflicts, we especially need Buddha's teachings which are imbued with wisdom and compassion.

**T**he teachings of Buddha shine like the sun. Let us keep this truth in the depth of our mind, make an effort to correct our thoughts and behaviors, and devote all the time and energy that we can afford for our common homelands and the eternal peace of human beings.

**W**e believe that everyone who has heard of or participated in building the World Peace and Auspiciousness Stupa has made sincere aspirations and accumulated a great amount of merit in the past. We also hope that in the near future, people with merit from all over the world will help direct the effort in completion of building these Stupas.

**May the dharma last forever.**

**May people live happily.**

**May the world be peaceful.**

**May all sentient beings be blessed**

**by wisdom**

**and compassion and live**

**in the auspicious**

**and peaceful Pureland.**



## STRUCTURE OF THE STUPA

Stupa Crown

Ring Shaft

Ring Shaft Base

Hemispherical Dome

Stupa Eave

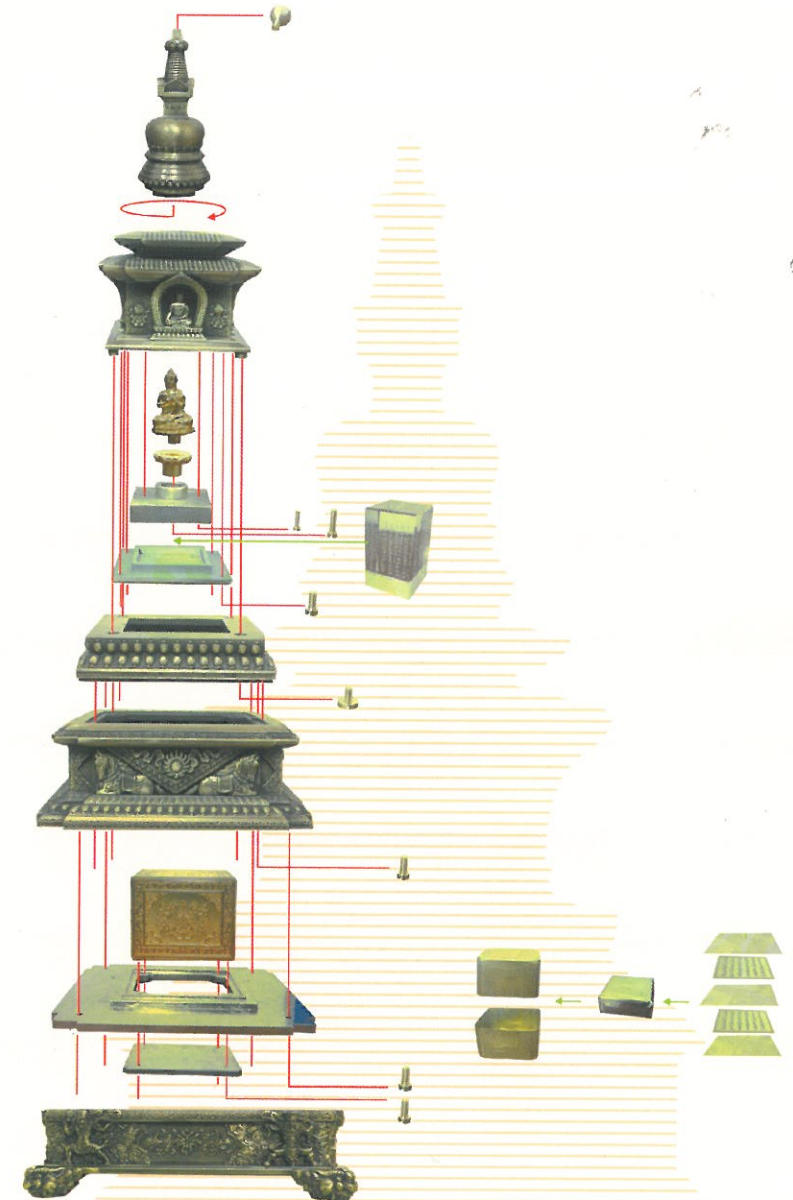
Stupa Body

Stupa Base

Stupa Foundation



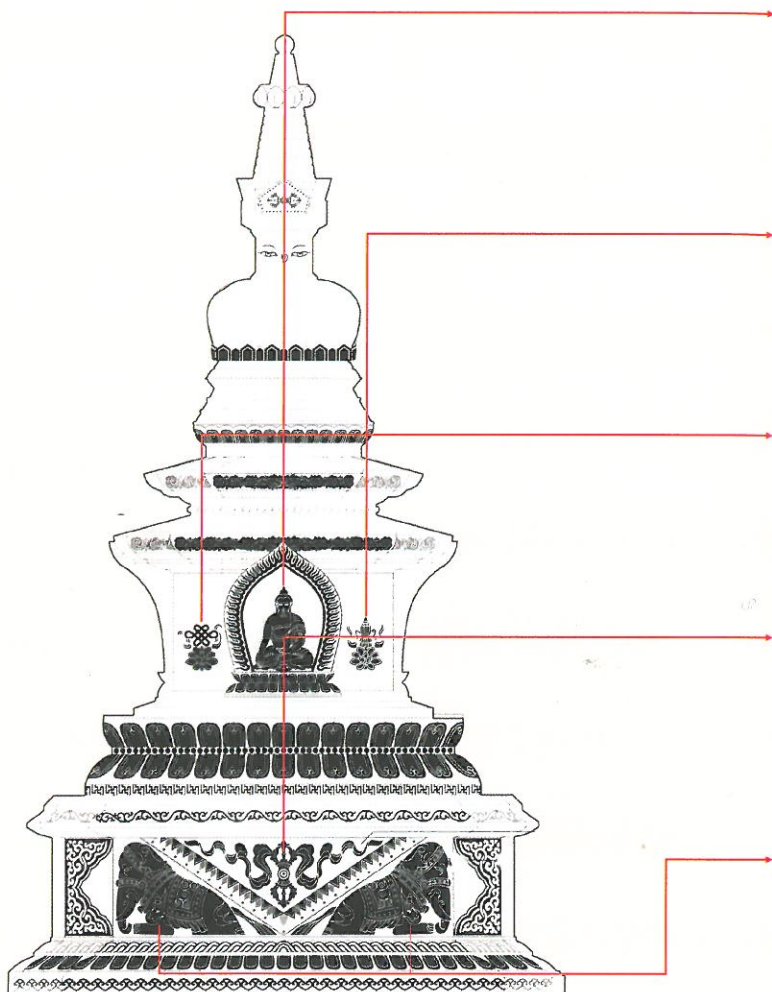
## STRUCTURE OF THE STUPA







## EAST FACE GRAPH



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Buddha Aksobhya, representation of the great mirror-like pristine wisdom.

Victory Banner is the representation of the supreme enlightened wisdom of Buddha. Banner was used in military during ancient times to represent victory. Here it represents eliminating all afflictions and demon obstacles, obtaining great victories, and attaining ultimate liberation.

Auspicious Knot, representation of the mind of Buddha, is also called the Knot of Eternity. Because this knot has neither beginning nor ending, it represents that the mind essence of Buddha is limitless.

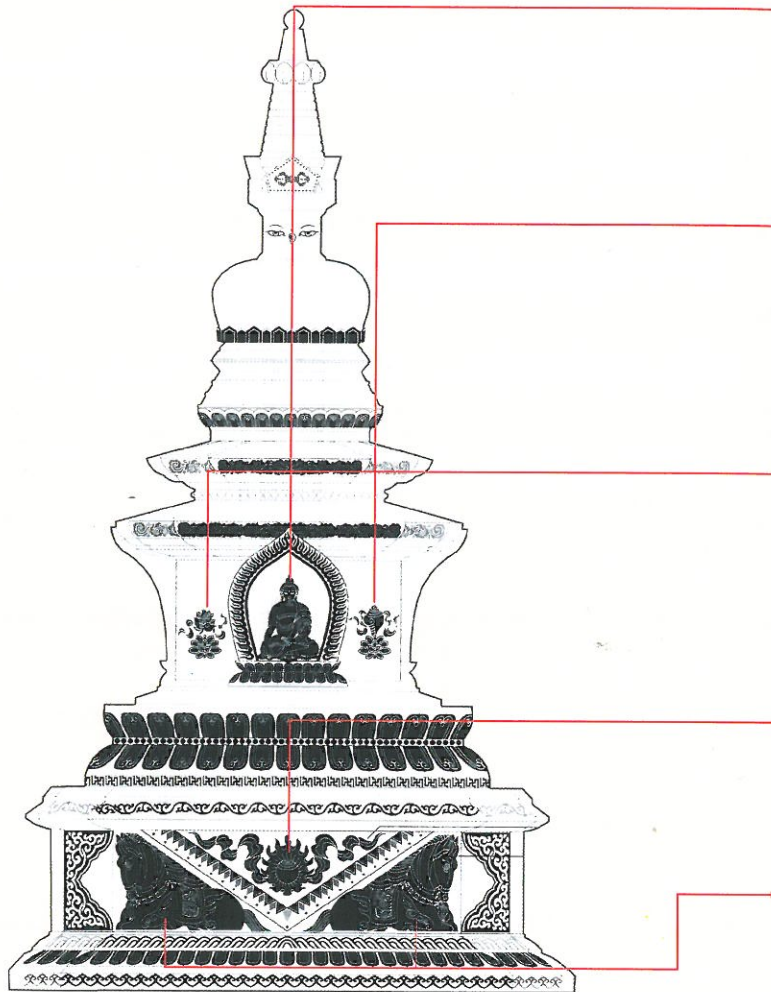
Vajra (Dorje), the symbol for Buddha Aksobhya in the east, represents applying the Vajra wisdom of the Tathagata to destroy the inner demons of stupidity and erroneous perceptions, and to reveal the light of the pristine wisdom of Buddha nature.

Elephant is most powerful among all animals, can destroy everyone else, and is matched by none. Such strength and power is similar to the virtuous destructive power of the Vajra Family headed by Buddha Aksobhya.





## SOUTH FACE GRAPH



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Buddha Ratnasambhava, representation of the pristine wisdom of equality.

White Conch is the representation of the three neck wrinkles of Buddha. The voice of Buddha's teachings is far-reaching and melodious, as pure and beautiful as the white sea conch, enabling all sentient beings to enter into the path of liberation.

Lotus, which represents the tongue of Buddha, symbolizes that Buddha teaches all Dharma with his broad-and-long tongue, bringing all sentient beings to the realization of the views of Buddha. When we offer lotus to Buddha we pray that we possess the ability to benefit all sentient beings.

Jewel, representation of Buddha Ratnasambhava in the south, is also called the wish-full-filling jewel, which can miraculously generate various precious jewels according to one's own wish. Such a jewel can also cure diseases and eliminate sufferings, thus exemplifying the virtues of Dharma and Buddha.

Precious Horse: horses symbolize wisdom, are considered precious, and also represent auspiciousness. Horses can walk both on the ground and in the air, thus they also represent the merit of speed and miraculous power.





Buddha Amitabha, representation of the pristine wisdom of discriminating awareness.

Precious Vase is the representation of the neck of Buddha. Since all Dharma teachings flow out of Buddha's mouth, Precious Vase is also the symbol of Dharma teachings and reasoning. When offered, Precious Vase represents the wish that all beings may obtain the perfect and supreme teachings.

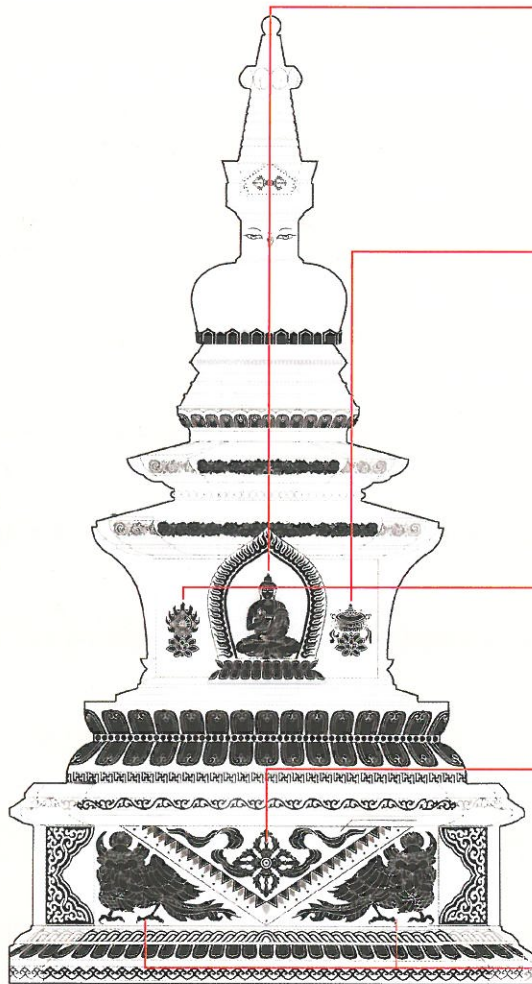
Double Fish, representation of the two eyes of Buddha, means that the eyes of Buddha kindly oversee all beings, thus it is also the symbol for wisdom. By offering the auspicious Double Fish, we wish that all beings eliminate their ignorance and attain the omniscient-wisdom.

Lotus, symbolization of Buddha Amitabha in the west, exemplifies that Buddha's views and knowledge of the ultimate truth are undefiled by stains just as lotus is not contaminated by mud.

Peacocks are considered auspicious birds. They are elegant, colorful, and smart, and can easily adapt to changes in season. Amitabha Sutra says, in the Most-Blissful-World there are birds like peacocks and parrots, who make harmonious sounds and teach all degrees of Dharma during six times day and night. Thus peacock is the most appropriate symbol for Buddha Amitabha.



## NORTH FACE GRAPH



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Buddha Amoghasiddhi, representation of the all-accomplishing pristine wisdom.

Precious Parasol, also called the White Parasol, is the representation of the crown of Buddha. Placed above the head of Buddha, it can shield wind and sun, representing dignity and power. Here it means that practitioners have great power, which can eliminate all demons and obstacles, and to attain purity and auspiciousness. Offering parasols is to wish that all beings be freed from sufferings and obtain happiness.

Wheel of Dharma, representation of the palm of Buddha, symbolizes the constant turning of the Dharma Wheel. The eight spokes of the wheel represent the eight limbs of the noble path – the right view, right thought, right speech, right action, right occupation, right effort, right mindfulness, and right absorption. It also represents the eight marks of Buddha's achieving enlightenment.

Vajra Cross, the symbol of Buddha Amoghasiddhi in the north, represents the activities that all Buddhas do to benefit beings.

Garuda, this bird has great power and can tame dragons. It represents that Buddhas can conquer everything, without exception.







## DETAILS OF APPEARANCE OF THE STUPA



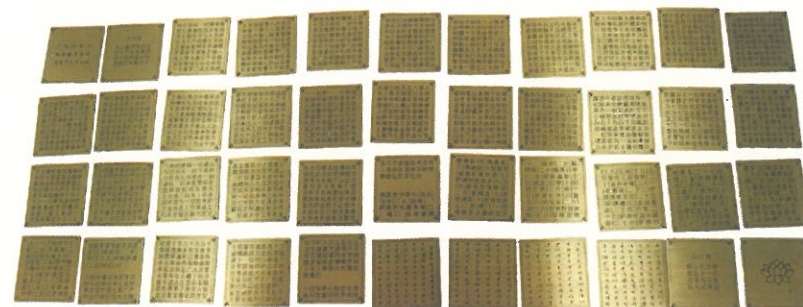
## DHARMA TREASURE IN THE STUPA



Buddha Vairocana, representation of the  
pristine wisdom of the basic space of phenomena



Mantra Dhvaja



The Chinese version and Sanskrit version of the Mantra of the Casket Seal  
Dharani of the Secret Body Essence of All Tathagatas



Jewel Casket



Seal of Casket





Heavenly King of Dhata-rattha  
in the east, Dhṛtrāṣṭra



Heavenly King of Increase and Growth  
in the south, Virūḍhaka



Heavenly King of the Broad Eyes  
in the west, Virūpākṣa



Heavenly King of Learning  
in the north, Vaiśravaṇa



Legendary beast of prey



Vajra-warriors







## THE MERITS OF MAKING OFFERINGS TO STUPA & CIRCUMAMBULATING THE STUPA

### The Merits of Making Offerings to Stupa:

- 1) Will attain a clear mind.
- 2) Will attain a mind that suits the path.
- 3) Will possess a mind that knows regret.
- 4) Will see Tathagata.
- 5) Will generate the pure mind.
- 6) Can hold the Dharma.
- 7) Will practice the Dharma as taught.
- 8) Can meet and learn from Buddhas.
- 9) Can be reborn in any Purelands at wish.
- 10) If born as a human being, can be born into a noble family.
- 11) Can remember Buddhism teachings as soon as being born as a human being.
- 12) Cannot be disturbed by armies of demons.
- 13) Can protect the Dharma at times of degeneration.
- 14) Will be constantly protected by Buddhas along the ten directions.
- 15) Will swiftly realize the five attributes of Dharmakaya.



## THE MERITS OF MAKING OFFERINGS TO STUPA & CIRCUMAMBULATING THE STUPA

### The Merits of Circumambulating the Stupa:

- 1) Will be away from the eight disasters.
- 2) Will possess the wondrous marks.
- 3) Will obtain all of luck, life, wealth, and jewel.
- 4) Will become the teacher of Gods and human beings.
- 5) Will obtain a well-shaped body and good appearance in the next life.
- 6) Will have a melodious voice.
- 7) Will be reborn in the celestial realm.
- 8) Will be reborn in a noble family.
- 9) Will obtain the path of Nirvana.







## THE MERITS OF THE STUPA OF THE PRECIOUS CASKET DHARANI SUTRA

### The Miraculous Power of the Stupa of the Precious Casket Dharani Sutra

The emanation bodies of all present and future Buddhas and the whole-body relics of all past Buddhas are completely included in the Casket Seal Dharani.

The place where the stupa is erected is jointly protected and blessed by the great miraculous powers of all Buddhas. The four great kings of the celestial realms and their retinues will protect it all day and night. The twenty eight great yaksas and the sun, moon, five stars, banner clouds, and comet gods will protect it day and night. All dragon kings will add to its spiritual energy, and rain will fall in time. All gods and the heaven of the thirty three gods, three times a day, will come to make offerings to this stupa. All celestial beings will gather in the three times, offer compliments to, circumambulate around, prostrate to, and look at

the stupa with reverence. Indra and the celestial goddesses will come down to make offerings three times day and night.

In the place where the stupa is erected, no natural disasters can harm, no animals or ghosts can hurt, no diseases can transmit, and no thieves or enemies can invade. There will also be no worry about hunger or poverty. No Vetālas (demons) or curses can harm.

## THE MERITS OF THE STUPA OF THE PRECIOUS CASKET DHARANI SUTRA

### The Merits of Seeing the Stupa of the Precious Casket Dharani Sutra

If animals such as crows, sparrows, and ants come under the shadow of the stupa or step into the surroundings of the stupa, the obstacles of afflictions will be destroyed and they will be enlightened from ignorance. After death they will be reborn in Buddhist families and have the opportunity to learn and study Buddhism.

If there is someone who sees the shape of the stupa, or listens to the sound from the stupa, or hears the name of the stupa, or passes by the shadow of the stupa, all sins and obstacles will be removed, all disasters eliminated, and all wishes fulfilled. The person will enjoy a stable life while alive and be born into the Most-Blissful-World after death.

### The Merits of Making Offerings to the Stupa of the Precious Casket Dharani Sutra

In case there is someone who is born into hell after death and experiencing uninterrupted sufferings with the time of relief unforeseeable, if this person's offspring says the name of the dead and recites the magical mantra, only after seven times, melting copper and hot iron will suddenly turn into pond with

eight meritorious qualities. Lotus will appear beneath his feet and precious parasol above his head. The door of the hell will be broken, and the path to enlightenment will open. The lotus will fly (and take the person) to the Most-Blissful-World. The person will naturally possess the root wisdom of all





## THE MERITS OF THE STUPA OF THE PRECIOUS CASKET DHARANI SUTRA

Buddhas, enjoy numerous Dharma teachings, and become the next to achieve Buddhahood.

If there is still someone who has all kinds of diseases and suffers miserable pains due to heavy Karmas, after reciting this magical mantra for twenty-one times, this person will instantaneously be cured of all diseases, be relieved from all sufferings, and enjoy lengthened life-span and limitless merits.

If there is someone who offers an incense or a flower and prostrates to this stupa, this person will instantaneously be relieved of heavy sins of birth-and-death of eight billion eons, free from sufferings while alive, and reborn into a Buddhist family after death. If someone who would fall into the Avici Hell makes one prostration or one clockwise circumambulation to this stupa, the door to hell will be blocked and the path to enlightenment will open.

If someone who wishes to accumulate merits, comes to the stupa, offers a flower or an incense, prostrates and makes offerings to the stupa, and circumambulates the stupa clockwise, because of such merits, this person will automatically gain high positions and fame without striving; obtain longevity and richness without asking; defeat enemies and thieves without fighting; diminish hatred and curses without expelling; avoid diseases and plagues without curing; marry a noble husband or a lovely wife without searching; bear smart sons and pretty daughters without praying, and all wishes will be fulfilled.

## THE DISTRIBUTION MAP OF THE WORLD PEACE AND AUSPICIOUSNESS STUPA

